

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

Are You In the House With Blood On It?

By Josh Romo

What do you do when it begins to storm outside? You take shelter. Friends, it is raining all around us today and there is only one shelter to take refuge in; the one and only church. Matthew 16:16-19 reads,

And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Notice, he says church and not churches. There is only one church, no other. Ephesians 2:12-22 tells us that Jesus is the "chief corner stone," and that we are to be one in Christ. I ask you, can one stone be the foundation for more than one building at the same time?

We all know the account of the plagues on Egypt, the last of which was the death of the firstborn. Before this plague the children of Israel were told to spread blood from an unblemished lamb on the door posts of their houses.

And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it (Exo. 12:7).

And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt (Exo. 12:13).

The only possible way they were spared from the plague, from death, was to be in the house with the blood on it (Exodus 12).

Likewise, we must be in the house with the blood on it today. Christ, our lamb without blemish, shed his blood for all of us. To be saved we have to be in the church. His blood is on the church, so we must be inside to escape death. Matthew 26:27-28 tells us that his blood was shed for many. Ephesians 1:7 says, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the

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*Blessed are they that do his commandments,
that they may have right to the tree of life,
and may enter in through the gates into the city.*

Revelation 22:14

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

Multiculturalism: The Threat Level Needs to Be Raised by Joe Wells,

A monument stands in front of Union Station in Toronto, Canada, that represents and celebrates one of the most detrimental movements to have swept through America over the past 50 years. This sculpture, built by Francesco Pirelli in 1985, depicts a man standing in the middle of a growing globe as doves are drawing out the latitudinal lines as they fly from the south to the north. The man in the middle is reaching above his head, striving to connect two of the lines as the world is coming together.

What is this highly celebrated movement you ask? It's simply known as **multiculturalism**, and it has taken the world, and more specifically the United States of America, by storm. At its core, this belief system teaches that we should reserve the differences each culture brings to the table for the sake of diversity. It also teaches that it would be wrong for any one person to elevate his culture above another's. Thus, according to multiculturalism, we are to learn and grow from all cultures and exercise complete tolerance (meaning acceptance) for **every** aspect of those cultures, including religious differences.

As Christians, we see the beauty in people from various cultures as we reflect on God creating mankind (which would include all nationalities) in His image (Genesis 1:27). Also, as Christians we are told to extend a helping hand to those who are in need regardless if they are aliens or strangers or natives, so if it helps immigrants (coming legally to America) escape persecution or hunger, then we should celebrate their new beginning. However, multiculturalism has created serious challenges when it stresses acceptance of various cultural religious beliefs as equal, thus tremendously (and negatively) im-

pacting the religious climate in our country.

Our children hear, on a daily basis, that beliefs found in Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, Judaism, Bah'ia'ism, Scientology, and Christianity (not to mention the hundreds of divisions found within each of these) are all equal and acceptable in authority. This teaching is seen, not only in school textbooks when dealing with the different ways societies view families, marriages, politics, etc., but also in entertainment media such as television shows that poke fun at Christians who claim they have the only truth. This bias is found in magazine articles dealing with the subject of tolerance or the climate of religious change taking place in America as we move to a more "spiritual" society – which simply means everyone is free to choose which beliefs they will add to their plate at the religious buffet line.

Besides the fact that multiculturalism flies in the face of logic when it goes against the Law of Noncontradiction (two statements can't be in opposition and be both correct at the same time), it doesn't gel with the teaching found within the Word of God. The children of God, when engaged in the conquest of Canaan, were to completely purge the land of its inhabitants and their gods. This is explained in Exodus 23:32 when God says, "They shall not live in your land, because they will make you sin against Me; for if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you" (NASB). He would go on to say in Exodus 34:13, "...You are to tear down their altars and smash their sacred pillars and cut down their Asherim for you shall not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God" (NASB). So living

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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>Live faithfully (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)</p>	<p>Week 67 2 Chronicles 30-35 & Romans 16—1 Corinthians 1</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><i>"...desire the sincere milk of the work, that ye may grow thereby;" (1 Pet. 2:2)</i></p>
<p>Radio</p> <p>Preaching the Word (Michael Light) Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3</p>		



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riches of his grace.” Again we see that we have to be redeemed through his blood.

The question of whether or not one is in the house with the blood on it is a very important one that we as Christians need to be asking those that are out in the world. If the answer is no, then it is our obligation to teach them how to get into that house. Let us remember that we also need to examine ourselves daily to be sure that we are still within the house ourselves. Let us ask ourselves as well as those around us if we are in the right house.

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amongst various religious beliefs wasn't something to be celebrated, but rather it was something to be avoided because God knew some of His people would be carried away into the captivity of deception.

That's exactly what has happened today. It has been repeated enough that some now believe that Christians are being intolerant or bigots if they stand up and profess that Jesus is the Son of God, that the Bible is the authoritative Word of God, and that all other religions claiming otherwise are not true. When you reflect back to the sculpture created by Perili, with the man standing in the middle pulling the world together, what kind of world is he really creating? One that will help your children understand the authority of God's Word, or one that will make it even more difficult for you to instill that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and that no one will go to the Father, but through Him? If we will counter the deleterious effects of multiculturalism we must remember and implement, as Paul wrote, “We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:5, NASB).

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 **24 contacts** were made.

Thank you to everyone who helped in cleaning up around the building yesterday in preparation for our meeting...now lets continue to keep this effort in our prayers and be inviting others.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Remember the Ladies class each Wednesday at 10 AM in the high school classroom. The ladies will be going out to lunch after class this week, if you can join them.
- ◆ April 7-10: Gospel Meeting at Hamilton with John Moore.
- ◆ April 13: Open House at the Heart of Texas Bible Camp in Brady from 2-4 PM. This is the location we have started having our summer camps at and a lot of improvements have been made in the last few years. It's a great opportunity for you to see what you help our kids be able to do.
- ◆ April 21-14: Our gospel meeting with Jeff Rollo.
- ◆ April 28: Last Bible Bowl at Rising Star at 2 PM.
- ◆ April 28-May 1: Gospel Meeting at Bangs with David Baker.
- ◆ May 11: Blood Drive for David Harris here at the building.
- ◆ Heads up Summer Youth Series starts June 11 at Bangs!

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)

April Birthdays: Julie Baker (01), Lasha Dennis (06), Ginger King (08), Kristi Maninger (09), Darlene Smith (10), Earlene Burge (17), Birdie Reynolds (17), Caroline Dennis (30).

April Anniversaries: Tina & John Barnum (08).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...



Records

	March 24, 2013	March 31, 2013
Bible Class	50	50
AM Worship	68	70
PM Worship	54	43
Wednesday PM	46	53
Contribution	\$1713	\$1781

Privileged To Serve

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

	This Week: 4/7/13	Next Week: 4/14/13		
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox	Song Leader: Gene Bannister	April 2013 Make Announcements: Joe Dennis Prepare Communion: Billy & Peggy Chism Clean Building: John Barnum Family Keep Grounds: Ryan Smithey May 2013 Make Announcements: Ken Maninger Prepare Communion: Jim & Peg Moore Clean Building: Cindy Fuller Keep Grounds: Jim Moore	
Greeters	Allen & Linda Griffith	Billy & Peggy Chism		
Opening Prayer	Don Smith	Allen Griffith		
Communion	Ken Maninger*, James Fuller John Barnum, Joe Dennis	Tom Wilcox*, John Barnum James Fuller, Hank Wheeler		
Closing Prayer	Jim Moore	Garrett Barnum		
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez	Seth Smithey/Caleb Dennis		
Sunday PM:				
Opening Prayer	Garrett Barnum	Ken Maninger		
Scripture Reading	John Barnum <i>Psalms 130:1-8</i>	Allen Griffith		
Communion	Ken Maninger	Tom Wilcox		
Closing Prayer	Hank Wheeler	Jim Moore		
Wednesday Devotionals:	April 10 Joe Dennis	April 17 James Fuller	April 24 Gospel Meeting	May 1 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 April 7, 2013	Sunday ClassCommon Problems Wednesday Class.....Redemption Through The Bible
<p><i>We Are The Lord's (Romans 14:8)</i></p> <p><i>While much of what Paul writes about in this book concern matters of great importance—matters concerning the gospel and salvation that must be obeyed from the heart (1:16; 6:17)—there were some things that were matters of opinion; in these matters Paul urges great caution in dealing with one another.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> You must decide what is right (14:5). These observances were matters of conscience in which you could not decide for another nor he for you. We must always remember that we are to please God and not men (Gal. 1:10; 1 Cor. 2:1-5). Remember you are living before God (14:6-8). In this freedom, though, each must remember that he is a servant of God and that he is seen of God in all things and to Him we must give answer (Rom. 6:16; Heb. 4:12-13; Rom. 2:16; Phil. 1:20, 27; 1 Pet. 1:13-21). Remember Christ is the Head and the Judge (9-12). He is the One we are to follow and His judgment that we should care about (Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1:22-23; Phil. 2:9-11; Gal. 2:20; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 5:9-10). Therefore exhort one another (14:13-19) as fellow-servants to the glory of God (15:1-7). If, in these matters of conscience, they would care one for another (12:10; Phil. 2:3-5; John 15:12), they could build one another up rather than causing one another to stumble (Eph. 2:19). Even in liberty, may we deny self and follow Him (Luke 9:23-24). 	<p><i>Speak and Do As They That Shall Be Judged By The Law of Liberty (James 2:12)</i></p> <p><i>In respecting the rich, these had forgotten how they were to conduct themselves as disciples of Christ.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> They confused what was of value (2:5); They looked at the outward rather than what was important. Even though poor in physical possessions, these others were rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom (Luke 6:20; 1 Cor. 1:26; Heb. 11:6; Gal. 3:26-28; John 1:11-12; Col. 1:13-14; Rom. 8:16-18; 1 Pet. 1:3-5). We can indeed be rich in truth, good works, and spiritual treasure (Col. 3:16; 1 Cor. 2:9-13; 2 Cor. 8:2, 9; 1 Tim. 6:17-18; Matt. 6:19-20). They transgressed against the law (2:8-9); They failed to love their neighbor and in so doing sinned; if they showed not love to their brethren, how would they show love to their enemies? (Matt. 22:35-40; 1 Pet. 1:22; John 13:34; 1 John 3:14, 17-18; 4:20-21; Matt. 5:43-48). They failed to show mercy (2:12-13); God had shown them mercy, and no doubt they would desire the mercy of God in judgment, but they did not show mercy in return. They are reminded judgment is certain (Heb. 9:27; Acts 17:31), that judgment is according to the perfect law of liberty (2:12; Rom. 2:16), and that it will be according to our works (2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:12). Therefore they ought to live according to that standard (1 Pet. 3:12 2 Pet. 3:11) and show mercy as God had (Heb. 8:12; Matt. 6:14-15; 18:21-35; 1 Pet. 3:8).