

# 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 ..... On Break  
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.

## COLLATERAL DAMAGE By Terry Jackson

The word collateral means to accompany as secondary. For example, a bomb may explode in a car. Collateral damage is the damage that is sustained by those things around the car. Religion has been fed a steady diet of pop-culture that has resulted in a pseudo faith. Many churches adopt the gurus of feel-good-ism to lead them out of the supposed desert of ignorance and prejudice and into the promise land of intellectualism and acceptance. Preachers have been replaced with storytellers, and sermons contain a "mushy" doctrine. As a distressing result, our kids have become the collateral damage of all of this pop culture pseudo faith. Dale Buss of the Wall Street Journal writes that the "mushy doctrine has gotten to them [teens] in a big way." He then quotes statistics from a Barna Research pole with surprising results.

### Of the teens surveyed:

- 88% called themselves Christians
- 60% believe the Bible is totally accurate
- 56% feel religion is very important to their life
- Over 50 % believed Jesus committed sins while on the earth
- 60% agreed that good works ALONE will earn them a place in heaven
- 2/3 believe that Satan is only a symbol
- 6% believe in moral absolutes
- Only 9% of those born again believed that moral truth is absolute

What are we doing to our children? Some may say, "I never taught my kids any of that stuff." The real question is "What have I taught my kids?" People send them to Bible classes and expect their teachers to teach them everything they need to know in a couple of forty-five minute classes a week. We put the faith of our children in the hands of Bible teachers and trust that the time they have will be enough to fortify the spiritual stamina of our kids. They then leave home and are bombarded with the disbelief that has become the trade-mark of modern religion. What lessons have modern religion taught? (1) You can believe anything or nothing and call it faith. (2) The Bible is not recognized as God's authority. (3) Truth is a matter of personal perception. (4) There are no moral absolutes. This same ignorance that destroys God's people will collaterally destroy their children (**Hosea 4:6**).

**Deut. 6:1-7** "Now this is the commandment, the statutes, and the judgments which the LORD your God has commanded me to teach you, that you might do them in the land where you are going over to possess it, so that you and your son and your grandson might fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. O Israel, you should listen and be careful to do it, that it may be well with you and that you may multiply greatly, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up."



*But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*

Matthew 20:26-8

# The Rest of the Story

by Steve Higginbotham

Do you know who Joseph, called Barsabbas was? No? Doesn't ring a bell? Well then, let me ask you another question. Do you know who Matthias was? Ah, that you know. He was the man selected to replace Judas as an apostle. The other man who was not selected was Joseph, called Barsabbas.

Joseph, called Barsabbas was a man who was a disciple of Jesus. He was a disciple of Jesus from the time of Jesus' baptism till the day of his ascension. He therefore was with Jesus through thick and thin. Then Judas kills himself, and a vacancy for apostleship becomes open. His name is mentioned as a candidate. Can you imagine his excitement? The honor? The opportunity? The plans that must have run through his head? Then just like that, he is rejected and Matthias is selected. His dreams were dashed, his plans were trashed.

So now what? Does he pout? Does he become critical of the very ones he wanted to become a part of, especially Matthias? Does he become disillusioned and stop living for Jesus? I wish I could answer that question for you, however Scripture is silent about Joseph, called Barsabbas after this event. I want to believe that he took this disappointment in stride and continued to serve Jesus as a faithful disciple, who was at one time honored to even be considered as a possible apostle. Someday, maybe we'll get to know "the rest of the story" with respect to Joseph, called Barsabbas.

But now, what about you. What's the "rest of the story" you're writing with your own life? Ever been disappointed? Ever been overlooked? Ever been hurt and rejected? Of course you have; we all have. But how do you plan to deal with it? Quit? Withdrawal? Vilify those who hurt you? Or will you continue to be a faithful disciple of Jesus? How will the "rest of the story" be written with respect to your life? Give it some thought.

# A REAL MAN

By Tom Moore

If you were to ask the average man on the street what it takes to be a real man - you would probably get as many different answers as people you asked. Some might say that a real man is one who portrays the "Rambo" image. Others might say that a real man is one who is physical and dominating in appearance and demeanor. And, not a few, would say real manhood is simply found in putting away childish things - acting like an adult.

Concerning being a real man, David, the great king and mighty warrior in Israel, had a much different view. "Now the days of David drew near that he should die, and he charged Solomon his son, saying: 'I go the way of all the earth; be strong, therefore, and prove yourself a man. And keep the charge of the LORD your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn'" (1 Kgs. 2:1-3). David, on his death bed, is encouraging his son, Solomon, to act like a man - a real man.

A real man will "keep the charge of the Lord." The word "keep" comes from a Hebrew word meaning to guard, protect, to attend to. Thus, a real man is concerned about truth and will stand up for it. It should be surprising that this mentality is often taught in the New Testament.

Jude proclaimed that we should "contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (**Jude 3**). Paul said, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses" (**1 Tim. 6:12**). It takes a real man to oppose that which false and promote that which is right.

A real man will "walk in His ways," that is, a real

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## 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 74**  
**Job 3-8**

**& 1 Corinthians 14-15**

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)



**Upcoming Events:** Mark your calendars in advance:

- ◆ June 2-6: VBS at Bangs
- ◆ June 3-7: VBS at San Angelo; 6:30-8 PM nightly
- ◆ June 10-13: VBS at Dublin
- ◆ June 11: Summer Youth Series starts at Bangs. Every Tuesday night through the summer begins at 7 PM. There is a schedule on the bulletin board. The Theme this year is: "Significant Lessons from 'Insignificant' People".
- ◆ June 22: VBS at 5th & Grape in Abilene
- ◆ June 24-28: VBS at Ranger
- ◆ June 30– July 4: Jr. Camp at Brady
- ◆ July 14-19: Sr. Camp at Brady
- ◆ August 7-9: VBS at Hamilton
- ◆ August 14: We will be hosting the final Summer Youth Series here at 4th & Stewart.
- ◆ October 20-23: Our Spring Meeting with Rick Popejoy

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man will walk in the ways of God—not in his own ways. A real man will remember that “There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death” (**Pro. 14:12**). A real man will travel the narrow way. “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Be-cause narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it” (**Mt. 7:13-14**).

David said that a real man will observe God’s statutes, commandments, judgments and testimonies. It is impossible to draw fine distinctions between these terms - but by piling up these synonyms for God’s law, David was making it clear that all God’s law must be observed. By walking in the ways of the Lord, Solomon would prosper or succeed as a real man. Obedience to the Lord was the condition for experiencing a rich and full life. Real men will be obedient to the will of God. God’s instruction to Joshua was, “Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go” (**Jos. 1:7**).

It takes genuine courage and real manhood to withstand worldly pressures and faithfully follow the will of God! Are you a real man?

**Visitation Meeting**

Remember our visitation meeting each Sunday night following the evening worship to sign cards and discuss the work going on. Last week **22 contacts** were made.

**Help Needed**

Looking for something to do? Want to help others study the Bible? I have gotten more requests for Bible Correspondence courses recently than I can keep up with in a timely manner. If you would like to help in this area, please let Ryan know. All materials and supplies are provided; you would need to grade tests, respond to missed answers, and encourage the students along. Thank you.

**Celebrate**

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

**May Birthdays:** Ian Barnum (05), Barbara Bannister (10), Nita Karla Boyd (14), Kami Hardy (14), Pam Teague (14), Caitlin Barnum (15), Billy Chism (15), Peg Moore (17), Randy Brubaker (23), Ryan Smithey (23), Gracen Hardy (30).

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



**Records**

	May 12, 2013	May 19, 2013
Bible Class	43	51
AM Worship	77	73
PM Worship	48	50
Wednesday PM	44	51
Contribution	\$2068	\$1682

# Privileged To Serve

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

This Week: 5/26/13		Next Week: 6/2/13		<b>May 2013</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> Ken Maninger <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Jim & Peg Moore <b>Clean Building:</b> Cindy Fuller <b>Keep Grounds:</b> Jim Moore  <b>June 2013</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> Jim Moore <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Don & Darlene Smith <b>Clean Building:</b> The Smithey Family <b>Keep Grounds:</b> Tom Wilcox
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Gene Bannister	Song Leader: Joe Dennis		
<b>Greeters</b>	John Barnum Family	Tom & Carol Wilcox		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	John Barnum	Gene Bannister		
<b>Communion</b>	Ken Maninger*, Don Smith Jim Moore, Tom Wilcox	Allen Griffith*, Garrett Barnum John Barnum, Tom Wilcox		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Allen Griffith	Ken Maninger		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez	Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>				
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Hank Wheeler	Billy Chism		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Tom Wilcox 2 Peter 1:12-15	John Barnum		
<b>Communion</b>	Ken Maninger	Allen Griffith		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Garrett Barnum	Don Smith		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	May 29 Joe Dennis	June 5 James Fuller	June 12 Jim Moore	June 19 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)

<b>Studies for the week of May 26, 2013</b>		Sunday Class ..... Titus (Chap. 1) Wednesday Class ..... Redemption Through The Bible
<b>The Power of Love (1 Cor. 12-13)</b>		<b>Have You Forgotten...?</b>
<b>1. Love Unites</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Their spiritual gifts had become a source of division among them; but they should have been used in love to profit one another (12:7).</li> <li>Love would tie them together as a body in which everyone had a place (12:12, 20, 25-27).</li> <li>Rather than seeking their own best interest, they should have sought the best interest of all (v31; Phil. 2:3-4).</li> </ol>		<i>It is easy to become forgetful and put things out of our minds..but some things we can't afford to forget.</i>
<b>2. Love Seeks The Best</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instead of seeking praise or what was considered the best for themselves; they should desire the best interest of others.</li> <li>Love is a motive through which every action should flow (13:1-3; Matt. 22:338-39).</li> <li>Love would regulate our actions and thoughts toward one another (13:4-7; Rom. 12:9-21).</li> </ol>		<b>1. ...The Price Paid For You?</b> The cost of our freedom and salvation was great and reminds us how special we are in the sight of God. That cost should not be taken lightly but serve to motivate us onward. (Rom. 5:8; Isa. 53:4-5; Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Heb. 10:10, 14, 19-25; 1 Cor. 11:23-26).
<b>3. Love Lasts</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Love would last beyond the time of the spiritual gifts; its importance would never fade (13:8-13).</li> <li>Love was/is the greatest thing one can seek. The gifts were temporal, but faith, hope, and love would last with love being the crowing jewel that we continue building on (Gal. 5:22-23; 2 Pet. 1:5-7).</li> <li>Just as we are to seek the things that are eternal (lasting) so we are exhorted to seek after love (Matt. 5:19-20; Col. 3:1-2; 1 Pet. 3:11).</li> </ol>		<b>2. ...From What You Were Saved?</b> Not to look back longingly but to remember how far you've come, the horrible state you were in outside of Christ, and resolve not to return there. (Matt. 9:36; Luke 19:10; Eph. 2:1; Rom. 6:23; 1 Thess. 1:7-9; 1 Tim. 1:12-16; 2 Pet. 2:20-22).
		<b>3. ...The Joy Of Salvation?</b> The joy of knowing your sins were washed away, the relief of no longer bearing your guilt, the zeal with which you anticipated going forward in your Christian walk.(Acts 8:39; 22:26; 4:20;Mark 7:34-37; 1 John 1:2-4; Eph. 2:10; Matt. 13:20-23; Phil. 4:4).
		<b>4. ...The Commitment You Made?</b> The decision to put the world behind you and Christ ever before you. The determination to put Him first in your life. (Matt. 6:33; Luke 9:23, -26, 62; 14:26-35; 1 Tim. 6:12; Heb. 3:1, 4:14, 10:23).
		<b>5. ...The Home For Which You Are Striving?</b> The reward we can anticipate and the majesty of a place which will be our eternal home. (Col. 3:1-4; Phil. 3:13-14; Heb. 11:13-16; 1 Pet. 1:3-5; 2 Cor. 4:16-5:4, 10:11; 2 Tim. 4:6-8).