

# 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.

## Dig A Little Deeper

By Denny Wilson

Bluegrass music is a hobby and passion that I have developed over the last few years. In my collection, I have a CD from a group called Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver. The title song of the album is "Dig a Little Deeper." The basic premises of the song is that if you really love your wife and you want to keep her, you need to dig a little deeper within to do things to show her that you really love her and appreciate her. I thought we might consider some ways in which a Christian must dig a little deeper in life.

First, we must strive to treat one another with respect and dignity. The Apostle Paul wrote, "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32). Kindness and compassion must be a part of the character of a Christian (Galatians 5:22,23; 6:1-10). We strive to live by the "golden rule." "Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them" (Matthew 7:12). This may be easier said than done which is why we must dig a little deeper within our hearts to prove our love for one another. Let us lend a helping hand. Let us give a comforting word and a hug around the neck. Let us serve one another as family, the children of God.

Second, as parents, we need to dig deep within us to train our children. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). In order to know "the way he should go" a parent must know their children well. That requires spending time and energy to know the likes and dislikes, wants and wishes, and hopes and dreams of your children. It also demands we know God's word and teach it to our children. God demanded of the children of Israel that they spend frequent, daily time in teaching their children. They were to write the word of God on their hearts and teach God's word to their children when they awake in the morning, when they laid down to go to sleep, when they sat in the home, when they were walking down the street, and everywhere they went (Deuteronomy 6:4-9). In our day and time, when each family member is running in different directions with different hobbies, activities and careers, few families spend the time together they should. Outside of email, text messages, checking in on Facebook, or passing calendar exchanges, many homes have little communication. In order to break this norm, we must dig deep within ourselves to share time together because we love our families and we love God.

Third, we must dig a little deeper in the marriage bond. We must develop our relationships as husband and wife. Our relationship should be one of unselfishness,

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"...whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:  
And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.  
For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to  
minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Mark 10:43-45

# Appreciating the Word of God

Sam Willcut

What if God took away the Bible tomorrow because we would not read it today? What if God took away His message because we failed to listen to the messenger? What if God would not hear us today because we would not take the time to listen to Him?

The divine guidelines in the Bible are to resolve our troubles and problems so we may live a life of faith. We are always to live lives of faith, resting upon divine testimony: “*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God*” (Rom. 10:17). The world assails us today with psychics, horoscopes, modern-day necromancers who claim to talk with the dead and such like, to which the Bible comprehensively condemns.

Hence, I do not believe we appreciate how fortunate we are to have the Bible. Suppose we had all the questions of life and did not have any Bible with which to consult. What would life be as that? Would we likely not do just as the Israelites in the Old Testament did by seeking advice with someone who is clever enough to mislead and act as if that they are getting information from an unseen world? I believe that is likely the case. If I did not possess a Bible and I continually dealt with the troubles and irritations of life, and someone came along and alleged to speak to one in the unseen world, I do not hesitate to admit that I would be enticed to request such information. However, when man sinned, God understood that there was information that humanity required. He gave us just that information that we required (cf. Deut. 29:29). In giving that information, if we trust God and express that trust in obedience, then we can say as we sing, “It is well with my soul.” He will manage it and He will take care of

it, because I will leave it in His hands. By doing so, I do not have to be worried about trying to get other information somewhere else.

It is correct that God has not responded to all the inquiries that our curiosities might raise, but He has given sufficient information to assure us the ability to live in “*peace that passeth all understanding*” (Phil. 4:7) and the ability to deal with the troubles and trials that we have in life.

Humanity does not pursue the revelation we have. This is one reason we are to be lights in the world (cf. Matt. 5:14-16). Suppose we lived in pagan darkness and met people who have proof of having facts and information that we do not have. The very actions of their lives, their worship and service are special and separate. They have something that we do not have. Would we not want such? That is what Rahab realized (Josh. 2:8-11). Her gods did not act as the God of Israel. She found a God worth serving and cast off her idolatry. Thus, the people of God are to act in this manner. Yet, when Christians abandon their mission (Mark 16:15-16), then they will fail in those responsibilities. Therefore, we need to appreciate the divine written revelation that is precise, sure, exact and reliable for every area of our lives (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

“...*Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*”  
(*Matthew 5:6*)

## 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 57**  
**2 Kings 24 —1 Chronicles 4 & Acts 24-25**  
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)



purity, submission, and love (Ephesians 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:1-7). Our world is filled with broken homes as a result of selfishness of each individual and the unwillingness of the couple to serve God faithfully. If each partner in the marriage would be willing to sacrifice for the other, if they would consider the other above themselves, if they would place God first in all that they do, then we could eliminate the sin sick marriages in this world. Dig deep and build a godly marriage.

Fourth, we must dig deep within our hearts and minds to reach out to the world with the gospel of Christ. As Paul declared, "The love of Christ compels us" (2 Corinthians 5:14). We love the souls of men. We desire that they come to know the truth so that they can be saved (1 Timothy 2:4). Therefore we must preach the gospel. "For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe" (1 Corinthians 1:21).

Fifth, in our list but first in priority, we must dig a little deeper in our love for God. For some, the only time that God enters their thoughts is when something goes wrong or when they are hurting. For others, the only time that God enters their thoughts is when they show up for worship on Sunday morning (and maybe if they go to Bible class on Sundays and Wednesdays; and maybe for worship on Sunday night). The Christian must give God first place in his heart DAILY. "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me" (Luke 9:23). We will become giving and loving people when we first give ourselves to God (2 Cor. 8:5). Worship to God should never be routine. Dig deep within to live for God, to worship Him is spirit and truth, and to focus on His will in your life.

Let's dig a little deeper!

*Denny is the new preacher at the DeLeon congregation having started working with them last month.*

### 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 **27 contacts** were made.

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Remember the **Ladies class** each Wednesday at 10 AM in the high school classroom. Hope you can join them as they talk about Ladies of the Bible.
- ◆ **Today: Bible Bowl** will be held at Bangs at 2 PM.
- ◆ Mark Your Calendars for **April 21-24** this will be our Spring Meeting with **Jeff Rollo**.



*Set your affection on things above,  
not on things on the earth.*

*Colossians 3:2*

## Celebrate

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

**Remaining January Birthdays:** Judie Turner (29), Charles White (30).

**February Birthdays:** Peggy Chism (03), Carol Wilcox (05), Lunday Manger (08), Conner Vara (13), Patti Bannister (14), Jonathan Fuller (28).

**February Anniversaries:** Mariah & Steven Martinez (04), Peggy & Billy Chism (26).

*Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...*



## Records

	Jan. 13, 2013	Jan. 20, 2013
Bible Class	46	49
AM Worship	65	70
PM Worship	37	49
Wednesday PM	34	43
Contribution	\$1627	\$1678

# Privileged To Serve

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

	This Week: 1/27/13	Next Week: 2/3/13		
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Lead Singing: Jim Moore	Lead Singing: James Fuller	<b>January 2013</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> John Barnum <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Tom & Carol Wilcox <b>Clean Building:</b> The Smithey Family <b>Keep Grounds:</b> Charles White  <b>February 2013</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> James Fuller <b>Prepare Communion:</b> John Barnum Family <b>Clean Building:</b> Jessica Stultz <b>Keep Grounds:</b> Tom Wilcox	
<b>Greeters</b>	Tom & Carol Wilcox	Allen & Linda Griffith		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Gene Bannister	Ken Maninger		
<b>Communion</b>	Don Smith*, John Barnum Allen Griffith, Hank Wheeler	John Barnum*, Garrett Barnum Don Smith, Jim Moore		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Tom Wilcox	James Thomas		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Seth Smithey/Caleb Dennis	Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>				
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	James Fuller	Billy Chism		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Garrett Barnum <i>Psalm 5</i>	Tom Willcox		
<b>Communion</b>	Don Smith	John Barnum		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Joe Dennis	Gene Bannister		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	January 30 Allen Griffith	February 6 Tom Wilcox	February 13 Garrett Barnum	February 20 Joe Dennis

# 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)

<i>Studies for the week of January 27, 2013</i>	Sunday Class ..... <i>Philippians (Chap. 2-3)</i> Wednesday Class ..... <i>Redemption Through The Bible</i>
<p><b>Call On The Name Of The Lord (Acts 22:16)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The Urgency</b>—Now; why tarry? When one knows what he should do to please God, there should be no delay in acting on it (Acts 2:40-41, 16:33; James 1:22).</li> <li><b>The Action</b>—Arise and Be Baptized. This action agreed with every other conversion recorded going back to Acts 2 and the great commission (Acts 2:38; Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16) and is the same Paul would preach.</li> <li><b>The Effect</b>—Wash Away Thy Sins. Paul was still in his sin (Acts 9:6, 9, 11; 22:16), but this is the point at which he would contact the cleansing blood of Christ and be added to the church (Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3; 1 Jn 1:7; Acts 2:41,47).</li> <li><b>The How/Attitude</b>—Calling On The Name Of The Lord. This was not a separate action but modified the action required. Paul would do this by submitting to the name/authority of the Lord (Col. 3:17; Acts 2:21, Rom. 10:13; Joel 2:32). Simply uttering His name would not accomplish anything (Matt. 7:21; Luke 6:46; James 2:17-20), would we go further and actually follow Him (Luke 9:23)? Those who learned of God's Will in the New Testament did not simply utter a confession or pray the sinners prayer (which cannot be found in scripture!) but they put thier faith in to action, being obedient to His Will. Will we do the same and then continue in faithfulness?</li> </ol> <p>Notes: _____</p>	<p><b>40 Years of Shame</b></p> <p><i>As we passed the 40 year anniversary of Row v. Wade this past week, the staggering statistics tell us 55 million babies have been killed in the womb! What do we learn about our nation?</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A Nation That Sheds Innocent Blood.</b> Proverbs 6:16-17 remind us that one of the things God hates is those who take innocent life, and what is more innocent than the baby in the womb? And yes, regardless of what man says, that baby is living! (Jer. 1:5; Luke 1:41, 2:12).</li> <li><b>A Nation That Does Not Honor Life.</b> We have become desensitized as a nation to life, especially concerning life in the womb. We have used all sorts of euphemisms to try and forget that abortion is murder, the taking of an innocent life—one that should be considered precious (Gen. 1:27; Ps. 127:3; Ps 139:9-16).</li> <li><b>A Nation That No Longer Blushes.</b> What was once unmentioned/unthinkable is now unashamedly defended. Sin is promoted and righteousness is mocked and abused (Ezra 9:6; Jer. 4:22, 6:15, 8:12; Isa. 5:20; Prov. 14:34).</li> <li><b>A Nation That Needs The Gospel!</b> One that needs to know there are eternal consequences to its actions (2 Cor. 5:10; Gal. 5:19-21; Heb. 4:13), one that learns God is compassionate to forgive (1 Cor. 6:9-11; Rom. 6:23; Matt. 11:28-30), one that will consider their actions in light of His Word (Heb. 5:14; 1 Thess. 5:21-22; 1 Pet. 2:9, 3:11; Col. 3:17). Let us stand forth to boldly proclaim God's truth as the solution (1 Tim. 4:12-16; 2 Tim. 2:4; Titus 2:15).</li> </ol>