

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.

JESUS IS THE LIGHT

By David Harris

The apostle Paul identifies a potential problem in the church in Ephesus, that must be avoided. The church at Ephesus, was comprised mainly of Gentile converts that had previously walked after the ways of the ungodly world. Having become Christians, and having started in His service, they were exhorted by Paul to discontinue their previous life of sin. The problem is stated by Paul in Eph. 4:17; *This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.* Paul does not bring up a problem without a solution and he states it in the following verses; *But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus; That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness* (Eph.4:20-24) [emp. Mine dsh]. What Paul wants these Ephesian Christians to know, is that if we hear and follow the example of the teaching and manner of life of Christ our example, we will be renewed in God's righteousness and true holiness.

The example Christ gives the world, is the opposite of having one's "Understanding Darkened;" it is the example of Himself described as "The Light." Consider the teaching: Jn. 8:12; *I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.* Jn. 9:5; *As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.* Jn. 12:46; *I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.* Jesus makes it crystal clear, that we can, escape the darkness of the world, and be what He wants us to be, if we believe and follow Him. To believe on Jesus, is to believe in His Word. This has been instructed by the Holy Spirit throughout the Bible; *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path* (Ps.119:105). *But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day* (Pro.4:18). Having established the fact, that He is "The Light," He now admonishes His followers to be, That Light, for the rest of the world; *Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. ...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven* (Mt. 5:14-16).

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*For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.
The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:
But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which
by the gospel is preached unto you.*

1 Peter 1:24-25

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These Ephesian Christians, were taught, and heard the Word, believed and became That Light; “For you were once darkness, but now are you light in the Lord: walk as children of light” (Eph.5:8). Here is the choice made by the world, concerning Light: “And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that does evil hates the light, neither comes to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. **But he that does truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God**” (Jn.3:19-21). Christians must be “That Light.”

A great number of people who consider themselves to be Christians are not really sure just what they believe or why they want to serve Jesus. To follow Jesus is a serious undertaking. To make a decision to be His disciple requires that one know some things about Him (John 6:44-45). Every person needs to know at least four things about Jesus.

Jesus made us—He is Creator. John wrote, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made” (John 1:1-3). John 1:14 identifies the Word as Jesus, the only begotten of the Father. Colossians 1:16-17 declares, “For by him [Jesus] were all things created...all things were created by him, and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things consist.” No amount of evolutionary teaching can change the truth that God’s Son created all things.

Jesus died and rose again for us—He is Savior. Jesus did not come just to make the world a better place or simply to raise the standard of mankind’s moral concepts. He came to save people from sin and the horrible punishment of hell! “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world” (1 Tim. 1:15; 1 John 4:14). Thanks be to God “that Christ died for our sins” (1 Cor. 15:3), and “...we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace” (Eph. 1:7). Just as Jesus predicted, after He was buried “...he arose again

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the third day according to the scriptures” (1 Cor. 15:4). What does His resurrection have to do with us? He “...was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification” (Rom. 4:25). Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father in heaven (Matt. 16:19).

He has authority over us—He is King. After the resurrection, Jesus told His apostles, “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them...teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you” (Matt. 28:18-20). Jesus has all authority. He is the head of His church (Eph. 1:22-23), so in all things the church is to be in subjection to Him (Eph. 5:24). To put it another way, Jesus is now King over His kingdom, which is simply another designation for His church (Col. 1:13).

He will determine our destiny—He is Judge. Jesus said, “For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son” (John 5:22). Paul added, “...we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ” (2 Cor. 5:10), because He “was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick [living] and dead” (Acts 10:42). What a thought—the One who created us, died for us, rose from the dead for us, and rules over us, will one day judge us!

A wise man wrote in a book, “...with all thy getting, get understanding” (Prov. 4:7); and, let us say, “With all thy understanding, understand Jesus.”

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 91
Psalm 63-68
& Colossians 3-4

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)



An Open Door

By Bill Goring

While researching restoration history in Clay County, Missouri, I found some very interesting information in the records of the Liberty Christian Church, formerly the Church of Christ where Moses E. Lard preached between 1853 and 1857.

During the Civil War (sic), when Liberty was under the command of Federal Troops, an order had been issued by the commander that no public meetings of any nature were to be held in town. This included services of the church. Dr. W. A. Morton, a staunch southern sympathizer, was determined to keep the church doors open. The first Sunday morning the order was in effect, Dr. Morton came to the meeting house and opened the doors, preparing for the morning service, as usual. Word of this action spread rapidly through the town, reaching the ears of the commanding officer. The latter immediately sent an aide to the meeting house bearing orders that no services were to be held. The soldiers rode up to the church, found Dr. Morton, and said, "I have orders from the officer in charge of this community that there is to be no meeting here today." Dr. Morton replied at once, "I thank you, sir, but I have orders from a higher officer than yours to have services, and we plan to obey His command." The aide withdrew, and services were held, not only that Sunday, but every succeeding Sunday thereafter.

When word reached other members of the community that the church had met, they, too, decided to meet the next Sunday. This group was restrained from meeting, however, because the officer told them that, "If it was not worthwhile to have services last Sunday, it is not worthwhile to have services today." The matter was closed, and the Liberty Church of Christ holds the distinction of being the only church to have services during the period of occupation by the Federal Troops.

If we were issued this same order today, would we close our doors as some of them did, or would we have the courage to stand for the truth as these brethren did and "obey God rather than man" (Acts 5:29)?

Visitation Meeting

Remember our visitation meeting each Sunday night following the evening worship to sign cards and discuss the work going on. Last week **30 contacts** were made.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Sept. 28:** Ladies Day at Dublin
- ◆ **Sept. 29:** First Bible Bowl at Bangs beginning at 2 PM; we are studying I & II Corinthians this year.
- ◆ **October 3-5:** Texas Ladies In Christ retreat; details and registration forms on bulletin board.
- ◆ **October 20-23:** Our Fall Meeting with Rick Popejoy.



What To Do With Your Bible

*Know it in the head; stow it in the heart;
show it in the life; sow it in the world;
read it to be wise; believe it to be safe;
practice it to be holy.*

Celebrate

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

September Birthdays: James Fuller (06), Emily Ochoa (11), Gene Bannister (16), Billie Ford (17), Matthew Ochoa (20), Cindy Proud (26), Garrett Barnum (27), Matthew Howell (28), Jimmy Seale (29).

September Anniversaries: Joyce & Jack Hill (10).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...



Records

	Sept. 8, 2013	Sept. 15, 2013
Bible Class	47	43
AM Worship	66	56
PM Worship	57	52
Wednesday PM	40	55
Contribution	\$1688	\$1681

		This Week: 9/22/13	Next Week: 9/29/13		September 2013 Make Announcements: John Barnum Prepare Communion: Gene & Barbara Bannister Clean Building: John Barnum Family Keep Grounds: Ryan Smithey October 2013 Make Announcements: James Fuller Prepare Communion: John Barnum Family Clean Building: Cindy Fuller Keep Grounds: James Fuller	
Sunday AM:		Song Leader: Mike Bannister		Song Leader: Mike Bannister		
Greeters	Gene & Barbara Bannister		Mileen & Ashley Kahlich			
Opening Prayer	Tom Wilcox		Allen Griffith			
Communion	Joe Dennis*, Ken Maninger Caleb Dennis, Garrett Barnum		Don Smith*, Tom Wilcox James Thomas, Gene Bannister			
Closing Prayer	Don Smith		Jim Moore			
Attendance Cards	Caleb Dennis/Seth Smithey		Caleb Dennis/Seth Smithey			
Sunday PM:		Song Leader: Joe Dennis		Song Leader: James Fuller		
Opening Prayer	Gene Bannister		Hank Wheeler			
Scripture Reading	Hank Wheeler <i>1 Peter 3:8-12</i>		Garrett Barnum			
Communion	Ken Maninger		Don Smith			
Closing Prayer	Billy Chism		Joe Dennis			
Wednesday Devotionals:	September 25 Allen Griffith	October 2 Tom Wilcox	October 9 Kevin Wilcox	October 16 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)

Studies for the week of September 22, 2013		Sunday Class 1 Timothy (Chapter 1)	Wednesday Class Redemption Through The Bible
Paul's Prayer For The Colossians (Col. 1:9-14) 1. To be filled with knowledge a. This was a knowledge that could be grasped and understood (1:26-28; Eph. 3:4-5; John 8:31-32). b. In fact, it must be understood and applied/lived (Phil. 1:9-10; Rom. 12:1-2, 1 Cor. 2:11-13; 2 Pet. 1:3, 5; Hosea 4:6 2 Tim. 2:15). 2. To walk worthy of the Lord a. This concerned the conduct of life in which we should seek to be pleasing to God (Phil. 1:27; Eph. 4:1, 5:1-2, 15-17; 1 John 1:5-7, Luke 6:46). b. This is achieved by being fruitful in every good work and increasing in knowledge (Col. 3:17; John 15:2, 5; 2 Cor. 9:8, Titus 2:14, 1 Pet. 2:2, 2 Pet. 3:18) 3. To be strengthened a. A steady accession of strength as we face the challenges ahead (Eph. 6:10; Phil. 4:13; James 1:2-4). b. The result will be patience/endurance and longsuffering (Col. 2:6-7; Eph. 6:13-14; 1 Cor. 15:58). 4. To be thankful a. Gratitude should be a part of our lives for all that God has done for us (1:12, 2:7, 3:17; 4:2). b. God has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of saints (1:12, 5; Rom. 8:17-18; 1 Pet. 1:4), He has translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son (1:13, 18; Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:47; Rev. 1:9), and redeemed us (Eph. 1:7; Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25, acts 2:38, 22:16; Col. 2:12-13).		Jesus Sees (Revelation 2-3) 1. What Jesus Sees a. What we are doing—either good or bad (1:12-14, 2:1-2, 9, 13, 19, 23, 3:1, 8, 14-15; 22:13; Heb. 4:12-13) . b. How we are doing—problems/persecution as well as prosperity/success (2:2-3, 9-10, 13-15, 19-25, 3:4, 10, 15-18; 1 Pet. 5:7-10). c. What we need—relief/support in hard times as well as shortcomings we face (2:3-4, 7, 10-11, 16, 24-26, 3:2-3, 10, 17-19; 1 Cor. 10:13, Phil. 4:19; Matt. 6:25-34, 10:29-31). 2. What Jesus Wants To See a. Praises toil and patience (2:2-3; Heb. 6:12, 12:1-2) b. Encourages steadfastness (2:7, 10-11, 13, 17, 24-26, 3:5, 11-12, 20-21; 1 Cor. 15:58, Col. 2:6-7). c. Compliments faithfulness (2:19, 3:4, 8, 10; Col. 1:3-4) 3. What Jesus Hates To See a. Chastens deserters (2:4-5; 2 Tim. 4:10; 2 Pet. 2:20-22) b. Rebukes false teachers & supporters (2:6, 14-16, 20-23; Rom. 16:17; Titus 1:10-11; 2 Pet. 2:1-19) c. Admonishes shortcomings (3:1-3; Gal. 5:7; Heb. 4:1) d. Sickened by apathy (3:15-16, 19; Titus 2:14; Eph. 2:10) 4. What Does Jesus See In Us? a. Where would we be placed among these Christians? b. Will we be as those who will hear what He has to say? (2:7, 11, 17, 29, 6, 13, 22; Matt. 7:24-27, 13:13-17; 2 Cor. 13:5; James 2:22).	