

# 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

### 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:

Johnny McCaghren

## 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.

## Bible Study Opportunities

Each week we have four opportunities to come together and study God's Word. Some weeks we have more (Gospel meetings, etc.) These times are meant to supplement, not substitute for, your own Bible study at home.

I want to commend our Bible class teachers for the great job they are doing and especially those teaching our children. Teaching is a very important responsibility in grounding our children, young people, and adults in the faith to help them to go to heaven. The eternal destinies of many souls are involved. We are only one generation away from apostasy. If we do not teach our children the truth of God's word while they are under our guidance and influence, they will apostatize and be lost. This is very serious.

God wants His word to be taught diligently. "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise" (Deut. 6:6,7). There is nothing we can do that is more important than teaching God's word. Paul told Timothy, "From childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation" (2 Tim 3:15). What happens when God's word is not taught and studied? "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6).

This morning I will be beginning a sermon series "Studies from Luke." This will not be a verse by verse study, but we will look at the major themes from Luke's account of The Gospel. On Wednesday evenings we are studying Mark's account of The Gospel. These two studies will complement one another and serve to give us a good foundation on the person, teachings and nature of Jesus Christ.

On Sunday evenings are going through a sermon series "Unleashing God's Word in Your Life." This study is designed to strengthen our faith in the Bible as God's infallible, inerrant and authoritative word. To challenge us to apply it in our everyday lives. To help us draw the riches from its pages and implant it in our hearts.

Our Sunday morning Bible study has been looking at the identity of the New Testament church. Challenging us to look deeply at ourselves to make sure we are following the pattern laid down by Christ and His apostles.

Our young people have been studying 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians. They are going to Bible Bowl and being tested over this material and are doing very well

Each Sunday and Wednesday a spiritual feast is being provided. Are you coming to partake of the feast? If not, why not? "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (Mt. 5:6).

Johnny



But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead..."

Matthew 28:5-7

# The Foolishness of Men

by Denny Wilson

Jamie Coots, a Middlesboro, Kentucky preacher for the “Full Gospel Tabernacle in Jesus Name” church and co-star of the National Geographic TV show *Snake Salvation*, died on Saturday night after he was bitten by a rattlesnake that he was handling while leading their denomination in “worship.” He was bitten on the hand during the service but when offered medical care at his home later that evening, he refused the care of the EMS or being taken to the hospital. Less than an hour after refusing medical, Jamie Coots was dead. He is not the first to die in that particular denomination (Melinda Brown 1995) or among those who practice snake handling. He will not be the last if they continue the practice, which I am sure they will.

Why do they do this you ask? Because they have a faulty view of Mark 16:17,18—*“And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”* They do not understand that miracles had a purpose to confirm the word preached (Mark 16:20; Hebrews 2:1-4). Those miracles were not done to test God but to prove that the sermon they preached came from God. Those miracles have ceased with the death of the last apostle and with the temporary nature of the miracles (Acts 8:14-17; 1 Corinthians 13:8-12). Because of their failure to understand the word of God, they have developed a faulty interpretation that cost Jamie Coots his life and will cost many people their souls eternally.

The members of that denomination are not the only people on the face of the earth that pervert religion and The Faith by their own false doctrines. Too many believe God’s ways are foolish and choose their own path. As a result of the foolishness of men, they will reject the wisdom of God laid out for mankind in the Scriptures and will be lost.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25—*“For the word of the cross is*

*folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God...For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe...but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called...Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”*

Errors of all sorts have been added to the worship and practice by a variety of denominations and religions. Everything from exorcism in the Catholic church, baptism of the dead in the Mormon church, nudity in Jainism, refusal of blood transfusion by the Jehovah’s Witnesses, mistreatment of women by Islam, a variety of strange ideas of Dianetics and Scientology, as well as worship of ancestors by Eastern religions have become part of the worship and life of those following the ways of the world. Snake handling is an addition of men never intended by God to be part of the authorized worship.

Christians are not exempt from additions of false practices in worship. Some have perverted the means of entrance into the church rejecting the clear teaching of Scripture that we must be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Some have perverted the authorized leadership within the church from qualified men to just about anyone, including women (1 Timothy 2:1ff). Some have perverted the Lord’s Supper by taking it on some other time than the first day of the week or by not taking it on a weekly basis (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:17ff). These practices are just a few of the departure from the truth of God’s Word but they are just as wrong as snake handling.

When it come to worship, let us be a people who worship to the pattern of the New Testament (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 4:11).

*Denny is the minister for the Deleon church of Christ*

## 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

Sunday @ 6:30 am on Dish:267, DirectTV:376

## Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)

Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

## Internet

TheGospelRadioNetwork.org

Gospel Broadcasting Network

Gbntv.org and on Roku

## 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 113**

**Song of Solomon 2-7**

**& 1 Peter 3-4**

Study sheets are available at the back of the auditorium.

*“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”*

(2 Timothy 2:15)



*In The Area*

- ◆ Apr. 6-9—**Gospel Meeting** @ Hamilton (Mike Vestal)
- ◆ Apr. 6-9—**Gospel Meeting** @ Deleon (Paul Shero)
- ◆ Apr. 20-23—**Gospel Meeting** @ San Angelo (BJ Clarke)
- ◆ May 4-7—**Gospel Meeting** @ Gordon (Michael Light)
- ◆ May 11-14—**Our Gospel Meeting** with Loy Mitchell
- ◆ Jun. 29-Jul. 3—**Junior Camp**
- ◆ Jul. 20-25—**Senior Camp**

*16 Things That Cannot be Done*

It is helpful to know our boundaries, so that we do not spend our efforts in attempting things that cannot be accomplished.

1. God's eternal purpose cannot be overthrown (Acts 5:39).
2. One cannot bear good fruit without Christ (John 15:5).
3. No person can keep his sins hidden forever (1 Timothy 5:24).
4. No person can live after the flesh and please God (Romans 8:8).
5. A person cannot love God and not love his brother in Christ (1 John 4:20).
6. A person cannot serve two masters (Matthew 6:24).
7. No one can take anything out of this world (1 Timothy 6:7).
8. After dying, one cannot be saved (Luke 16:26).
9. One cannot make God a liar (Romans 3:4).
10. One cannot enter into Heaven by any other door but Christ (John 10:1-9).
11. One cannot enter in after the door is closed (Luke 13:25-27).
12. One cannot avoid reaping what he has sown (Galatians 6:7-8).
13. One cannot be justified by the law of Moses (Galatians 3:11; 5:4).
14. One cannot be saved by animal sacrifices (Hebrews 9:22; 10:4-12).
15. Man cannot escape death or the judgment (Hebrews 9:27).
16. A Christian who is faithful till death cannot lose his reward (Matthew 10:42; 1 Corinthians 15:58).

*Bulletin Digest (Nov. 2011)*

*Visitation Meeting*

- ◆ Each Sunday night following the evening worship. Last week **28 contacts** were made.

*Special Announcements*

- ◆ **Bible Bowl** at **Deleon** this afternoon at 2:00.
- ◆ New **House to House, Heart to Heart** on table at back. We get plenty so take them and hand them out!
- ◆ **First Sunday Fellowship** meal next Sunday.
- ◆ **Elders, Deacons, & Preacher's Meeting** next Sunday.

*Celebrate*

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

**March Birthdays:** Jonathan Fuller (2/28), Ken Maninger (4), John Greer (7), Wayne Kahlich (9), Susan Ford (17), Allen Griffith (20), Mileen Kahlich (21), James Thomas (23), Jessica Stultz (28), Ethel Adams (29).

**March Anniversaries:** Billy & Peggy Chism (2/26), James & Cindy Fuller (2), Billie Ford (20), Tom & Carol Wilcox (23).



*Records*

	Feb. 9, 2014	Feb. 16, 2014
Bible Class	35	47
AM Worship	52	61
PM Worship	38	46
Wednesday PM	44	42
Contribution	\$1499	\$2366

# Privileged To Serve

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

		This Week: 2/23/14	Next Week: 3/2/14		<b>February 2014</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> Jim Moore <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Johnny & Cindy McCaghren <b>Clean Building:</b> John Barnum Family <b>Keep Grounds:</b> Tom Wilcox  <b>March 2014</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> Gene Bannister <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Tom & Carol Wilcox <b>Clean Building:</b> Cindy Fuller <b>Keep Grounds:</b> James Fuller	
<b>Sunday AM:</b>		Song Leader: Mike Bannister		Song Leader: Mike Bannister		
<b>Greeters</b>		Dennis Family		Gene & Barbara Bannister		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>		Kevin Wilcox		Gene Bannister		
<b>Communion</b>		Ken Maninger*, Hank Wheeler Joe Dennis, Caleb Dennis		Garrett Barnum*, James Thomas James Fuller, Kevin Wilcox		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>		James Thomas		Ken Maninger		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>		Chase Churchwell		Caleb Dennis		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>		Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		Song Leader: Ken Maninger		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>		Mike Bannister		James Fuller		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>		Hank Wheeler		Joe Dennis		
<b>Communion</b>		Ken Maninger		Garrett Barnum		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>		Hank Wheeler		Billy Chism		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>		February 26 Joe Dennis	March 5 Don Smith	March 12 Tom Wilcox	March 19 Jim Moore	

# 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 February 23, 2014</b>	Sunday Class ..... Identity of the New Testament Church Wednesday PM ..... Mark: Chapter 6
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Studies in Luke—The Birth of Jesus—Chapters 1&amp;2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The center of attention of all four gospel accounts is the nature and character of Jesus.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Their purpose—"that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God" &amp; "by believing you may have life in his name" (Jn. 20:30,31)</li> <li>◆ Luke's purpose—"that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught" (1:1-4)</li> <li>◆ They are not biographies—they focus only on what is necessary to fulfill their purpose</li> <li>◆ Luke is the first volume of a two volume set (w/ Acts)</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ In these two chapters we read of:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Gabriel's announcement of John's birth (1:5-25)</li> <li>◆ Gabriel's announcement of Jesus' birth (1:26-38)</li> <li>◆ Mary's visit to Elizabeth (1:39-56)</li> <li>◆ The birth of John (1:57-80)</li> <li>◆ The birth of Jesus (2:1-7)</li> <li>◆ Birth announcement to some shepherds in a field (2:8-20)</li> <li>◆ Jesus' circumcision (2:21)</li> <li>◆ Jesus presented at the temple, according to the Law (2:22-38)</li> <li>◆ Jesus' visit to the temple at age twelve (2:41-52)</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Note the following themes:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The fear that characterized each divine announcement</li> <li>◆ The birth of Christ was an occasion for great joy, hope, expectation, fulfillment and salvation</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Sadly, this joy, hope and salvation stand in stark contrast to "the rest of the story"—the tragic rejection of Jesus by Israel in general</li> <li>◆ Is your relationship to Christ a story of salvation, or of tragedy?</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unleashing God's Word In Your Life</b> <b>Lesson 11—The Word Sets You Free</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Text: John 8:30-37</li> <li>◆ We gain freedom as we immerse ourselves in the truths of God's Word                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ In our text we see Jews who believed (30), but it was a shallow that would not save them</li> <li>◆ Jesus wanted to take them from their belief to salvation</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ <b>The Progress of Freedom</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ We must progress from "faith" to an "obedient faith" (31,32)</li> <li>◆ "Even the demon's believe—and tremble" (Jas. 2:19)</li> <li>◆ "Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (Jas. 2:17)</li> <li>◆ A true disciple is not just a hearer, but a doer as well (Jas. 1:22)</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ <b>The Pretense of Freedom</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The Jews listening to Jesus did not respond favorably—instead, they built a wall of self-righteousness (33)</li> <li>◆ Jesus offered them freedom, but they didn't need it, or Him</li> <li>◆ Jesus explained their bondage, "Whoever commits sin is a slave of sin" (34)</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ <b>The Promise of Freedom</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ True freedom is found only in the Son, not in slavery (35,36)</li> <li>◆ Jesus offers the crowd of hostile Jews real truth and real freedom</li> <li>◆ Do they accept? Sadly, no—they only seek to kill him (37)</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ God has given us His truth in His Word—what we choose to do with it is up to us</li> <li>◆ We must continue to hold on to the Word and to "abide" in it</li> <li>◆ We must turn back to the Bible again and again to ground ourselves in Christ's teaching, in the truth that can set us free</li> </ul>