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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.

David the Sovereign

Rick Popejoy

In reply to Israel's clamor to be like the other nations, God gave them Saul, a king after their likeness. Later, God would give them a king after His own likeness, David. Willmington would speak of "Saul as Israel's first king, David as Israel's finest king and Solomon as Israel's fabulous king." David, according to Hester "must have had an unusual combination of desirable qualities – modesty, sincerity, warmth, piety, faith, courage, and a brilliant mind. Many scholars rank David as the foremost character in the Old Testament." (H.I. Hester, The Heart of Hebrew History, p. 177). David's life can be broken down into three major areas: the years of Reputation (1 Samuel 18:7); the years of Running (19:10-12, 18); and the years of Reigning (16:13; 2 Samuel 2:4; 3:5). We shall direct our thoughts to David's reign.

The key to David's reign was his ability to receive with meekness the engrafted word (James 1:21). David was exactly what God was looking for; God was searching for a man after His heart. This statement is made in contrast to the character of Saul who played the fool by blaming others for his actions (1 Samuel 13:14). Saul blamed everyone but never himself. Unlike Saul, David's heart was tender and could be pricked with the truth. David accepted responsibility for his sins. No man can confess and truly repent unless he is willing to take full responsibility for his sin. Regarding David's sin of not having the Levites move the ark, "David was afraid of the Lord that day, and said, How shall the ark of the Lord come to me?" (2 Samuel 6:9).

Concerning his sin with Bathsheba, he not only confessed, "I have sinned against the Lord" (2 Samuel 12:11), but he willingly accepted the punishment he unwittingly gave to himself (v. 5-6, 7-14). Indeed, David would repay fourfold (v. 6): first, the child would die (v. 18); second, Ammon rapes his half-sister Tamar (13:14); third, Absalom kills Ammon two years later (13:29); and fourth, Absalom rebels against David and is slain (15:6, 12; 18:14). "The chief flaws one can discern in his character are...his indulgences toward his sons, and of course his actions where Bathsheba was concerned. While his adultery and murder cannot be condoned, with this glaring exception he was in every way the ideal ruler. When we remember also his contribution to the temple, the cultus, and the Psalter, it is no wonder that his reign was regarded as a golden age, and that Scripture consistently viewed him as the proto-type of the Messiah, who was to be 'great David's greater Son.'" (D.F. Payne, ISBE, p. 876). Although his failure to discipline his sons caused enormous damage, the sin with Bathsheba is of course the defining moment of David's reign. Adultery, deception, murder are not the traits that Israel frequently observed in David.

David's sin was aggravated and included consequences regardless of God's for-

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*O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself:
it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.*

Jeremiah 10:23

Getting Acquainted With The Redeemer

Rick Popejoy

In Exodus it was Pharaoh who asked the question, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice?" (Ex. 5:2). Moses would answer with ten plagues against all the gods of Egypt (Ex. 12:12). In other words God is a God who will not tolerate a rival for His affections!

This is also indicated in the Decalogue: "And God spake all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me" (Ex. 20:1-3).

In redemption (physical/spiritual), we see the non-moral essence of the Redeemer. We see God's omnipresence (His all-seeing eye); omniscience (His perfect knowledge); omnipotence (His complete power); immutability (His unchangeableness). Redemption also allows us to see the moral attributes of the Redeemer. In other words, God is more than just His knowledge and power. God is Holy (Rev. 4:8-11; Isa. 6:3). God is Good (Mark 10:18). God is Righteous (Psa. 89:14; 97:2). These are terms that express the moral nature of a being.

This is how the Redeemer describes Himself. A redeemer implies bondage. Those who have sold themselves into the bondage of Satan through sin need someone outside of that bondage to redeem them. As Moses was sent into Egypt, the Word became flesh (John 1:1-2, 14). This redeemer is deity in general and Jesus in particular.

The Father is the great designer/architect of redemption (Eph. 3:9-11), whereas Jesus is the executor/operator of the will of deity (1 John 2:2; 4:10). It was Jesus who came in the flesh; it was Jesus who died on the cross. The Spirit then functions as the organizer/revealer

of that plan (2 Pet. 1:21). Man has four basic needs in religion. He needs:

1. A priest to represent him before God (Heb. 3:1);
2. A sacrifice to approach God (Heb. 10:12);
3. A prophet to reveal God to him (John 1:18);
4. A King to control his life (Acts 2:36; 5:31).

Therefore, let us sing the song of:

"The Great Redeemer"

(Foster/Beazley):

*How I love the great Redeemer
Who is doing so much for me;*

*With what joy I tell the story
Of the love that made man free.*

*He has purchased my redemption
Rolled my burden of sin away,*

*And is walking on beside me
Growing dearer day by day.*

Worthy of praise is Christ our Redeemer;

Worthy of glory, honor, and pow'r!

Worthy of all our souls adoration,

Worthy art Thou! Worthy art Thou!

Worthy of riches, blessings, and honor,

Worthy of wisdom, glory, and pow'r!

Worthy of earth and heaven's thanksgiving,

Worthy art Thou! Worthy art Thou!

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 @ gbtv.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 95

Psalm 87-92

& 2 Thessalonians 2-3

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)*



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giving nature. "Sin committed under the conditions favorable to the resistance of temptation becomes thereby aggravated in character." (C. Chapman, The Pulpit Commentary, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, p. 233). Even our own laws teach us the difference between "assault" and "aggravated assault." Nathan told David that his sins had "given great occasion (rlp) to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme" (12:14). With these words Nathan admonished David and then departed.

Regarding his sin in failing to trust God by numbering the people, David again accepted responsibility, "I have sinned," and would not offer a sacrifice that cost him nothing (1 Samuel 24:12, 24). Far too many today confess that they have sinned and then begin to blame everybody for their demise. Sorry, God will not swallow excuses and neither should elders. People sin because THEY CHOOSE to sin! It may be because they choose to neglect something (Hebrews 2:1-2), or because they choose to follow after human wisdom (Matthew 16:8), or because they choose to rebel (2 Peter 2:15). Regardless, THEY CHOOSE!

Saul still lives! He lives in the mentality that would cause a man to blame God for forsaking the assembly; when he says, "If I do not provide for my family, I am worse than an infidel" (1 Timothy 5:8). When in reality the men who generally speak these words have very little spiritual blood running in their veins. God did not speak out of both sides of His mouth. He does not establish one statute that will cause a man to violate a second one! As clearly as Adam was removed from the beauty of the garden and Saul from the approval of God as king, so shall we today be removed from the blessings of salvation for the sin of shifting! Shifting the blame to someone else. David still lives! He lives in the leader who, when he is confronted with God's word genuinely seeks out opportunity to confess his sin having truly repented thereof. Integrity demands that we are willing to admit when we transgress!

Finally, according to 1 Chronicles 29:29 "the acts of King David, from first to last, behold they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer."

Visitation Meeting

Remember our visitation meeting each Sunday night following the evening worship to sign cards and discuss the work going on. Last week **34 contacts** were made.

Benevolence Request

As many of you know, Denny Wilson, the preacher for the DeLeon congregation, suffered a heart attack a few months ago. He is doing much better and has returned to most normal activity but since he had no insurance at the time, his hospital and doctors bills have been quite high. If you would like to contribute to help Denny, you may contribute to the church here by November 3 and earmark your donation for him and it will be forwarded on to him. Thank you in advance.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **October 20-23:** Fall Meeting with Rick Popejoy.
- ◆ **October 27:** Bible Bowl hosted here at 2 PM. Cookie signup will be out at the back of the auditorium and we hope you can be here to help and enjoy the time together.

Meeting Notes: Hope all can join us for lunch today be back with us every opportunity this week. Also remember to bring sandwiches/etc. for a time of food and fellowship after the meeting Monday and Tuesday night. Also remember the lunch Wednesday if you can make it, the signup sheet for needed items is still at the back.

Celebrate

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

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 Bannister (27).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...



| Records | Oct. 6, 2013 | Oct. 13, 2013 |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Bible Class | 48 | 38 |
| AM Worship | 67 | 59 |
| PM Worship | 43 | 58 |
| Wednesday PM | 48 | 54 |
| Contribution | \$1898 | \$1809 |

Privileged To Serve

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

| | | This Week: 10/20/13 | Next Week: 10/27/13 | | |
|------------------------|--|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sunday AM: | | Song Leader: Mike Bannister | Song Leader: Mike Bannister | | |
| Greeters | | Allen & Linda Griffith | Billy & Peggy Chism | | |
| Opening Prayer | | Gene Bannister | Ken Maninger | | |
| Communion | | Jim Moore*, Kevin Wilcox Joe Dennis, Hank Wheeler | John Barnum*, Caleb Dennis Don Smith, Kevin Wilcox | | |
| Closing Prayer | | Allen Griffith | James Thomas | | |
| Attendance Cards | | Caleb Dennis/Seth Smithey | Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez | | |
| Sunday PM: | | Song Leader: Joe Dennis | Song Leader: James Fuller | | |
| Opening Prayer | | Garrett Barnum | Billy Chism | | |
| Scripture Reading | | Tom Wilcox <i>Hebrews 2:1-4</i> | Allen Griffith | | |
| Communion | | Jim Moore | John Barnum | | |
| Closing Prayer | | John Barnum | Gene Bannister | | |
| Wednesday Devotionals: | | October 23 Gospel Meeting | October 30 Don Smith | November 6 Jim Moore | November 13 Joe Dennis |

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 October 20, 2013



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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October 2013

Make Announcements:

James Fuller

Prepare Communion:

John Barnum Family

Clean Building:

Cindy Fuller

Keep Grounds:

James Fuller

November 2013

Make Announcements:

Don Smith

Prepare Communion:

Billy & Peggy Chism

Clean Building:

The Smithey Family

Keep Grounds:

Tom Wilcox

Wednesday Devotionals:

October 23

October 30

November 6

November 13

Jim Moore

Joe Dennis

We are excited to have Rick Popejoy with us this week during our gospel meeting. Rick and his wife, Mona, are active, fruitful workers in the Lord's Church. Rick works with the 9th & Main congregation in San Angelo, TX as an evangelist and recently was appointed as one of the elders there.

We hope you can join us each time this week as we study this wonderful book of the Bible together. Also if you desire an audio recording of the lessons, they are available on CD or on our website in MP3 format. If you want a set of CDs for the meeting, please fill out an attendance card in the pews with your name and address and we will get those to you.