

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 Study9:45 AM
Worship10:40 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..... 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.

What Makes A Great Man?

by David Harris

We live in a society that is quick to judge the worth of an individual. Most of the time the judgment is based on one's material worth, or possessions, good looks, or influence in society based upon family ties. The question that needs to be asked is what makes a great man in the eyes of God? For this we must go to the scriptures and see the examples set forth. It all has to do with what we do here on this earth, with our moment in time. We are all given equal opportunities to use our moment any way we choose; the great man will choose to use his moment in time for service. He will choose to serve and honor God with good works that will benefit the Kingdom (Eph.2:10). He will be set for the defense of the gospel, anywhere and anytime (Phil.1:17). He will find a way to do good to all men, but especially to those of the household of faith (Gal.6:10). He will have used his moment in time to earn the praise of children, small and big, who would look to him for advice, guidance, and laughter. He will use his moment in time, knowing that "*none of us lives to himself, and no man dies to himself*" (Rom.14:7). This great man will live a life knowing that he will have an influence on someone, and be responsible for his salvation or his lost condition. God sums up the qualities of a great man for us; "*The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that you build unto me? And where is the place of my rest? For all those things has mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembles at my word*" (Isa.66:1-2).

We may live a lifetime and find only a few great men like this, but if we are fortunate and privileged, we will have been blessed to know a few, very few. Jim Moore was such a man. He was not rich, in the sense of material wealth. He was not particularly handsome as some count handsomeness; he was not well known in society as some popular political candidate, nor was he kin to famous people. Jim Moore nevertheless, was a great man. He used his moment in time to help and influence children to grow into mature Christian men and women. He spent more than twenty sessions at camp over the last several years, as the camp cook, making camp life for all involved a wonderful experience. He was never a complainer, even though he may not have felt as well as he looked. He was always the great encourager. He helped young preachers reach a potential they did not know they had. Jim was always ready to visit the sick, and lonely and comfort them with those great words of encouragement that he never seemed to run out of. He was the best company that one could be around, steadfast always *abounding in the work of the Lord* (1 Cor.15:58). Jim was never bitter, or a railer, he was instead tenderhearted and forgiving. Jimmy used his moment in time, as one who was poor in spirit, but rich in good works, glorifying God. Jim had the ability to mourn and to be meek, to be pure in heart and a peacemaker among men. He had the desire to know God's Word and to be led by it. Jim was indeed rich and beautiful, not by man's standards, but by God's standards. May we all be blessed to have known such a man. May we all pray that we too, could use our moment in time, as did Jim, to be great in the sight of our great God.

Jim Moore: October 3, 1939 – March 10, 2014



"*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*"... "*Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.*"
Luke 4:18,19,21

I Am A Failure

I admit it. I am a complete and total failure. Although I am a Christian and a preacher of the gospel, I fall short. I have sinned. I have been a poor father at times. I have been a lousy husband. I have treated others unkindly. I have been guilty of harboring bitterness and anger in my heart. I have lusted. I have been greedy. I have coveted. I have envied. I have had impure thoughts. I have gossiped. I have slandered. I have deceived. I have been the poster child for unrighteousness. BUT, though I have failed, I am joyful. Though I have been stained with sin, I am hopeful. Though I have been a disappointment to myself and to God, I march ahead. Why? Because my FAILURE IS NOT FINAL!

In the fall of 1997, I put on Christ in baptism. My sins were washed away. I became a child of God and, thus, I became a new creature in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). The sinful, self-centered individual I was before had been buried. He no longer existed. Suddenly I had some things I never had prior to that day. I had forgiveness. I had hope. I had purpose. As a result, my life became about something bigger and more profound. It was no longer about me and satisfying the flesh. Now life was about serving God and serving others. My eyes were opened to a whole new world; one in which God and His will took center-stage. Though I still fail from time to time, my failure is not fatal because of the redeeming power of Christ's blood (1 Jn. 1:7).

Allow me to share with you a passage of scripture

that spoke to me when I was contemplating my own sinfulness and what to do about it.

“For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:6-8).

Christ died for me when I was the most unlovable. Though I was completely ungodly, He gave His life for me. Such a thought arrests me, and brings me to tearful reflection. My Lord doesn't want failure to define me. He wants to redefine me. He wants my identity to be lost in Him. I believe He wants us all to be able to recite the words of Paul: *“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me” (Gal 2:20).*

Some might ask, “Why would a minister share his struggles so openly in a blog post?” The answer is simple: I want people to know that even their minister fails. The one they often view as being above sin has had to seek forgiveness time and time again. I want to be the example. No one is more qualified to talk about sin and forgiveness than me. My life is a sermon about redemption. I am living proof that FAILURE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE FATAL!

Chris McCurley, Preaching Minister @ Oldham Lane church of Christ, Abilene

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 116

Isaiah 12-17

& 1 John 1-2

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)



- ◆ Apr. 12-15—Annual **Southwest Lectures @ Austin** “Equipping for Service: Lessons from the Pastoral Epistles” (Various Speakers)
- ◆ Apr. 20-23—**Gospel Meeting @ San Angelo** (BJ Clarke)
- ◆ Apr. 20-23—**Gospel Meeting @ Bangs** (Tyler Young)
- ◆ Apr. 25-27—**Lovelady Lectures @ Lovelady** “Lessons in Lyrics” (Various Speakers)
- ◆ Apr. 26—**Bible Bowl @ Stephenville**
- ◆ Apr. 26—**Ladies Day @ Deleon**
- ◆ May 3—**Cherokee Day @ Cherokee Home for Children** (see bulletin board for details and donation needs)
- ◆ 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**

Wanted: Dependable Person

In virtually every classified section of the newspaper, we find some employer advertising for a “dependable person” so occupy some position of trust and responsibility. Business owners state that finding employees they can count on is their number one problem. No organization can succeed without dependable personnel. The lazy, irresponsible, hit-and-miss type is a shame to his company and hinders its effectiveness.

It is equally true that the local congregation cannot be an effective organization unless it consist of “dependable” Christians; that is, members who will shoulder their responsibilities along with the rest and cooperate to fulfill the mission of the church. While the Bible does not use the word “dependable,” it does use equivalent terms such as “steadfast” and “zealous” (1 Cor. 15:58, Titus 2:14, etc.). Every Christian should be characterized by these terms. He or she should be one who can be “counted on” at all times.

The sad, but true, fact of the matter is, however, that many congregations have a percentage of undependable members: members who couldn’t hold down a job for a week if they conducted themselves toward their work like they do toward the church and the Lord’s work. The church of our Lord needs each member to be dependable in shouldering our responsibilities; more dedicated in our efforts to put the kingdom of God foremost in our lives.

Brethren, we lost one of our most “dependable” members this week. He has gone on to his well deserved rest, but the work of the church remains to be done. Jim left some big shoes to fill. David Harris challenged us in this regard Friday at the memorial service. Who will step up to take Jim’s place? Jim would want no greater legacy than that the work of the Lord, that he loved so greatly, continue on unhindered. Let us honor him by never missing a step.

Johnny

Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **33 contacts** were made.

Special Announcements

- ◆ Services at **Care. Inc.** this afternoon at 2:30 and at **Vicksburg** at 3:30. Everyone is welcome.
- ◆ **Mar. 22—Ladies Get Together @ McCaghren’s** home 9:00a—12:00n. Bible study and fellowship. Please RSVP to Cindy by Wednesday night.

In The Area

- ◆ Mar. 16-18—**Gospel Meeting @ Glen Rose** “*Joash: The King that Dedicated His Heart to God*” (Craig Shackelford)
- ◆ Mar. 30—**Bible Bowl @ Hamilton** (2 Cor. 9-13)
- ◆ Apr. 6-9—**Gospel Meeting @ Hamilton** “*Getting at the Heart of Things*” (Mike Vestal)
- ◆ Apr. 6-9—**Gospel Meeting @ Deleon** (Paul Shero)

Celebrate

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

March Birthdays: Ken Maninger (4), John Greer (7), Wayne Kahlich (9), Brian Leftwich (14), Susan Ford (17), Allen Griffith (20), Mileen Kahlich (21), James Thomas (23), Jessica Stultz (28), Ethel Adams (29).

March Anniversaries: James & Cindy Fuller (2), Billie Ford (20), Tom & Carol Wilcox (23).



Records

	Mar. 2, 2014	Mar. 9, 2014
Bible Class	35	33
AM Worship	56	50
PM Worship	23	35
Wednesday PM	41	32
Contribution	\$1842	\$1719

Privileged To Serve

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

This Week: 3/16/14		Next Week: 3/23/14		March 2014 Make Announcements: Gene Bannister Prepare Communion: Tom & Carol Wilcox Clean Building: Cindy Fuller Keep Grounds: James Fuller April 2014 Make Announcements: Garrett Barnum Prepare Communion: Gene & Barbara Bannister Clean Building: Johnny & Cindy McCaghren Keep Grounds: Tom Wilcox
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister		
Greeters	Tom & Carol Wilcox	Billy & Peggy Chism		
Opening Prayer	Hank Wheeler	James Fuller		
Communion	James Fuller*, Kevin Wilcox Garrett Barnum, James Thomas	Ken Maninger*, Gene Bannister Don Smith, Chase Churchwell		
Closing Prayer	John Barnum	John Barnum		
Attendance Cards	Caleb Dennis	Chase Churchwell		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: Joe Dennis	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		
Opening Prayer	Billy Chism	James Thomas		
Scripture Reading	Tom Wilcox	John Barnum		
Communion	James Fuller	Ken Maninger		
Closing Prayer	Gene Bannister	Kevin Wilcox		
Wednesday Devotionals:	March 19 Kevin Wilcox	March 26 Garrett Barnum	April 2 Don Smith	April 9 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 March 16, 2014		Sunday Class The Organization of the New Testament Church Wednesday PM Mark: Chapter 7	
<p>Studies in Luke—Rejected In Nazareth—4:16-30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ "No prophet is acceptable in his hometown" (24) ◆ "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household" (Mk. 6:4) ◆ Luke opened with a joyous note of expectation and hope, anticipation and salvation—now he adds an additional preview of Israel's tragic rejection of Christ. ◆ On the Sabbath, in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus read from Isaiah 61:1,2: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (18,19). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Jesus then stated, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing" (21). ◆ Nazareth's reaction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ "All spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words" (22). ◆ Then came the doubt, "Is this not Joseph's son?" (22). ◆ After Jesus rebuked them with examples from Elijah and Elisha's time, "all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which the town was build, so that they could throw him down the cliff" (28,29). ◆ Luke then tells of the glad acceptance of Jesus in Capernaum, in Simon's house, and by the multitudes (31-44). ◆ Who had they rejected? The very Son of God! ◆ Why did they reject Him? Unbelief! He was "Joseph's son"! ◆ They said, "Prove it!" - But Jesus did not do miracles for a show. 		<p>Unleashing God's Word In Your Life Lesson 14—The Word Produces Fruit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Text: John 15:1-8 ◆ What is Christian fruit? How much fruit are you producing? ◆ He is the vine; we are the branches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Jesus is the vine; the Father is the vinedresser; we (individual Christians) are the branches ◆ The people could relate to this illustration because of similar OT analogies and the abundance of vineyards in Palestine ◆ Jesus says, "I am the true vine" (1) ◆ The work of the vinedresser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The vinedresser had two tasks: to cut off branches that bear no fruit, and to prune the fruit-bearing branches to bear more fruit ◆ There are two kinds of Christians: those who bear no fruit (who will be cut away), and those who bear fruit (who will be pruned) ◆ What is not Christian fruit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Important notice: <u>fruit bearing is a requirement, not an option!</u> ◆ God does not want "plastic fruit" - success, sensationalism, simulation, etc. ◆ What real Christian fruit is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ A Christ-like character (Gal. 5:22,23) ◆ Praising the Lord in worship (Heb. 13:15) ◆ Good works (Eph. 2:8-10) ◆ Winning others to Christ (John 4:35,36) ◆ Do God's words control your life? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ We must let the words of God be the infallible, inerrant authority in our lives ◆ He is the vine—only by being in Him can we bear Christian fruit 	