

4th & Stewart church of Christ

"...upon this rock I will build my church;
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."
~ Matthew 16:18



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Meeting Times:

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:45 AM
Worship 10:40 AM
Care, Inc. Service..... 2:30 PM
Worship 6:00 PM

Tuesday:

Redstone Class..... 9:30 AM

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class 10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

Elders:

Gene Bannister Billy Chism

Deacons:

Mike Bannister Jim Moore

Don Smith..... James Thomas

Preacher:

Ryan Smithey.....

Works We Support:

Cherokee Home for Children

Gospel Broadcast Network

Heart of Texas Bible Camp (Bangs)

House to House, Heart to Heart

Mission Printing

Rohan Jones, Africa

The Truth in Love

World Bible School

Let us know if you want to study
the Bible to know more about
Christ and His Church.

Faithful Ministry

By Darwin Hunter

Paul's preaching work at Ephesus is a model of faithful ministry. In his haste to go to Jerusalem, Paul asked the Ephesian elders to meet him on the island of Miletus so that he would not be unnecessarily detained (Acts 20:16-17). In this meeting, Paul encouraged them in their shepherding work, and warned them of the encroachment of "savage wolves" (false teachers) that they might be prepared to resist them, and to defend the flock from their insidious work (Acts 20:28-30).

The apostle also reminded them of his preaching work as an apostle among them. Notice the following points which every preacher of the Gospel, and every congregation, can benefit from in their congregational work.

1. **Humble Service** (Acts 20:17-19). Paul's work demonstrated his care and concern for the brethren. He worked with humility and tears among them as he labored for the Lord. True love had been evinced by Paul. They knew they were loved by the battle-worn apostle! Congregations must show true love to one another, and for the lost (Jn. 13:34-35). We must do more than talk love, we must show it (1 Jn. 3:16-18).
2. **Thorough Teaching** (Acts 20:20, 26-27). Paul did not hold back in his teaching, but taught them "the whole counsel of God." The word of God is "helpful" and "profitable" for every soul (Acts 20:20; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). It saves the soul (Jms. 1:21) and keeps us saved as we continue to hold it fast (1 Cor. 26:1-2; Jn. 8:31-32). Human opinions and current events and humorous anecdotes have no saving power. False teaching destroys both the teacher and the hearer (2 Pet. 2:1-3). We must preach the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth! God wants us to do as he told Jonah, "**arise...and preach to it the message that I tell you**" (Jon. 3:2). Paul faithfully and thoroughly preached the Word in Ephesus publicly and from house to house.
3. **Showing No Partiality**. Paul declared God's Word to both Jews and Greeks (Acts 20:21). He was impartial, not just desiring the salvation of his fellow Jews, but the Gentiles as well. The Gospel is to all (Rom. 1:16). It is not just for the select few, but the "every creature" in every nation (Mk. 16:15-16; Mat. 28:19). Christ died for all, and we must share his saving message with all!

*Owe no man any thing, but to love one another:
for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.*

Romans 13:8



The Mind of Christ

By Kevin W. Rhodes

Throughout the New Testament, one theme summarizes how we should live our lives while sojourning upon the earth: follow Jesus. A number of passages emphasize how we should live as Christ lived and follow Him in all that we do. Indeed, Paul exhorted us, "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1), and Peter later added, "For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 'Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth'" (1 Pet. 2:21-22). Whatever we do in life should follow in the footsteps of our Savior, including how we think. Therefore, in all things, we must develop the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5; 1 Pet. 4:1). But the context of yet another passage provides additional emphasis. Quoting from the Old Testament, Paul says, "For 'who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?' But we have the mind of Christ" (1 Cor. 2:16). Jesus, being omniscient Deity (Jn. 1:1; Ps. 147:5), is completely qualified to direct us in every aspect of life. We, on the other hand, have no business trying to teach Him anything but should instead learn from His example.

Jesus had a mind to know the scriptures. When Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, Jesus responded every time by quoting scripture (Mt. 4:1-11), something He would have had to learn as a man. He therefore had a mind to study scripture to know what God expected Him to do (2 Tim. 2:15; Deut. 6:6-9). From this temptation passage it also is clear that Jesus had a mind to resist the devil. He prepared Himself for the attack He fully expected and thereby resisted each and every temptation (Heb. 4:15). We have this same responsibility (Jas. 4:7), and we can do so with the assurance that we have the

same ability as Jesus did when we have the same mindset Jesus did. But Jesus also had a mind to worship. Luke 4:16 informs us that coming to worship was part of Jesus' normal practice. We have the additional example of Christians gathering on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7), as well as the exhortation not to forsake the assembling of the saints (Heb. 10:25). However, we should begin by having the mind of Christ and be thankful that we can assemble together to worship God and be with others who wish to serve the God of heaven (Ps. 122). But Jesus did not just worship in the assembly, He had a mind to pray in His personal life (Mt. 6:9-13; Jn. 17). Indeed, He considered His time of prayer with His Father to be precious. Such should be our own way of thinking as well (1 Th. 5:17; Phil. 4:6). Above all, Jesus life exhibited a mind to do the Father's will. From the time He was twelve (Lk. 2:49) until the time of His death (Lk. 22:42), Jesus did the Father's will in all things.

We have a great responsibility as Christians to live our lives in a manner that follows our Savior, Jesus Christ. However, this responsibility is also a unique privilege. For what greater claim can exist than that of living a life which follows the greatest Man who ever lived and that of walking in the light in fellowship with the Creator of the universe (1 Jn. 1:5-7)? We should always be willing to learn from Christ's example and then live our lives, each moment of every day, with the mind of Christ.



*Be imitators of me,
as I am of Christ.*

1 Corinthians 11:1 (ESV)

Television

The Truth In Love (Robert Dodson)
Sunday @ 7:00 am on KTAB
In Search of the Lord's Way
Sunday @ 7:30 am on KTAB
Gospel Broadcasting Network
Online: 24/7 @ gbntv.org and on Roku
TV: Sunday @ 6:30 am on
Dish: 267, DirectTV: 376

Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)
Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

God's Plan for Redeeming Man

Hear Learn the saving message of Christ's sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).
Believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)
Confess Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)
Repent of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)
Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being **baptized** for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)
Live faithfully (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)

Bible Study Schedule

Week 48
2 Samuel 16-21
& Acts 6-7

Study sheets are available at the back of the auditorium.
Also anyone interested can join us at 5 PM each Sunday in the fellowship hall to discuss the questions and answers.

"...desire the sincere milk of the work, that ye may grow thereby;" (1 Pet. 2:2)



CHRIST IS...

To the artist the Lord Jesus Christ is the One Altogether Lovely.
 To the architect, He is the Chief Cornerstone.
 To the baker, He is the Living Bread.
 To the banker, He is the Hidden Treasure.
 To the biologist, He is the Life.
 To the builder, He is the Sure Foundation.
 To the carpenter, He is the Door.
 To the doctor, He is the Great Physician.
 To the educator, He is the Great Teacher.
 To the engineer, He is the New and Living Way.
 To the farmer, He is the Sower and the Lord of the Harvest.
 To the florist, He is the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley
 To the geologist, He is the Rock of Ages.
 To the horticulturist, He is the True Vine.
 To the judge, He is the Righteous Judge, the Judge of all men.
 To the juror, He is the Faithful and True Witness.
 To the jeweler, He is the Pearl of Great Price.
 To the lawyer, He is the Counselor, the Lawgiver the Advocate.
 To the newspaperman, He is the Good News of Great Joy.
 To the Philosopher, He is the Wisdom of God.
 To the servant, He is the Good Master.
 To the statesman, He is the Desire of all Nations.
 To the student, He is the Incarnate Truth.
 To the laborer, He is the Giver of Rest.
 To the sinner, He is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.
 To the Christian, He is the Son of the Living God, the Savior, the Redeemer, the Lord.

[author unknown]

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 Jn 5:12).

From Tom Moore @ ThePreachersPC

Visitation Meeting

Remember our visitation meeting each Sunday night following the evening worship to sign cards and discuss the work going on. Please join us each time. Last week **34 contacts** were made.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ The **Ladies class resumes this Wednesday**, November 28th at 10 AM in the high school class room. The ladies have started a new study on *Women of the Bible*; we hope you can plan to join them.
- ◆ Dec. 1: Blood drive here for David Harris.

Areas of Service

Please remember that Ryan will soon be making up schedules for the next year that includes the monthly assignments (clean the building, care for the yard, fix communion, and make announcements) as well as the weekly assignments (greeters, prayer leaders, scripture reading, song leading, serving communion, and Wednesday night invitations). If you would like to be added to or taken off any of the assignments, please let him know.

ALSO, there are other areas you can help: If you could teach at any grade level, let Ryan know. If you would like to help organize Sunday Night for Master (cards, mailings, prayer list, etc.), let Don know. Or if you would like to help with making the cards we send out each week please see Peg.

Celebrate

"Rejoice with those who rejoice..." (Romans 12:15)

November Birthdays: Linda Jimenez (08), Emilee Evetts (13), Juanita Barnum (15), Xavier Martinez (28).

November Anniversaries: Barbara & Gene Bannister (06), Bennie & Charles White (19).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...



Records

	Nov. 11, 2012	Nov. 18, 2012
Bible Class	44	52
AM Worship	58	72
PM Worship	40	57
Wednesday PM	43	41
Contribution	\$1483	\$1665

	This Week: 11/25/12	Next Week: 12/2/12		
Sunday AM:	Lead Singing: Mike Bannister	Lead Singing: Joe Dennis	November 2012 Make Announcements: Gene Bannister Prepare Communion: Jim & Peg Moore Clean Building: John Barnum Family Keep Grounds: Ryan Smithey December 2012 Make Announcements: Garrett Barnum Prepare Communion: Don & Darlene Smith Clean Building: Cindy Fuller Keep Grounds: James Fuller	
Greeters	Billy & Peggy Chism	The Maninger Family		
Opening Prayer	Joe Dennis	James Thomas		
Communion	Allen Griffith*, Garrett Barnum John Barnum, Tom Wilcox	Don Smith*, James Fuller Ken Maninger, Jim Moore		
Closing Prayer	Ken Maninger	Hank Wheeler		
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez	Seth Smithey/Caleb Dennis		
Sunday PM:				
Opening Prayer	Billy Chism	Allen Griffith		
Scripture Reading	Hank Wheeler <i>2 Samuel 12:13-17</i>	Garrett Barnum		
Communion	Allen Griffith	Don Smith		
Closing Prayer	Don Smith	Gene Bannister		
Wednesday Devotionals:	November 21 James Fuller	November 28 Jim Moore	December 5 Don Smith	December 12 Allen Griffith

Search the Scriptures

Be like the Bereans who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11)

Studies for the week of November 25, 2012	Sunday Class <i>Colossians (Chap. 3-4)</i> Wednesday Class <i>Redemption Through The Bible</i>
<p>Fellowship In The Early Church (Acts 4:23-37) <i>The fellowship of Christians that began in Acts 2:41-47 continues even as the church endures hardships.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> They were companions (4:23)—"went to their own company" <ol style="list-style-type: none"> We see the early Christians gather around one another and supporting one another. It is good and encouraging to have like-minded people we can be with (Mk 14:32-33; 2 Pet. 1:1); they had become members of the same family (1 Tim. 3:15; Eph. 2:19). They cared for one another (4:23) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> They were interested in one another's problems. As a family and a body, there was mutual concern (Rom. 12:15; 1 Cor. 12:25-26; Acts 12:5, 12; Gal. 6:10). They were spiritual encouragers (4:24-31) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notice when these things were reported, they prayed — what sort of people do we surround ourselves with (1 Cor. 15:33; Heb. 10:23-25; Phil. 3:17)? Their prayer was one of comfort (Ps. 2:1-7; Ps 73:17) and for boldness (4:13; Phil. 1:20; Col. 4:3-4); which provoked them to action (Prov. 27:17; Eccl. 4:9-12). They selflessly helped one another (4:32-37) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Their fellowship was active—a joint participation. This was not communism but rather a lack of selfishness and a willingness to share with one another that would continue (Acts 11:27-30; 2 Cor. 8:1-5). Their fellowship had truly brought them together (Gal. 6:2; 1 Pet. 3:8; Phil. 2:1-5). 	<p>When David Faced Death (2 Samuel 12:22-23) <i>Some lessons and comfort from David when we face the death of those we love...</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> He trusted in God—"I fasted and prayed..." <ol style="list-style-type: none"> He turned to the one who could help (James 5:13; 1 Pet. 5:7; contrast 2 Chron. 16:12). He knew the merciful nature of God (Ex. 34:6; 2 Pet 3:8; 1 Jn 4:8). He accepted its finality—"now he is dead..." <ol style="list-style-type: none"> His faith did not waver, he still trusted in God and worshiped Him (Ps 46; 2 Cor. 1:3). David understood temporal nature of life and the finality of death (Heb. 9:27; 2 Cor. 5:10; Lk 16:26; Eccl. 9:10; John 9:4). He anticipated a reunion—"I shall go to him..." <ol style="list-style-type: none"> He expected to see his son again but not in this life (2 Thess. 4:13-18); no such hope is given for the unrighteous (compare 2 Sam. 18:33) nor would such reunion be desired (Lk 16:27-28). He knew death was not the end (Jms 2:26; Eccl. 12:7; 1 Cor. 15:53-57; 2 Cor. 5:1; 2 Tim. 4:6-8; Rev. 14:13). Such thoughts should challenge us in life to live as we ought (Eccl. 7:2, 4; 2 Pet. 3:11-14; Rev. 21:27). <p>Notes: _____</p> <p>_____</p>