

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.

Why Many Christians Are Not Helping Anyone Change

I was having lunch with one of my best friends and fellow preachers yesterday. While talking, it occurred to me why very few Christians are very good at helping other people change. If life were a football game, there would be three kinds of Christians trying to affect change.

1. Spectator Christians

There are Christians who love to sit in the stands and commentate to one another about how people are living their lives. They talk about fellow Christians and people in the world. They say, "I cannot believe so-and-so. Do you know what he's been doing? If he would just stop that and start doing these other things, his life would be so much better." Spectator Christians love to think they are affecting change in the world simply by commentating to one another.

There are Spectator Christians in pulpits and pews all over the world. There are Spectator Christians on Facebook and Twitter. And chances are, most of us have found ourselves being Spectator Christians at one time or another. Even if we are right in our commentary, we are talking *about* people instead of *to* people. This type of Christianity is almost completely ineffective at affecting change.

2. Referee Christians

There are also Christians who take it upon themselves to referee everyone. These are the Christians who run up and down the sidelines, calling penalties on others for even the slightest of infractions. If someone walks into the worship assembly with immodest clothing, the Referee Christians bluntly tell them their clothes are inappropriate. They constantly critique, correct, and criticize.

Before long, other people run when they see Referee Christians coming. People know they can't spend more than a few minutes with Referee Christians without a flag being thrown about something. Referee Christians spend time with struggling Christians and people in the world – not to build relationships with them – but to correct them. The only type of change Referee Christians usually affect is that they run people off.

3. Participating Christians

Then there are Christians who don't stay on the sidelines. They get down on the field of life with people. They build real relationships with people in the world and with struggling Christians. They get dirty. They invest blood, sweat, and tears. They laugh and cry with people. They share life with people.

These types of Christians build real relationships before they start correcting and teaching. They become friends with those they are trying to influence. They befriend sinful, broken, hurting, and confused people. These are the types of Christians who affect real change. They realize change is not affected from the sidelines, but on the field!

The Example of Jesus

Isn't this how Jesus affected change? Isn't this the example He left for us? He "*made himself nothing*" and took on "*the form of a servant*" (Phil. 2:7). He "*dwelt among us*" (Jn. 1:14). He became a "*friend of tax collectors and sinners*" (Lk. 7:34). He could have stayed on the sidelines of heaven, but instead He came to earth to bleed, sweat, and cry with us! That's how you affect change.

Listen to the words of Rom. 12:14-21 and examine your life: "*Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'* To the contrary, '*if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.*' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

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"No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light."
Luke 10:29,36,37

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND A
GOSPEL MEETING
AT THE PARK HEIGHTS CHURCH OF CHRIST

THEME: GETTING AT THE HEART OF THINGS

Sunday, April 6
Bible Class - 9:30 a.m.
Getting at the Heart of Real Christianity

Morning worship - 10:30 a.m.
Getting at the Heart of the Gospel

Evening worship - 6:00 p.m.
Getting at the Heart of Worship

Monday, April 7 - 7:00 p.m.
Getting at the Heart of Grace

Tuesday, April 8 - 7:00 p.m.
Getting at the Heart of the Family

Wednesday, April 9 - 7:00 p.m.
Getting at the Heart of Heaven



Speaker:
MIKE VESTAL, Evangelist
APRIL 6-9, 2014

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APRIL 6-9, 2014

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
Gbnv.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 119
Isaiah 30-35
& 3 John—Jude

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)



Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **26 contacts** were made.

Special Announcements

- ◆ Today after morning service—First Sunday Fellowship Meal & Elders, Deacons, and Preacher’s meeting.

In The Area

- ◆ **This Week—Gospel Meeting @ Hamilton “Getting at the Heart of Things”** (Mike Vestal)
- ◆ **This Week—Gospel Meeting @ Deleon “The Church”** (Paul Shero)
- ◆ Apr. 12-15—Annual Southwest Lectures @ Austin “Equipping for Service: Lessons from the Pastoral Epistles” (Various Speakers)
- ◆ Apr. 20-23—Gospel Meeting @ San Angelo “Building on the Solid Rock” (BJ Clarke)
- ◆ Apr. 20-23—Gospel Meeting @ Bangs (Tyler Young)
- ◆ Apr. 20-23—Gospel Meeting @ Granbury Street (Cleburne) “God Built A Church” (Don Walker)
- ◆ Apr. 20-23—Gospel Meeting @ Colleyville “Come Let Us Reason Together” (Andy Baker)
- ◆ Apr. 25-27—Lovelady Lectures @ Lovelady “Lessons in Lyrics” (Various Speakers)
- ◆ Apr. 26—Bible Bowl @ Stephenville
- ◆ Apr. 26—Ladies Day @ Deleon
- ◆ May 3—Ladies Day @ Granbury Street (Cleburne) “Inside Out: Showing Our Inner Beauty to the Outside World” (Evelyn Bonner)
- ◆ 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

THE CHURCH

GOSPEL MEETING WITH PAUL SHERO

WHEN: APRIL 6-9, 2014

WHERE: DE LEON CHURCH OF CHRIST

The De Leon church of Christ would like to invite you to come worship with us during our annual Gospel Meeting. This year, Paul Shero will preaching the Word. We look forward to this time of fellowship.

On Sunday after our morning services, we will have a potluck luncheon. We would love for you to be our guest for worship and the meal to follow. We will also have a luncheon after our Wednesday morning classes. Please come and be our guest for this week of study and growth in Christ.

Gospel Preacher Paul Shero

Paul Shero has preached in San Angelo for the Southgate church of Christ for 35 years & has been a gospel preacher for over 43 years. He has preached in 16 states & 16 foreign countries. Paul & his wife, Patsy, have 2 daughters, Kimberly Leenerts & Jennifer Rackley of San Angelo & seven grandchildren.



SUNDAY SERVICES

Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
The Church & Suffering (Revelation 4 & 5)

Worship: 10:45 a.m.
The Church in Covenant (Hebrews 10)

Worship: 6:00 p.m.
What Happens When We worship? (Hebrews 12)

Weekday Services

Monday: 7:00 p.m.
The Church Outside the Camp (Hebrews 13)

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.
What God Does for Us (Hebrews 13)

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.
What Happens When We Pray? (Revelation 8)

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.
The Church's Influence (Hebrews 11)

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Is it time you get off the sidelines and get on the field? Is it time you stop thinking you can change the world by simply posting to Facebook and Twitter? Is it time you think you're doing something about the sin problem by just preaching against it?

You have to invest yourself if you want to help. You have to invest your blood, sweat, and tears – just as Christ did. Many Christians are content to stay on the sidelines, but how about you? Are you ready to really affect change? Are you ready to really be a light to the world and the salt of the earth? Let's do it together!

And before I close, I might need to remind us that we're not perfect either. I'm thankful people befriended me when I needed it most. I'm thankful for those who didn't remain on the sidelines but got down on the field with me. Aren't you thankful for people like that in your life? Now go do that for someone else!

Wes McAdams, via radicallychristian.com

Celebrate

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

April Birthdays: Julie Baker (1), Lasha Dennis (6), Ginger King (8), Kristi Maninger (9), Darlene Smith (10), Earlene Burge (17), Birdie Reynolds (17), Caroline Dennis (30).

April Anniversaries: John & Tina Barnum (8).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	Mar. 23, 2014	Mar. 30, 2014
Bible Class	50	46
AM Worship	72	63
PM Worship	48	59
Wednesday PM	46	40
Contribution	\$1769	\$2086

Privileged To Serve

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

		This Week: 4/6/14	Next Week: 4/13/14		
Sunday AM:		Song Leader: Mike Bannister		Song Leader: Mike Bannister	
Greeters	Hank Wheeler; James, Cindy Fuller		Gene & Barbara Bannister		
Opening Prayer	Allen Griffith		John Barnum		
Communion	Ken Maninger*, Gene Bannister Chase Churchwell, James Fuller		Don Smith*, Allen Griffith Kevin Wilcox, Tom Wilcox		
Closing Prayer	John Barnum		Garrett Barnum		
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell		Chase Churchwell		
Sunday PM:		Song Leader: Joe Dennis		Song Leader: James Fuller	
Opening Prayer	John Barnum		Billy Chism		
Scripture Reading	Tom Wilcox		John Barnum		
Communion	Ken Maninger		Don Smith		
Closing Prayer	Don Smith		Gene Bannister		
Wednesday Devotionals:	April 9 Joe Dennis		April 16 Tom Wilcox	April 23 Kevin Wilcox	April 30 Don Smith

April 2014
Make Announcements:
 Garrett Barnum
Prepare Communion:
 Gene & Barbara Bannister
Clean Building:
 Johnny & Cindy McCaghren
Keep Grounds:
 Tom Wilcox

May 2014
Make Announcements:
 John Barnum
Prepare Communion:
 John Barnum Family
Clean Building:
 Jessica Stultz
Keep Grounds:
 James Fuller

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)

<i>Studies for the week of April 6, 2014</i>	<i>Sunday Class The Organization of the New Testament Church Wednesday PM Mark: Chapter 8</i>
<p>Studies in Luke—The Pharisees—11:33-36</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Jesus speaks of a man's life and his receptivity to spiritual truth under the metaphor of the eye and light. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ When the eye is healthy, the whole body is full of light. ◆ When the eye is bad, the whole body is full of darkness. ◆ Jesus' identity had been clearly manifested by the works He has done before them, and by the words He had spoken. ◆ The eye here represents the spiritual focus of a person—their intellect, will, emotions. ◆ The Pharisees refused to believe, not because of the lack of evidence, but in spite of the evidence—they refused to see. ◆ The context: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Jesus has cast out a demon but is accused of doing so by the power of Beelzebul, prince of the demons (14-16). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Others insisted on further signs from Him (16). ◆ Jesus tries to reason with them, but to no avail (17-26). ◆ Regarding their evil request for a sign, Jesus said no sign would be given but the sign of Jonah (29). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ He contrasted their unbelief with the belief of the Ninevites and the queen of the south (29-32) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ They had believed without signs. ◆ They were not Jews. ◆ One greater than Jonah and Solomon was now present—the Son of God. ◆ Why could these Jews not believe what the Gentiles seemed to see so easily? Unbelief. ◆ Why do some many today fail to see spiritual truth? Unbelief! ◆ There is none so blind as those that will not see! 	<p>The Epistle of James—The Gifts of God 1:1-18—Part 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Theme: How to live through trials ◆ The Christian Attitude Toward Suffering (1:2-4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ "Count it all joy" - James begins with a very difficult admonition. Joy when bad things happen? ◆ "Various trials" - life is filled with all types of trials, because we need maturing in various ways. ◆ "Trials" - is not the same as temptation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Trials = outward opportunity to sin. ◆ Temptation = inward desire to sin. ◆ Temptation often comes in how we react to trials. ◆ "Testing" - to purge out the impurities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ God tests us to bring out our best—Satan tempts us to bring out our worst. ◆ Testing produces steadfastness (patience). ◆ Impatience and unbelief go hand in hand, as do patience and faith. ◆ "Perfect" - full grown, mature, fit for a purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Does not mean sinless. ◆ Wisdom in Trials (1:5-8) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Wisdom as used by James—the effective understanding of the believer's journey through life. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Not general wisdom, but wisdom to see the value in trials. ◆ "Let him ask" - God promises wisdom to those who ask. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ God supplies wisdom through His providence and His word working together—not miraculously. ◆ "Ask in faith, with no doubting" - we must believe in God's promises.