

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



September 29, 2013

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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.

Read The Book

By Terry Jackson

I recently heard someone asked if they had seen the recent television series, The Bible. I had to chuckle a little at the other person's response, "No, I read the book!" This book called the Bible spans two millenniums. It is authored by forty men over a period of about one thousand years explains the origin of the earth, and the beginning of man. It has revealed sin and the problems of humanity and given direction to misguided souls. It reveals our Creator as well as our Savior and promises abundant life and a home in heaven for the faithful. There are 1,189 chapters in the Bible: 929 in the Old Testament, and 260 in the New Testament. You would think with that much information written by so many different men of different backgrounds, cultures, and education that there would be a lot of contradiction. The Bible stands today, al-most 2 millenniums after the last book was penned, and there is not one *proven* contradiction. Events fore-told decades and centuries before will be reported by later authors with unparalleled accuracy. In spite of the years of separation from one inspired writer to another, there is perfect harmony in the Scriptures. To-day, ten people can see the same incident and each will have a different story. God knew better than to trust the writing of His Holy Book to the memory and imaginations of men. How could these forty men over so much time get their story straight? **2 Timothy 3:16 -17** says, "*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*" Notice the words of Peter, in **2 Peter 1:20-21**, "*knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*" We can trust the accuracy and inerrancy of the Holy Scripture knowing it came by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Thus, we believe that God gave this book of books to us! George Washington once wrote, "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible." William Cowper said of the Bible:

"A sacred glory guilds the page, Majestic as the sun.
It gives a light to every age; It gives but borrows none."

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Rom. 10:17)

Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies,
and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the
sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

1 Peter 2:1-3



WHY EVERY CHRISTIAN MUST BE AN EVANGELIST

By Andy Brewer

The last several days for different reasons evangelism has been on my mind. I think much of it can be attributed to a statement I heard Richard Sutton make in a lesson recently. In speaking about the perspective each Christian should take with them into the world each day he said, “Christians live in a sea of lost humanity with mankind drowning in their sins – what are we doing?”

What are we doing? What are we doing collectively as the universal church? What are we doing collectively as congregations? Those are questions we can typically answer with ease. But even more pressing is the question – what are we doing personally? It’s not enough for me to say, “well the church is doing this,” or “our congregation is doing this.” What am I doing?

The Great Commission is not just a generic command given to the church at large. It is a responsibility entrusted to each individual Christian. Something for which we will each be held accountable. It is for that reason among many others that we each should give careful attention to our efforts in evangelizing this world. Why should every Christian be an evangelist?

- ♦ **Because we have all been lost.** All of our lives have been touched by sin (Romans 2:23) and that sin has resulted in our own personal spiritual deaths and separation from God (Isaiah 59:1,2; Romans 6:23). Yet somewhere in the midst of it all someone somewhere took an interest in sharing the gospel with us and it was only through the power of that gospel that we were delivered from darkness and became Christians (1 Peter 2:9). Let’s never get to the point in our lives that we forget the hopelessness of being lost.

- ♦ **Because we all know people who are lost.** Every day we work beside, eat lunch with, pass by, and perhaps even live with people who are lost. Some of them we care deeply about. Some we may hardly know. But how can we look them in the eye everyday knowing that their sin stands between them and God and repeatedly ignore the fact that they are lost. The words of the timeless hymn “You Never Mentioned Him to Me” should haunt us under such circumstances. I hope our hearts never become so hardened as to not care about the eternal well being of those we are around on a regular basis.
- ♦ **Because love demands it.** The second great commandment, second only to our love for God, is that we are to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-40). But there is a great misconception of what that love is supposed to entail. The assumption is that because we are to love one another then we are to leave one another free to live life in whatever way makes us happy – even if that includes living lives of sin. It was Paul, though, that counters that thought by defining true love as that which does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in truth (1 Corinthians 13:6). That would include doing what we can to help people learn and obey that truth. We tell people about the gospel because if we love people there’s no alternative.
- ♦ **Because God said so.** Ultimately every responsibility that we have as Christians boils down to this simple reality. God told us to. And if we are

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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>Radio</p> <p>Preaching the Word (Michael Light) Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3</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 92 Psalm 69-74 & 1 Thessalonians 1-2</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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truly servants of God then the simple fact that He has issued a command is enough. It does not matter how uncomfortable, unprepared, insignificant, or otherwise we may feel. Just remember the words of Jesus – “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost...” (Matthew 28:19). That is an imperative statement to which we will all be held accountable. With the reality that we will stand before God one day and give an answer for our actions, may we develop a heart for evangelism.

Friends, let’s not take this lightly. Our souls and the souls of the world are at stake. A statement that I’ve heard attributed to the late H.A. Dixon, former president of Freed-Hardeman College, I think says it all. Brother Dixon was once asked why more Christians aren’t involved in helping to evangelize the world and he responded that he largely believed it was because we didn’t really believe the world was lost without the gospel or that we will be lost if we don’t take it to them. Friends it really is that serious and that is why every Christian must be an evangelist.

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. 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 6-9:** Gospel Meeting at Bangs with various speakers.
- ◆ **October 19-20:** Back to the Bible Lectures at Park Heights in Hamilton.
- ◆ **October 20-23:** Fall Meeting with Rick Popejoy.

Meeting Notes:

Flyers are out for our upcoming meeting; it is now just 3 weeks away. Please start making plans to join us and use the flyers to invite family, friends, neighbors, etc. Also remember that we will be doing a potluck lunch Sunday, October 20; finger foods following Monday and Tuesday night; and lunch on Wednesday...hope you can join us. Please, be praying for the success of this meeting.



Come join us and Rick Popejoy, gospel preacher from San Angelo, as we study topics from the book of Hebrews:

- A Word of Exhortation
- Agents of Revelation
- Agents of Redemption
- Agents of Mediation
- The World Was Not Worthy
- Let Us Therefore

October 20-23, 2013

Sunday @ 9:45 AM, 10:40 AM, & 6:00 PM

Monday-Wednesday @ 7:00 PM

Wednesday @ 11:00 AM with lunch following

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Celebrate

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

Remaining September Birthdays: Jimmy Seale (29).

October Birthdays: Jim Moore (03), Lisa Greer (05), Matthew Churchwell (07), Jo Maninger (12), Seth Smithey (13), Hank Wheeler (13), Tina Barnum (14), Cassie Freeman (23), Peggy Dudley (25), Phyllis Hooper (26).

October Anniversaries: Juanita & Stormy Barnum (25), Patti & Mike Patti Bannister (27).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...



Records

	Sept. 15, 2013	Sept. 22, 2013
Bible Class	43	50
AM Worship	56	64
PM Worship	52	48
Wednesday PM	55	46
Contribution	\$1681	\$1961

Privileged To Serve

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

This Week: 9/29/13		Next Week: 10/6/13		September 2013	
Sunday AM:		Song Leader: Mike Bannister		Song Leader: Mike Bannister	
Greeters	Mileen & Ashley Kahlich	John Barnum Family		Make Announcements: John Barnum	
Opening Prayer	Allen Griffith	James Fuller		Prepare Communion: Gene & Barbara Bannister	
Communion	Don Smith*, Tom Wilcox James Thomas, Gene Bannister	Allen Griffith*, Jim Moore Ken Maninger, Hank Wheeler		Clean Building: John Barnum Family	
Closing Prayer	Jim Moore	John Barnum		Keep Grounds: Ryan Smithey	
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez	Caleb Dennis/Seth Smithey		October 2013	
Sunday PM:		Song Leader: James Fuller		Song Leader: Tom Wilcox	
Opening Prayer	Hank Wheeler	Mike Bannister		Make Announcements: James Fuller	
Scripture Reading	Garrett Barnum <i>Lamentations 3:22-26</i>	Joe Dennis		Prepare Communion: John Barnum Family	
Communion	Don Smith	Allen Griffith		Clean Building: Cindy Fuller	
Closing Prayer	Joe Dennis	Garrett Barnum		Keep Grounds: James Fuller	
Wednesday Devotionals:	October 2 Tom Wilcox	October 9 Kevin Wilcox	October 16 Garrett Barnum	October 23 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 September 29, 2013		Sunday Class 1 Timothy (Chapter 1)	Wednesday Class Redemption Through The Bible
<p>Christ, Our Life (Colossians 3:3-4) <i>As Christians, our lives are tried up in Christ and such should show in our manner of life.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> He is the Source of Life—Creator of all physical life (Gen. 1:26; John 1:3), but also the source of spiritual life (Col. 2:12; 3:1; Eph. 2:1; John 14:6); this life began when we were baptized into Christ (John 3:3-5; Rom. 6:3,4) He is the Sustainer of Life—He spoke of Himself as the bread that sustains us and the vine that supplies us (John 6:23, 48-51; 15:1ff). He is the Object of Our Life—We should live for as He died for us (Col. 3:1-2; 2 Cor. 5:15; Gal. 2:20); our aim should be to please Him (Eccl. 12:13; 1 Cor. 6:20; Col. 3:17). He Is Our Pattern of Life—He serves as the example for our lives (Lk. 9:23; Phil. 2:5; 1 Pet. 2:21; Heb. 12:1-3). He is Our Hope of Life—In Him we have the promise and hope of life eternal (2 Tim. 1:1; 1 Cor. 15:20); such hope we have when our names are in His book of life (Rev. 20:12, 21:27). <p>NOTES: _____ _____ _____ _____</p>	<p>A Soul's Longing For God (Psalm 63) <i>A reminder that God is the satisfaction for the hungry and thirsty soul (Matt. 5:6).</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Longing (v1-2)—There is a desire and seeking after God that is based upon past knowledge. The more we learn about God, the more we should desire to know more! Praise (v3-4)—He recognizes that God is worthy of His praise and he promises to do so. He both finds cause to worship God and purpose in doing so. Satisfaction (v5-8)—The psalmist is satisfied/filled when he meditates upon the blessings of God. His thoughts of God have continued from early in the morning to late at night and there is determination to continued following with God. Victory (v9-11)—In expressing his confidence in God, he knows his enemies will be destroyed, but he will rejoice in God. His enemies are those that have set themselves against God; those God will deal with, but the psalmist knows that the ones who will seek after God shall rejoice. <p>NOTES: _____ _____ _____ _____</p>		