

# 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.

## “And He Took Courage”

Kyle Campbell

We come together not only for the purpose of worshipping God, but also for encouraging and building one another up (1 Thess. 5:11; Heb. 10:25). Acts 28:15 says, “*And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and the three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.*” Paul had just arrived in Italy after his arduous voyage from Caesarea. He had great anxiety and discouragement since it had been so long since Paul had received word about his brethren. However, he found them well and resumed his journey with an eager and buoyant hope. Paul spoke a number of times of Christians who had refreshed his spirit. We are going to examine six traits that encouraged Paul when he saw them in his brethren.

**He took courage seeing brethren of like faith.** In Romans 1:11-12, Paul longed to see the Roman brethren because their faith would encourage him. In Second Peter 1:1, the apostle wrote to those who had received a faith of equal standing with the apostles through their careful study and conduct of life. Nothing is more encouraging than spending time with brethren in Christ. They lift and refresh our spirits because we share one of the greatest bonds God ever created (Rom. 12:10).

**He took courage seeing brethren rightfully praised.** The Roman brethren were worthy of praise because their faith was being proclaimed throughout the whole world (Rom. 1:8). As Paul concluded the letter, he reiterated the great faith and obedience of those brethren (Rom. 16:19). Our purpose should always be one of reproof and rebuking where necessary, but we also need to be praising where necessary. We need to know that we sometimes do things right.

**He took courage seeing brethren concerned.** Galatians 6:2 gives us a command to bear one another’s burdens. This is an excessive weight that needs the help of other children of God. John asserted that we demonstrate the love of God within us by how we help needy Christians (1 John 3:17). The Lord’s people are to be compassionate. We need to be diligent to have a tender heart toward those who struggle with the trials of this life. Let us not close our heart against them.

**He took courage seeing brethren unashamed.** In Second Timothy 1:12-16, Paul gives commands to follow the truth and cites examples of both those who held fast and those who fell away. The only way the Lord’s church will expand is through the hard work of its members who are unashamed to teach the gospel to the lost. It is disgraceful to see how many “churches” try to market the gospel as

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*Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever:  
the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre...  
I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations:  
therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.*

Psalm 45:6

# There's New Church in Town

By David Courington

There's a new church in town,  
One that's never been around,  
They don't cater to old folks, the broken and sick,  
The ads they run, they are really slick.

Not like that old church on the corner,  
Weather beaten, with a broken dormer.  
Why the members there are broken, too,  
Bent down low as they pray on the pew.

I think that new church is the one for me,  
It's all happy and positive, you see,  
Their preacher never talks of sin,  
I won't have to feel the guilt of where I've been.

That old church preaches on lyin', cheatin' and such,  
I don't like to hear about that much,  
And it's not a pleasant thought to me,  
To hear of Jesus hung on a tree.

I've hunted a church like the new church in town,  
Why, I have never wanted to be bound,  
By tradition, or law, by stodgy old rules  
That stuff is a downer, followed by fools.

I went one time to the old church, you see  
And I think that preacher was talking about me,  
He said there were folks who needed to change,  
Not likely to happen, it's out of my comfort range.

And that new church has the best music I've found,  
Why that band is better than any in town.  
Those hymns at the old church for thought and reflection,  
I want to live now, not sing of the resurrection.

When I went to the old church they sang "Ready to Suffer"  
Things are bad enough, without life getting tougher.  
And they even wanted their members to give,  
Don't they understand that a man's gotta live.

So I'll take my chances with the church that really rocks,  
No more going to the church of hard knocks,  
I've waited so long for a church just for me,  
Where I don't have to give, or to change myself, you see.

But I'll pray for that old church, as I pass the corner,  
The one with the broken people, and the broken dormer.  
They just don't understand people like me,  
Who like to be happy-go-lucky and free.

I wrote this after reading an article about a new church being started. The newspaper article quoted the preacher as saying "If someone is still drunk from Saturday night, they are welcome. If someone wants to wear a halter top, we won't be judging. We are going to love everyone." He went on to say many churches have "negative preaching." He added the church would "feature" an excellent band with "professional musicians" and some local talent saying, "It will be progressive music that I think people will really enjoy. I expect people will walk in and hear the band and want to be a part of it."

You see, when Jesus came to earth to build His church (Matt 16:18), it would be new and fresh. The foundation was Jesus himself and his approach to people was not one sided, rather balanced. While he reached out to the publicans and sinners, he taught a message of repentance. He boldly told those who wanted to follow Him of the cross they had to bear, as well as the promise of riches in heaven. The early church reached out in hope to help all men, but their singing from the heart (Ep. 5:19) was not drowned out by a professional band to appeal to the masses. The appeal of the church is the love of Jesus on the cross of Calvary. Jesus said when he was "lifted up" (John 12:32) he would draw all peoples unto Him. What an example Jesus gave, what a message He brought, what a hope He left! The church of today must reach out or die out, but not with a different message. Rather we focus on the same salvation with its joy and peace that Jesus offered. We must meet men's true needs, but not the felt needs for entertainment and only pleasant words.

## 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 63

### 2 Chronicles 6-11 & Romans 8-9

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)*



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they would market a car and to make churches as “user-friendly” as possible. The truth which will save people’s souls is sometimes a hard pill to swallow and deliver.

**He took courage seeing brethren being thoughtful.** Paul outlined the humility of mind necessary for a Christian and then gave Christ as the perfect example (Phil. 2:3-5). In Philippians 4:15-17, Paul commended the Philippians for their participation with him in the spreading of the gospel. It was not the money which he needed, but he was appreciative of the gift because it taught the Philippians about the grace of God. When working with Paul, their gracious spirit would grow to even greater heights. God wants sacrifice, not self-centeredness. The quicker we lose ourselves the quicker we will do our fellow man well.

**He took courage seeing brethren do the unexpected.** In Second Corinthians 8:3-5, Paul was truly touched by the gift of the churches of Macedonia. They had a genuine concern and deep liberality, even though they were in poverty themselves. In Acts 2:44-45, we read of brethren who took these sacrificing steps because they wanted to, not because they were forced. It thrills the heart to see brethren act in a manner which would please the Lord. Thankfully, the Lord’s body is full of brothers and sisters in Christ who are willing to go above and beyond to help those in need.

### Conclusion

Let us encourage one another and make sure our lives reflect all the good qualities of the Lord’s people. When we learn to associate with brethren of like faith, praise what is good, be concerned for the welfare of others, be unashamed to proclaim the true gospel, be thoughtful and do the unexpected, we grow. The world is so full of evil, and how refreshing it is to surround ourselves with men and women whose characters reflect the supreme character of Jesus Christ. It is only through living according to this example that we become like the Lord (Rom. 8:29).

### 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.
- ◆ March 17-20: Gospel Meeting at 9th & Main in San Angelo with Sam Willcut.
- ◆ March 24: Bible Bowl at DeLeon at 2 PM.
- ◆ March 31-April 3: Gospel Meeting at Bangs with David Baker
- ◆ Continue to remember our meeting on April 21-14 with Jeff Rollo and the blood drive held here on May 11.



### Thank You:

Laverne Thomas wishes to express her gratitude for all of the cards, calls, prayers, etc. that she received while she has been having problems with her shoulder. She is improving but not quite well yet.

## Celebrate

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

**March Birthdays:** Ken Maninger (04), Allen Griffith (20), Mileen Kahlich (21), James Thomas (23), Jessica Stultz (28), Ethel Adams (29).

**March:** Cindy & James Fuller (02), Carol & Tom Wilcox (23).

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



## Records

	Feb. 24, 2013	March 3, 2013
Bible Class	54	57
AM Worship	70	74
PM Worship	49	57
Wednesday PM	41	53
Contribution	\$1989	\$1797

# Privileged To Serve

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

	This Week: 3/10/13	Next Week: 3/17/13	March 2013	
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Lead Singing: Jim Moore	James Fuller	<b>Make Announcements:</b> Don Smith	
<b>Greeters</b>	Gene & Barbara Bannister	Mileen & Ashley Kahlich	<b>Prepare Communion:</b> Gene & Barbara Bannister	
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Allen Griffith	John Barnum	<b>Clean Building:</b> Jim & Peg Moore	
<b>Communion</b>	Hank Wheeler*, Garrett Barnum Ken Maninger, Joe Dennis	Gene Bannister*, Tom Wilcox Ken Maninger, Don Smith	<b>Keep Grounds:</b> James Fuller	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	John Barnum	John Barnum	<b>April 2013</b>	
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez	Seth Smithey/Caleb Dennis	<b>Make Announcements:</b> Joe Dennis	
<b>Sunday PM:</b>			<b>Prepare Communion:</b> Billy & Peggy Chism	
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Billy Chism	James Thomas	<b>Clean Building:</b> John Barnum Family	
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	James Fuller <i>Matthew 5:1-12</i>	Hank Wheeler	<b>Keep Grounds:</b> Ryan Smithey	
<b>Communion</b>	Hank Wheeler	Gene Bannister		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Gene Bannister	Allen Griffith		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	March 13 Don Smith	March 20 Allen Griffith	March 27 Tom Wilcox	April 3 Garrett Barnum

# 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)

<b>Studies for the week of March 10, 2013</b>		Sunday Class ..... <i>Philippians (Chapter 4)</i>	Wednesday Class ..... <i>Contentment (DVD)</i>
<p><b>Newness of Life (Romans 6:4)</b> As a justified people (Rom. 5), we have been sanctified unto God and His service, now we are to live like it.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>New Life</b> (v2-12)—there is to have been a change in our lives. No longer living or walking in sin; now living in Christ. In baptism we contact the blood He shed at death and are cleansed, now we live for Him (Gal. 2:20, 3:27; Col. 3:10).</li> <li><b>New Master</b> (v13-20)—no longer yielding to sin but God; giving our service to Him. Each has to determine to keep following Him (Lk. 9:23); there is no middle ground (Matt. 6:24). We now willingly serve the One who bought us (1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 Cor. 6:20).</li> <li><b>New Product</b> (v21-23)—having a new standard, we now produce a new fruit in our lives. We are to bear the fruit of righteousness rather than unrighteousness (1 Pet. 1:15-16; Matt. 7:16-18; Gal. 5:16-25; 1 Pet. 4:3-4).</li> <li><b>New Hope</b> (v 5, 23)—instead of the consequences of sin, we now have the anticipation of eternal life! <i>Have you started walking in newness of life? Are you continuing then to walk in newness of life?</i></li> </ol> <p>Notes: _____ _____</p>	<p><b>James, A Teacher Molded By The Master</b> <i>The epistle of James is a very practical book of living the Christian life. Perhaps it stands in such distinction because of it being noted as the letter that most closely resembles Jesus' own teaching. What can we learn by examining the differences and similarities of James writing and Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount?</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Contrasts:</b> Jesus addresses the need of inward purity for outward righteousness; James emphasizes the need of outward righteousness as proof of inward faith. Jesus spoke as one having authority (Matt.7:29) while James speaks as a humble servant (Jas 1:1).</li> <li><b>Similarities</b> (These are but a few, taken from the Beatitudes):             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Blessed are the poor in spirit</b> (Matt. 5:3; Luke 6:20; James 2:5). Shows the need for humility and value of eternal things.</li> <li><b>Blessed are those who mourn</b> (Matt. 5:4; Luke 6:21; James 4:9). Both stress the need to turn from sin for true comfort.</li> <li><b>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness</b> (Matt. 5:6; James 1:27; 3:18). Jesus speaks of the desire, James of the result in our lives.</li> <li><b>Blessed are the merciful</b> (Matt. 5:7; James 2:13). Shows the need for mercy to others, even as we have received (Matt. 6:15).</li> <li><b>Blessed are the pure in heart</b> (Matt. 5:8; James 1:26-27). Both show sin begins in the heart (Matt. 5:21-30; James 1:13-15) and thus one must guard heart and actions.</li> <li><b>Blessed are the peacemakers</b> (Matt. 5:9; James 3:18). Such are imitators of God (Eph. 5:1) and will be claimed as His own.</li> <li><b>Blessed are the persecuted</b> (Matt. 5:10-12; James 1:2ff; 5:10). Both encourage such to patient endurance.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>		