

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.

Incorruptible Things

By Jason Hilburn

This world is full of corruptible, temporary things that can be defiled, destroyed, or that simply fade away. Even the physical objects here on earth which are considered to be the most durable or the most precious will eventually fade away or be destroyed! This includes our corruptible fleshly bodies: "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was..." (Ecclesiastes 12:7). God made man's body from "the dust of the ground" (Genesis 2:7), and to dust our bodies shall return. However, we also know that the entire universe will one day cease to exist! God did not create the physical universe to last forever – He gave the universe its beginning, and He will be the one who brings it to an end:

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? (2 Peter 3:10-12).

When we realize that there are so many things which fade away, we should begin searching for things which are permanent and unable to be destroyed. God's Word tells us of many incorruptible things which will never fade away:

The Incorruptible God – "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen" (Romans 1:22-25).

The Incorruptible Seed – "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:22, 23); "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:35).

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Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty,
give unto the LORD glory and strength.
Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Psalm 29:1-2

The Incorruptible Blood – “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Peter 1:18, 19).

The Incorruptible Love – “Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ with a love incorruptible” (Ephesians 6:24 ASV).

The Incorruptible Body – “And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?” (1 Corinthians 15:49-55).

The Incorruptible Ornament – “Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this

manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands” (1 Peter 3:1-5).

The Incorruptible Inheritance – “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you” (1 Peter 1:3, 4); “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal” (Matthew 6:19, 20).

The Incorruptible Crown – “Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway” (1 Cor. 9:24-27).

Spiritual things are the only things that last forever! These are the things on which we need to focus our attention! All these earthly things with which we are surrounded will one day be gone. “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth” (Colossians 3:1, 2). “Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness...?” (2 Peter 3:11).

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>Radio</p> <p>Preaching the Word (Michael Light) Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3</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>Live faithfully (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)</p>	<p>Week 60 1 Chronicles 17-22 & Romans 2-3</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>“...desire the sincere milk of the work, that ye may grow thereby;” (1 Pet. 2:2)</p>



Answering Pharaoh's Question

By Terry Jackson

Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.'" And Pharaoh said, "**Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, nor will I let Israel go.**" (Exodus 5:1-2)

After the death of Joseph the Bible tells us that "the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied, and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them" (Ex. 1:7). As their numbers increased we learn that a Pharaoh arose that did not know Joseph and he was afraid of the great strength of the people of Israel (Ex. 1:8-9). This Pharaoh that did not recognize the work of Joseph then put them to work building the cities of Pithom and Raames and placed taskmasters over them to inflict their burden. (Ex. 10-12) In time, Israel began to cry out to the Lord for a deliverer and God chose Moses to be that deliverer. In Exodus 5:1 God sent Moses to Pharaoh demanding that His people be let go to worship Him in the wilderness. Listen to the arrogant question of the pharaoh, "Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice?" That question, asked almost two millenniums ago, needs to be considered today.

First, He is the Almighty God. "When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, 'I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless' (Gen. 17:1). He is the creator of the universe, (Gen. 1:1; Acts 17:24). Peter tells us that He has given us to "know all things per-

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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 **30 contacts** were made.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Remember the **Ladies class** each Wednesday at 10 AM in the high school classroom.
- ◆ **Feb. 22: Game Night** at the building starting at 6:30 PM.
- ◆ **Feb. 24: Bible Bowl** at Hillcrest in Stephenville at 2 PM.

Friends at 4th & Stewart:

Your prayers and cards have been so appreciated by Lu. Being remembered by a loving church family is very precious. We thank all of you for your kindness. Lu's condition is stable and she is in long-term care near our home. She is, as always, loving and unselfish.

Thank you again, Kevin and Debbie Whitsett

Celebrate

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

February Birthdays: Peggy Chism (03), Carol Wilcox (05), Lunday Maninger (08), Conner Vara (13), Patti Bannister (14), Jack Turner (22), Jonathan Fuller (28).

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



Records

	Feb. 3, 2013	Feb. 10, 2013
Bible Class	56	49
AM Worship	75	59
PM Worship	46	45
Wednesday PM	48	55
Contribution	\$1835	\$1608

Privileged To Serve

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

	This Week: 2/17/13	Next Week: 2/24/13		
Sunday AM:	Lead Singing: Gene Bannister	Lead Singing: Joe Dennis	February 2013 Make Announcements: James Fuller Prepare Communion: John Barnum Family Clean Building: Jessica Stultz Keep Grounds: Tom Wilcox March 2013 Make Announcements: Don Smith Prepare Communion: Gene & Barbara Bannister Clean Building: Jim & Peg Moore Keep Grounds: James Fuller	
Greeters	The Maninger Family	Jim Moore & Hank Wheeler		
Opening Prayer	John Barnum	Gene Bannister		
Communion	Ken Maninger*, Don Smith Jim Moore, Tom Wilcox	Allen Griffith*, Garrett Barnum John Barnum, Tom Wilcox		
Closing Prayer	Allen Griffith	Ken Maninger		
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez	Seth Smithey/Caleb Dennis		
Sunday PM:				
Opening Prayer	Hank Wheeler	Billy Chism		
Scripture Reading	Allen Griffith	Jim Moore		
Communion	Ken Maninger	Allen Griffith		
Closing Prayer	Garrett Barnum	Don Smith		
Wednesday Devotionals:	February 20 Joe Dennis	February 27 James Fuller	March 6 Jim Moore	March 13 Don Smith

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 February 17, 2013	Sunday ClassJohnny McCaghren Wednesday Class.....Redemption Through The Bible
We will be off again this week to record in San Antonio. The 19th Annual Shenandoah Lectureship is Friday through Monday; the theme of the lectureship deals with the Christian and money. Johnny McCaghren will be teaching and preaching today; I greatly appreciate his willingness to do so. We look forward to being back with you Wednesday. <p style="text-align: right;">~Ryan</p>	
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taining to life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). He has put the POWER in the gospel (Rom. 1:16).	
<p>Second, He is the One to be obeyed. "Observe and obey all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you and your children after you forever," (Deut. 12:28). We are warned "when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty an-gels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thess. 1:7-8). We are reminded in that Christ "became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Heb. 5:9). He is the God that all man ought to obey, (Acts 5:29).</p>	
<p>Third, He has the power of life and death. "I call heaven and earth as wit-nesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live" (Deut. 30:19). The choice of life or death belongs to each individual, but the ultimate reward or punishment is in the hand of God.</p>	
<p>Pharaoh never accepted that the Lord was the Almighty God. To his dying day his confidence was in himself, his army, and the gods of the Egyptians. Therefore, he refused to obey the voice of the Lord. His foolish choice resulted in tragedy for all of Egypt and the destruction of himself and his army.</p>	