

# 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.

## Heaven Holds All To Me

By Don Prather

During the middle years of his long and exceptionally productive life, Tillit S. Teddlie returned to visit his childhood home. Expecting the house and grounds to be as fresh and well-kept as they were in his memory, he was saddened to find the depression-era dilapidation of dead trees, downed fences, a decaying barn, and a fallen-down house. Combining his disappointment with his faith, brother Teddlie immediately penned these lyrics:

*Earth hold no treasures but perish with using, However precious they be; Yet there's a country to which I am going: Heaven holds all to me.*

*Out on the hills of that wonderful country, Happy, contented and free, Loved ones are waiting and watching my coming: Heaven holds all to me.*

*Why should I long for the world with its sorrows, When in that home o'er the sea, Millions are singing the wonderful story? Heaven holds all to me.*

### CHORUS:

*Heaven holds all to me, Brighter its glory will be; Joy without measure will be my treasure: Heaven holds all to me.*

## Stoning versus Seeing

Whenever I sing this song, my mind travels to Acts 6-7 and the stoning of Stephen. Unable "to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake" (6:10), accusers "stirred up the people...and brought him to the council" (6:12). Standing before his persecutors but about to fall beneath their stones, the first Christian martyr "looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God" (7:55). Why would he "long for the world and its sorrows?" Between God's bright glory and Jesus' ever-living intercession, Heaven held all for Stephen.

## Perishable versus Permanent

"Heaven Holds All To Me" also calls to mind Matthew 6:19-20: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven..." During his life, brother Teddlie no doubt possessed many "precious" "treasures" that "perish with using," a fine gun, a nice car, or a favored house. But why would he cling to his junk and stuff and things when "Joy without measure will be my treasure?"

## Hope and Home

"We are saved by hope," said Paul, "but hope that is seen is not hope" (Rom. 8:24). Contrasting the seen "Earth" and "world" with a future "home" of happiness, contentment, and freedom, "Heaven Holds All To Me" challenges us to "look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are

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*Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go?  
thou hast the words of eternal life.  
And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ,  
the Son of the living God.*

John 6:68-69

# Postures of Prayer

By Kerry Clark

Prayer is certainly one of the most important activities that a Christian does. As a matter of fact, Paul declared, “Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 Thess. 5:17-18). We also remember the words of our Lord:

*And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? (Luke 18:1-7)*

Since the Bible places so much emphasis on prayer, does the Bible mention any particular posture that Christians should use in addressing the Father? Most of us are familiar with pictures of Muslims kneeling on a prayer rug to pray. We have probably seen someone kneel in prayer. You might be interested in knowing that some religious groups within what the world calls “Christianity” dictate how a person should posture themselves for prayer. However, our question in reality ought to be, does the Bible dictate a certain posture for prayer?

The Bible actually mentions many different postures that were used for praying. Here is at least a partial picture of prayer posture:

- Standing (Gen. 24:12-14)
- Bowing down (Exod. 34:8)

- Sitting (Judges 20:26)
- Placing the head between the knees (1 Kings 18:42)
- Facing the temple (Dan. 6:10)
- Kneeling (Mark 1:40)
- Pounding on the breast (Luke 18:13)
- Looking upward (John 17:1).
- Lifting the hands (1 Tim. 2:8)

It must be obvious from the above that no one posture should be elevated above another. Rather than the physical posture of prayer being stressed, it truly is the position of the heart (referring to our mind, spirit or soul) that is important. We might point out at this point that we are not saying that a nonchalant posture in prayer could, and I emphasize the word “could,” indicate a nonchalant attitude toward God. The point is that there were many different praying postures used in Bible times. Therefore, let us notice what is truly important in our prayer life.

The first posture required in prayer is that we must be in Christ. In other words, the first priority in our prayers must be that we are a Christian. Paul wrote, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ” (Eph. 1:3). Notice that Paul said that all spiritual blessings are in Christ. Prayer is a spiritual blessing; therefore, for my prayers to be acceptable, I must be a Christian.

The second posture that needs to be addressed is that the heart must be humble. Before God will answer our prayers, we must humble ourselves before Him. Jesus taught, “But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted” (Matt. 23:11-12). James echoed these words:

*But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God*

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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 96**  
**Psalm 93-98**  
**& 1 Timothy 1-2**

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)*



## Salt of the Earth

By Wade Webster

Years ago, salt tended to clump when the air was humid. To prevent clumping, salt companies began putting additives like magnesium carbonate into their salt. In 1911, the Morton Salt Company began using the slogan, "When it rains it pours", to sell their customers on the fact that their salt wouldn't clump no matter how wet the weather. In 1914, they combined the slogan with a picture that immortalized the concept. The blue label featured a little girl holding an umbrella in one hand to protect her from the rain and an open package of salt tilted back and pouring out under her other arm. The slogan and the picture produced one of the most successful marketing campaigns in history (Eichman 77).

I believe that this story illustrates a wonderful truth about Christianity. As Christians, we are the "salt of the earth" (Mt. 5:13). Because we have an additive called faith in our lives, we don't clump or complain when it rains. We just keep right on singing and serving like we always have. Think about Paul and Silas for a moment. At Philippi, they were severely beaten, cast into prison, and placed in stocks for preaching the gospel and for helping a little girl who was possessed with a spirit of divination (Acts 16:16-24). Although they were mistreated, what do we find them doing at midnight? We find them praying and singing (Acts 16:25). Just think of the positive influence that Paul and Silas' reaction to the rains of life must have had upon the prisoners that heard them. Just think of how much salt they must have sold that night. I know that at least one man, the Philippian jailor, was convinced to give Christianity a try.

As the salt of the earth today, we can be sure that those around us are watching us. They are carefully observing how we handle the showers and stresses of life. If we will keep right on trusting and serving as always, they will likely want to know more about the hope that is within us (1 Pet. 3:15). How much salt will we sell with our lives?

Source For Illustration: Nancy Eichman. *Seasoning Your Words: God's Recipe For Controlling Your Tongue.* Nashville, TN: Gospel Advocate, 1997.

Records	Oct. 13, 2013	Oct. 20, 2013
Bible Class	38	57
AM Worship	59	73
PM Worship	58	59
Mon. PM	N/A	73
Tues. PM	N/A	87
Wed. Class	N/A	24
Wednesday PM	54	61
Contribution	\$1809	\$1872

### 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:

- ◆ **Today:** Bible Bowl hosted here at 2 PM. Please remember to bring cookies that you signed up for and we would love to have you here to support the kids as well.
- ◆ **Nov. 3-6th:** Gospel Meeting at **Rising Star** with Michael Light.

## Celebrate

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

**October Birthdays:** Jim Moore (03), Lisa Greer (05), Matthew Churchwell (07), Jo Maninger (12), Seth Smithy (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...



# Privileged To Serve

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

	<b>This Week: 10/27/13</b>	<b>Next Week: 11/3/13</b>		
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<b>October 2013</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> James Fuller <b>Prepare Communion:</b> John Barnum Family <b>Clean Building:</b> Cindy Fuller <b>Keep Grounds:</b> James Fuller  <b>November 2013</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> Don Smith <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Billy & Peggy Chism <b>Clean Building:</b> The Smithey Family <b>Keep Grounds:</b> Tom Wilcox	
<b>Greeters</b>	Billy & Peggy Chism	The Maninger Family		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Ken Maninger	Allen Griffith		
<b>Communion</b>	John Barnum*, Caleb Dennis Don smith, Kevin Wilcox	Ken Maninger*, Chase Churchwell Hank Wheeler, Garrett Barnum		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	James Thomas	John Barnum		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez	Caleb Dennis/Seth Smithey		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: James Fuller	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Billy Chism	James Thomas		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Allen Griffith	Kevin Wilcox		
<b>Communion</b>	John Barnum	Ken Maninger		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Gene Bannister	Mike Bannister		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	October 30 Don Smith	November 6 Jim Moore	November 13 Joe Dennis	November 20 Allen Griffith

# 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 October 27, 2013</b>	Sunday Class and Sermons by.....Keith Sellers Wednesday PM.....Redemption Through The Bible
<p><i>(Continued from page 1)</i></p> <p>temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Cor. 4:18). Truly Heaven is a wonderful country to which we are going.</p> <p><b>“Loved Ones” and “Millions”</b></p> <p>Although we are surrounded through life by a “great cloud” of faithful and heroic Old Testament “witnesses” (Heb. 12:1), we miss loved ones who have left to join the Lord. Perhaps as he strolled around his rundown old home-place, brother Teddlie recalled grandparents, parents, and brethren who had once strolled there also. He was encouraged toward Heaven to think that “Loved ones are waiting and watching my coming.” He was even more encouraged to think of the “millions,” the “great multitude, which no man could number” (Rev. 7:9) who are “singing the wonderful story.”</p> <p>Combining musical talent with Bible knowledge, we are indebted to brother Teddlie for composing this memorable hymn. Born in 1885 in Swan, Texas, he remained in Northeast Texas for most of his life, serving as a preacher, a writer of almost 130 songs, a teacher of singing schools, a song leader for Gospel meetings, and even as superintendent of Boles Home. In 1987 at 102 years of age, he passed to “the hills of that wonderful country.” Imagining the final moments of his life and the first moments of his eternity, it is easy to believe that brother Teddlie personally experienced the moving truths of “Heaven Holds All To Me.”</p>	<p><i>(Continued from page 2)</i></p> <p>resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. (James 4:6-10)</p> <p>The final posture of the heart that we will discuss is purity. Jesus taught, “Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God” (Matt. 5:8). Paul wrote to the younger preacher Timothy, “Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart” (2 Tim. 2:22).</p> <p>To sum it up, the Bible teaches that our physical posture is not what is most important. Most important is the spiritual posture of the heart.</p>