

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

Can Jesus Be Seen In Me?

On a wall near the main entrance to the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, is a portrait with the following inscription: "James Butler Bonham—no picture of him exists. This portrait is of his nephew, Major James Bonham, deceased, who greatly resembled his uncle. It is placed here by the family that people may know the appearance of the man who died for freedom."

As you know, no literal portrait of Jesus exists either. However, His likeness can be seen in the lives of those of us who follow Him. Others can come to know of His sacrifice for the cause of freedom through us.

When the Jewish leaders saw the boldness of Peter and John, they saw Jesus. Luke records, "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13). Clearly, it was Peter and John's boldness that caused the Jewish leaders to see Jesus in them. As you know, they had seen this boldness in Jesus many times (Mt. 23). When the Jewish leaders asked Peter and John by what power or name they had healed the lame man (Acts 4:7), Peter responded, "Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:8-12). It is not hard to see Jesus in this response. The simplicity and straightforwardness of the statement is that of our Savior.

No doubt, others saw Jesus in the love of Peter and John and the other disciples. On one occasion, Jesus declared to them, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:34-35). As the disciples displayed love for one another, people were reminded of the Lord. They saw the likeness of Jesus in them.

What about us? Do men see Jesus in us? Do they see a likeness of Him in our courage and in our love? If we don't show Him to them, how are they ever going to know about what He did for them?

From Wade Webster: Source: Stephen F. Olford. Committed to Christ and His Church: Teaching on Discipleship and Membership. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1992, p. 105.

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



*O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good:
because his mercy endureth for ever.*

Psalms 118:1

True Abundant Life

by Tom Moore

One day a man stopped in a convenience store to get a newspaper. He noticed that the owner of the store had tears in his eyes and kept looking out the window. He asked what was going on.

The store owner said, "Do you see that bus bench over there? There's a woman who comes there every day around this time. She sits there for about an hour, knitting and waiting. Buses come and go, but she never gets on one and no one ever gets off for her to meet. The other day, I carried her a cup of coffee and sat with her for a while.

"Her only son lives a long way away. She last saw him two years ago, when he boarded one of the buses right there. He is married now, and she has never met her daughter-in-law or seen their new child. She told me, 'It helps to come here and wait. I pray for them as I knit little things for the baby, and I imagine them in their tiny apartment, saving money to come home. I can't wait to see them.'"

The reason the owner was looking out the window at that particular moment was that the three of them - the son, his wife and their small child - were just getting off the bus. The look on the woman's face when this small family fell into her arms was one of pure joy. And this joy only increased when she looked into the face of her grandchild for the first time. The store owner commented, "I'll never forget that look as long as I live."

The next day the same man returned to the convenience store. The owner was again behind the counter. Before the store owner could say or do anything, the customer said, "You sent her son the money for the bus tickets, didn't you?"

The store owner looked back with eyes full of love and a smile and replied, "Yes, I sent the money." Then he repeated his statement from the day before, "I'll never forget that look as long as I live." This man had discovered a measure of the abundant life.

I am reminded of the word of our Lord, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" (Heb. 13:16, ESV).

WAYS TO FIND TIME TO STUDY THE BIBLE

1. Wake up ten minutes earlier each morning and read.
2. Keep a Bible by your bed to read each night before you go to sleep.
3. Keep a Bible in the kitchen or at the telephone to read while you are "on hold."
4. Carry a copy of the Bible in your purse or pocket to read while waiting for doctors, unpunctual people, etc.
5. Never go on a trip without your Bible.
6. Remember, a Bible in your hand is worth two on the table.
7. Turn the TV or computer off and read, or read to your children.
8. Read a verse or two at mealtime when the whole family is together.
9. Purchase the Bible on audio CD and listen to the Word while you drive or work.
10. Obtain sermons on audio CD and listen while you drive or work.
11. If you are technologically savvy, you can put an audio Bible onto your MP3 player or possibly your cell phone, and listen to it anywhere you go.

From Jason Hilburn, Nesbit church of Christ,

Television	God's Plan for Redeeming Man	Bible Study Schedule
<p>The Truth In Love (Robert Dodson) Sunday @ 7:00 am on KTAB</p> <p>In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday @ 7:30 am on KTAB</p> <p>Gospel Broadcasting Network Online: 24/7 @ gbntv.org and on Roku TV: Sunday @ 6:30 am on Dish: 267, DirectTV: 376</p>	<p>Hear Learn the saving message of Christ's sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).</p> <p>Believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)</p> <p>Confess Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)</p> <p>Repent of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)</p> <p>Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being baptized for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)</p>	<p>Week 54 2 Kings 6-11 & Acts 18-19</p> <p>Study sheets are available at the back of the auditorium.</p> <p>Also anyone interested can join us at 5 PM each Sunday in the fellowship hall to discuss the questions and answers.</p>
<p>Radio</p> <p>Preaching the Word (Michael Light) Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3</p>	<p>Live faithfully (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)</p>	<p><i>"...desire the sincere milk of the work, that ye may grow thereby;" (1 Pet. 2:2)</i></p>



A Lot Can Happen In A Year

By Tom Moore

A woman was once found guilty of a crime against the king and sentenced to death. As the soldiers carried her off to the executioner she cried out, "But sire, I can teach your horse to fly."

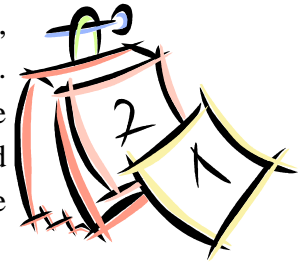
"Halt" cried the king. "What did you say?"

"Sire, if you give me but a year before executing me I can teach your horse to fly.

"So be it" replied the king. "You have one year to teach my horse to fly or else you will be executed."

As the woman was led away to her prison cell one of the soldiers commented on how stupid she was, for it is impossible for a horse to fly.

"True" replied the woman, "but a lot can happen in a year. The king could die or the horse could die or I might die. And who knows, maybe the horse will learn to fly?"



A life lived with a sense of unknown but potential possibilities are open to the possibilities of God. The apostle Paul declared, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13). Or Lord also taught, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing" • (Jn. 15:5). With the many uncertainties facing us this year progresses - let us not loose confidence in the promises of God. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" • (Rom. 8:28).

Think About It!
Have A Great Day!

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 **15 contacts** were made.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ The **Ladies class** will resume this Wednesday, January 9th at 10 AM in the high school classroom. Also they are planning to go to lunch after class this week for those who can/want to. Hope you can joy them as they talk about Ladies of the Bible.
- ◆ **Jan. 27:** The next **Bible Bowl** will be held at Bangs.

What To Do With Your Bible

*Know it in the head; stow it in the heart;
show it in the life; sow it in the world;
read it to be wise; believe it to be safe;
practice it to be holy.*

New editions of House to House are available at the back of the auditorium. Please use these materials for your study and also consider passing them along to others who will benefit from them as well.



Celebrate

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

January Birthdays: Bennie White (16), Tom Wilcox (17), Anita Boyd (19), Jaceten Evetts (20), Lily Martinez (22), Mattison Churchwell (25), Judie Turner (29), Charles White (30).

January Anniversaries: Peg & Jim Moore (22).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...



Records

	Dec. 16, 2012	Dec. 23, 2012
Bible Class	52	58
AM Worship	70	71
PM Worship	54	52
Wednesday PM	36	36
Contribution	\$1822	\$1617

Privileged To Serve

"...be ready to every good work" (Titus 3:1)

	This Week: 1/6/13	Next Week: 1/13/13	January 2013	
Sunday AM:	Lead Singing: Gene Bannister	Lead Singing: Joe Dennis	Make Announcements: John Barnum	
Greeters	Gene & Barbara Bannister	Mileen & Ashley Kahlich	Prepare Communion: Tom & Carol Wilcox	
Opening Prayer	Joe Dennis	Jim Moore	Clean Building: The Smithey Family	
Communion	Tom Wilcox*, John Barnum James Fuller, Hank Wheeler	Allen Griffith*, Garrett Barnum James Thomas, Don Smith	Keep Grounds: Charles White	
Closing Prayer	Garrett Barnum	Hank Wheeler	February 2013	
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez	Seth Smithey/Caleb Dennis	Make Announcements:	
Sunday PM:			Prepare Communion:	
Opening Prayer	Ken Maninger	Billy Chism	Clean Building:	
Scripture Reading	Allen Griffith Psalm 119:97-104	James Fuller	Keep Grounds:	
Communion	Tom Wilcox	Allen Griffith		
Closing Prayer	Jim Moore	Gene Bannister		
Wednesday Devotionals:	January 9 James Fuller	January 16 Jim Moore	January 23 Don Smith	January 30 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 January 6, 2013		Sunday ClassPhilippians (Chap. 2)	Wednesday Class.....Redemption Through The Bible
<p style="text-align: center;">Receptive Response</p> <p><i>Our readings from this past week in Acts 16-17 & 1 Kings 22-2 Kings 5 remind us that God's expectations and man's responses have not changed much in over 2800 years! We learn from these examples (using Naaman as a basis) what our response needs to be.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Seek After God & His Word. The only thing that can help Naaman is God; even the king of Israel admits such (2 Kings 5:7). Yet how many content themselves with what pleases them or what other men say (1 Kings 22:5, 7, 23-24); more need to be like the jailer in seeking the word of God (Acts 16:30) and Paul in proclaiming it (Acts 17:2-3). Many care nothing for Him or what He has to say (Acts 16:19-20; 17:6); though He can be found (Acts 17:37). Hear/Listen To What He Says. Naaman was not benefited so long as he would not listen to God's instructions (2 Kings 5:11-12). Likewise there were those that ridiculed the Word of God, hearing the things said but not listening to them (Acts 17:32-33); they heard what they needed to hear, but would not act on it. What a contrast to the Bereans (Acts 17:11). Obey/Do What He Says. Naaman finally was convinced to do as God instructed and was healed (2 Kings 5:13-14); others of this time were benefited when they too heeded the instructions of God's prophets (2 Kings 4:1-7; 3:14ff). Were not those did the same in the New Testament richly blessed as well? (Acts 16:14-15, 31-34; 17:4, 34). 	<p style="text-align: center;">A Prosperous New Year (3 John)</p> <p><i>As much a John would wish Gaius prosperity and good health, his ultimate wish is for his spiritual prosperity; something that could be assured if he would:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Walk in Truth (v3-4); John reminds us that truth is not something we obey one time but something we continue in (1 John 1:5). In fact there are numerous exhortations in the New Testament to continue in it (John 8:31, 15:9; Acts 13:43, 14:22; Rom. 11:22; Col. 1:23; 1 Tim. 4:16; 2 Tim. 3:14; 1 John 2:24; and others). Be A Fellowhelper of The Truth (v5-10); more than something we are just involved with, we should be active supporters of the gospel and one another (James 1:26; 2:14-26). Paul would praise such individuals (1 Thess 3:2; Phile. 1, 24; Rom. 16:3; 1 Cor. 3:9). Follow That Which Is Good (v11-12); finally he pointed to a need for discernment. We need to be able to discern between good and evil and be a follower/imitator of what is good. (1 Thes. 5:21-23; Heb. 5:14; Titus 2:11-12; 2 Tim. 3:16-17) <p>Notes: _____ _____ _____ _____</p>		