

# 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.

## But Read the Next Verse

By Preston Cotham

Someone has well said: "A text taken out of its context is a mere pretext." There is much truth in this statement. Certainly the context in which a passage is found should be taken into consideration in any effort to arrive at the correct meaning of the passage. Perhaps more 'Scripture has been misunderstood by a failure to observe what the writer was talking about than any other one thing. The reading of a few verses before and after a particular passage, will assist us greatly in understanding the truth which the writer intended to convey. If the reading of a verse of scripture raises a question in one's mind, the next verse will often answer the question, and be a commentary on the very thing one wishes to know. The Bible is its own best commentary.

Jesus once declared: "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day (Jno. 6:44). Is man helpless in coming to the Lord? Will God in some miraculous way call sinners, or draw them to Christ? When we read the next verse we see how the Father draws people to Christ "It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me." So the order is hearing, learning, coming. No wonder Jesus commissioned; "Go teach all nations" (Matt. 28:19). The Gospel is God's drawing power.

When the Philippian jailor asked what to do to be saved, he was told to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31). Was the jailor saved by faith only? Was it Just a mental trusting in the Lord? The next two verses reveal that he heard the gospel, believed it, manifested his repentance, and was baptized the same hour of the night.

Being an unbeliever, he had to have faith in Jesus Christ, the Saviour of man. So Paul and Silas spake unto him the word of the Lord, as that is how faith comes (Rom. 10:17). So then his faith led him to obey the Lord. He would not have known that he ought to be baptized had he not heard the gospel of Christ, which commends baptism for the remission of sins. As McGarvey has well observed: "Those therefore who catch at these words of Paul, and draw the conclusion that salvation is by faith alone, leave the jail too soon." (Com. on Acts, Page 103).

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*Flee also youthful lusts:  
but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace,  
with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

2 Timothy 2:22

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When Paul declared that he was "not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation..." (Rom. 1:16), man was led to wonder, and still does, how God's power unto salvation could be just a message believed and obeyed. But the next verse makes known that God's plan for making men righteous, which is by faith, is revealed to produce faith. The very fact that God will justify the believer is stated in order to induce people to believe and obey.

Paul once stood on Mars Hill in the city of Athens and told these Athenians: "God now commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). If you wish to know why repentance is so necessary, read the next verse: "Because he hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness." Then man is commanded to repent in order to prepare for the judgment. Jesus once said: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3, 5). One must repent!

Jesus once promised: "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32). This is a confession of the divinity of Christ, that he is the Son of God. Does the question arise in your mind, "What will be the result if I refuse to confess Him?" Then read the next verse: "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." Thus, a refusal to confess Christ is tantamount to the denial of him.

The apostle Paul once wrote the Galatians: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:26). Would you like to know HOW and WHEN they

became children of God? Then read the next verse which says: "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." his is an inspired answer to the question. But there is SO MUCH discussion in the world concerning baptism, so let us reason further concerning it.

Paul once wrote the Romans reminding them: "Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death" (Rom. 6:3). It must be of supreme importance to be baptized into the death of Christ, for that is where he shed his blood. (Jno. 19:34). But how were they baptized into Christ? By sprinkling or pouring? Read the next verse: "Therefore we are BURIED with him by baptism into death." By no stretch of the human imagination can sprinkling or pouring be made to symbolize the death, the burial, and the resurrection of Christ. But these three facts are beautifully portrayed in scriptural baptism—immersion. "BURIED with him in baptism, wherein also ye WERE RAISED with him" (Col. 2:12 RN.).

According to Luke, the historian, the Apostle Peter on Pentecost day exhorted his hearers saying: "And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying; Save yourselves from this untoward generation" (Acts 2:40). How can a person save himself? His deeds of self-righteousness cannot save, for they are as filthy rags. Isa. 64:6. Since God saves us by His grace, 2 Tim. 1:9, how can it be said that we save ourselves? Read the next verse: "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized . . ." (Acts 2:41). They believed and obeyed the Word as spoken by Peter as he was guided by the Holy

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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><b>Radio</b></p> <p>Preaching the Word (Michael Light) Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3</p>	<p><b>Hear</b> Learn the saving message of Christ's sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).</p> <p><b>Believe</b> Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)</p> <p><b>Confess</b> Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)</p> <p><b>Repent</b> of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)</p> <p>Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being <b>baptized</b> for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)</p> <p><b>Live faithfully</b> (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)</p>	<p><b>Week 82</b> <b>Psalm 9-14</b> <b>&amp; Galatians 1-2</b></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>



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Spirit. While God provides salvation by His grace, man must appropriate it through faith. "We have access by faith into this grace" (Rom. 5:1,2).

The Apostle Peter admonished Christians to add to their faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity. 2 Pet. 1:5-7. Then he added: "For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." But what about the person that doesn't add these graces to his life; that doesn't grow and develop after obeying the gospel? Study the next verse and also the next one, and you will see that he is blind and hath forgotten his cleansing and is not making sure his calling and election, but will fall.

During the personal ministry of Christ, he made this prediction: "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Matt. 24:12). Would you like to know how many will be saved at last under these trying circumstances? Then read the next verse. "But he that shall endure unto the end the same shall be saved." (Matt. 24:13). Only those who are faithful unto the Lord, "faithful even unto death," will receive the "crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). Let us all strive to obey the Lord, and remain faithful and true in His service, so that someday heaven may be our home. In your study of God's Word, always remember to "read the next verse."

### Visitation Meeting

Remember our visitation meeting each Sunday night following the evening worship to sign cards and discuss the work going on. Last week **32 contacts** were made.

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

- ◆ July 24: Summer Youth Series at DeLeon. Contact Ryan if you need a ride, we will be leaving the Brownwood area about 5:30 PM.
- ◆ August 13: We will be hosting the final Summer Youth Series here at 4th & Stewart.
- ◆ October 20-23: Our Spring Meeting with Rick Popejoy

## Celebrate

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

**July Birthdays:** Jason Warman (06), Mariah Martinez (08), Chase Churchwell (11), Cindy Fuller (12), Steven Martinez (13), John Barnum (26), Jack Hill (26).

**July Anniversaries:** Priscilla & Ryan Smithey (26).

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



## Records

	July 7, 2013	July 14, 2013
Bible Class	45	49
AM Worship	72	61
PM Worship	60	
Wednesday PM	42	40
Contribution	\$1656	\$1656

# Privileged To Serve

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

	This Week: 7/21/13	Next Week: 7/28/13		
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Joe Dennis	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<b>July 2013</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> Gene Bannister <b>Prepare Communion:</b> The Smithey Family <b>Clean Building:</b> Jessica Stultz <b>Keep Grounds:</b> Tom Wilcox  <b>August 2013</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> Garrett Barnum <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Tom & Carol Wilcox <b>Clean Building:</b> Jim & Peg Moore <b>Keep Grounds:</b> James Fuller	
<b>Greeters</b>	Mileen & Ashley Kahlich	John Barnum Family		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Gene Bannister	Ken Maninger		
<b>Communion</b>	Jim Moore*, Kevin Wilcox John Barnum, Hank Wheeler	John Barnum*, Jim Moore Don Smith, Kevin Wilcox		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Tom Wilcox	James Thomas		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez	Seth Smithey/Caleb Dennis		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>				
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	James Fuller	Billy Chism		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Hank Wheeler <i>Psalms 19:7-14</i>	Garrett Barnum		
<b>Communion</b>	Jim Moore	John Barnum		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Don Smith	Gene Bannister		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	July 24 Jim Moore	July 31 Joe Dennis	August 7 Allen Griffith	August 14 Tom Wilcox

# 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 July 21, 2013</b>	Sunday Class ..... Titus 2-3 Wednesday Class ..... Redemption Through The Bible
<p><b>Our Forgiving God (Psalm 6)</b>                      God, in love and mercy, forgives the penitent.</p> <p><b>1. Appeal (v1-3)</b></p> <p>a. Pleads for deliverance from chastisement; he does not deny that such is needed but pleads for mercy (Ps. 32:5; Luke 18:13-14; Heb. 12:6-7, 10).</p> <p>b. Sin had weakened him in soul and body (Ps. 32:3-4; 38:3-7). He recognized the magnitude and weight of his sin (Rom. 6:23). Does our sin cause us grief? Are we willing to humble ourselves before God?</p> <p><b>2. Anguish (v6-7)</b></p> <p>a. He recognizes sin separates from God but asks to be saved by the mercy of God (Isa. 59:1-2; Hab. 1:13).</p> <p>b. Sin had caused him to weep bitterly; grief had overtaken him (Luke 22:62; Matt. 5:4). Will we recognize only God can save and turn back to Him (Luke 15:17-19)?</p> <p><b>3. Assurance (v8-10)</b></p> <p>a. Notice the change as he is assured that God has heard his penitent cry (2 Cor. 7:9-10; 1 Pet. 3:12).</p> <p>b. His confidence is back and he can face life with a new hope because he has turned back to God and God has forgiven him (2 Chron. 7:14; Ps. 32:1-2; 130:1-4, 7; James 4:6-9).</p> <p>c. He also has new courage; he calls upon those that oppose him to be ashamed of their conduct and the course they are on for he knew the end thereof.</p> <p>d. Will we too have this assurance (1 Jn 1:7,9; Heb. 4:16)?</p>	<p><b>The Preaching of John</b>                      John came as the forerunner for Jesus, to prepare the way for Him with a powerful message that got results (Matt. 3:1-6).                      What can we learn from his preaching?</p> <p><b>1. Power of His Preaching (Matthew 3:7-12)</b></p> <p>a. It was pointed and direct (3:7). It took courage to boldly stand against others (2 Tim. 4:2; Rom. 1:15-16).</p> <p>b. It demanded repentance and obedience (Matt. 3:9-10; Acts 10:34-35, 17:30; Rom. 6:17-18).</p> <p>c. It exalted Christ (3:11; John 3:30; Acts 8:35; 1 Cor. 2:2).</p> <p>d. It moved the people to action (3:5-6; Acts 2:37-41, 8:36; 1 Thess. 1:9; 1 Pet. 2:9).</p> <p><b>2. Relevance of His Preaching (Mark 6:14-29)</b></p> <p>a. It attacked current sins: adultery (Mark 6:18), fraud (Luke 3:13), violence/false witness/rioting (Luke 3:14).</p> <p>b. It was not swayed by public opinion. It mattered not what was accepted by the people (1 Cor. 5:1-2, 6-7; Gal. 1:10; Rom. 3:3-4; 2 Tim. 4:2).</p> <p>c. It stirred opposition (Matt. 5:11-12; John 15:18-20; Acts 17:2-8).</p> <p><b>3. Need for His Preaching (2 Timothy 4:1-4)</b></p> <p>a. The same type of preaching is needed today and such will invite the same responses—some will repent, others will be hardened; some will support it, others will persecute it. (Mark 16:15-16; Matt. 10:34ff; John 3:19-21).</p> <p>b. In doing this, God will be glorified; His Word will do what it was intended to do (Isa 55:11; Eze 2:5; Acts 26:18, 13:46; 20:26-27; 1 Cor. 1:21).</p>