

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.

The Value of a Gospel Meeting



Our gospel meeting begins four weeks from today, Sunday May 11th, with brother Loy Mitchell. A gospel meeting gives us the opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ so that they might gain a faith that will lead them to salvation. We will not engage in worldly humor, but humble learning of the Bible for "it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16).

Loy will preach the Word. He has been doing so since 1950 both in the U.S. and in Africa (Zimbabwe), where he lived and worked for 28 years. Loy's desire is for all men to know about Jesus Christ and to become Christians. Like the Lord, his desire is "to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10).

We need to invite our friends and neighbors so that they will have an opportunity to hear a faithful, seasoned gospel preacher teach them all "the oracles of God" (1 Pet. 4:11). We have called upon a preacher, now all of us need to put forth the effort to invite lost souls to hear the message that he will bring from the word of God. Our primary purpose for having a gospel meeting is to win souls to Christ. This is accomplished by teaching the truth about salvation and God's will for our lives (John 8:32; Titus 2:11-12).

Our theme will be "**The Truth: Things Every Person Needs To Know.**" We will have simple, bible based lessons on "The Bible is our only guide," "Rightly dividing the Word," "The destructiveness of sin," "Jesus Christ is the answer," "The church Jesus built," and "What must I do to be saved?". We will simply open our Bibles and study God's Word together in a way that all can understand.

In addition to saving the lost, a gospel meeting will strengthen all the Christians who attend. We are built up by the preaching and teaching of the will of the Lord. A gospel meeting can also create enthusiasm among the members of the local body. When we all become enthused about what we are doing, we then want to do it even more. By listening attentively to the word preached, we can take inventory of our own lives to ensure that we are doing all we can for Christ. Paul wrote, "Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? - unless indeed you fail to meet the test?" (2 Cor. 13:5)? Here are some suggestions of things we can do to make our upcoming gospel meeting a success.

- Pray about the meeting; that souls may hear and give heed to the gospel.
- Be present at all the services and be prepared to study, learn and apply all lessons to your life.
- Invite others to hear the gospel preached.
- Sing with the spirit and understanding.
- Be friendly and get visitors names for follow-up.
- Speak words of encouragement to all.

The value of a gospel meeting is to save souls and edify the saints. But this can only be done if we invite others and attend every service ourselves. The elders, deacons, and all the faithful members here at 4th & Stewart church of Christ want to see you here, but most importantly, can the Lord count on you to be here? Can He count on you to encourage others to come?



"And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Luke 12:18-21

10 Things Husbands Should Never Do in Their Marriage

NEVER be unwilling to forgive. Don't hold on to all the negative things about your relationship and never bring up past hurts. Instead, remind her that you love her ... everyday.

NEVER plop your fat rear-end down in a chair after work without first asking your wife if she needs some help with something. Just because your workday has ended, doesn't mean you can't still help with hers. Run a vacuum, load the dishwasher, help put the kids to bed, etc. It's your house too. Get up and do something to help.

NEVER be critical of your wife in public. There is NEVER an excuse for this. If you have an issue with your wife, discuss it with her, not your buddies at the golf course.

NEVER think that communication is overrated. Your wife needs communication as much as you need air to breathe. When she asks, "What did you do today at work?" Don't say, "Nothing!" instead, give her all the details.

NEVER stop pursuing your wife. Work as hard everyday to keep her as you did to win her before you were married. Things like sending flowers, holding hands, leaving notes, etc. It's called affection. Those things should NEVER end. One of the things you can do is date your wife (at least once a week). One of the worst things you can do for your marriage is not investing any "alone time" as a husband and wife. Find a sitter and take your wife out for supper.

NEVER stop praising your wife. You can't over-praise your wife. Tell her she's still beautiful, that she's a good mother or a fantastic wife. No wife has ever said, "I don't like it when you say nice things about me." Be her BIGGEST fan.

NEVER EVER say something critical about your wife's new haircut. There are a few things women take VERY serious, and their hair style is one of them. Being critical about your wife's new hair style will only lead to the doghouse, sofa or both.

NEVER hide things from your wife. Honesty and openness is HUGE to your wife. Don't hide text messages, friendships, emails, passwords, etc. Openness leads to accountability, which is excellent in marriage.

NEVER invest more time into your hobbies or occupation than your marriage and family. Your marriage should be FIRST priority, your family second and then your occupation and hobbies. Don't be dumb enough to put your marriage and family on the back burner and later regret it.

NEVER refer to keeping your own children as "babysitting." They're your kids and you are their father ... it's not babysitting, it's called being a father.

10 Things Wives Should Never Do in Their Marriage

NEVER criticize or belittle your husband in public. A husband's ego is fragile and being critical of him in public or to your girlfriends is crushing.

NEVER withhold sex from your husband as punishment for something he has done wrong.

NEVER put your relationship with your children above your relationship with your husband. Don't stop being a mother, but just don't make your children more important than your relationship with your husband.

NEVER forget to regularly brag on your spouse. Men are like children, they are motivated by praise. You cannot tell him too often how nice he looks, what a good dad he is, what a good provider he is, how much he still turns you on, etc. Simply be his biggest cheerleader.

NEVER view meeting your husband's needs sexually as a chore, but as a priority. Whether you're having sex five times a week or five times a year ... be happy. A healthy sexual relationship with your spouse is a sign of a healthy marriage ... so strive to make your sex life sizzle.

NEVER use the silent treatment. The silent treatment is an immature and horribly unhealthy way of communicating that something is wrong. Just share your heart.

NEVER expect your husband to read your mind or to know what's wrong with you. Ladies, I've said it once and I'll say it a million more times, you CANNOT connect the dots close enough for us men to catch on to what you are thinking. Just spell it out. Dropping hints or just expecting your husband to know what your thinking will only lead to MORE frustration. Simply tell us what's on your mind.

NEVER underestimate the importance of doing things your husband likes to do. Be your husband's best friend and spend time doing things he likes to do. Take interest in some of his hobbies. Some of the best memories you can make together are when you're spending time together.

NEVER take for granted your physical appearance. Everyone knows that men are visually stimulated, so dress with the goal of pleasing him. I'm not saying you have to be a trophy wife, but do the best with what you have. Face cream, rollers in your hair and an old pink bathrobe should not be the norm for how he sees you.

NEVER forget to be limitless in your forgiveness. Husbands can make mistakes with the best of them, so always be willing to forgive.

Both list compiled by Chris McCurley

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 120

Isaiah 36-41

& Revelation 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)



Let Us Reason Together” (Andy Baker)

- ◆ Apr. 25-27—**Lovelady Lectures @ Lovelady** “Lessons in Lyrics” (Various Speakers)
- ◆ 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**

Visitation Meeting

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

Special Announcements

- ◆ I will be in Austin Monday and Tuesday attending the Southwest Lectures. If you need me, call or text me—Johnny
- ◆ **May 3—Work Day.** If you know of any repair/maintenance that needs to be done, let Don Smith know.
- ◆ There is a new **Spiritual Sword** available at the back of the auditorium. The Theme: Are We Losing the Distinctive Edge?
- ◆ The final **Bible Bowl** scheduled for **April 26 @ Stephenville** and **DeLeon’s Ladies Day** for the same date have both been **cancelled**.

In The Area

- ◆ 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

Are You a Christian Only?

Jesus did not tell His disciples to go and make Baptists, Methodists, or Presbyterians of all nations; He told them to make disciples (Matt. 28:19). Those disciples would later be called, “Christians” (Acts 11:26). So, if the Bible teaches us to simply be disciples of Christ, or Christians, then why are there an estimated 41,000 denominations in the world?

Isn’t it time to cast off the chains of denominationalism?! Isn’t it time to be Christians only?!

Similar to the situation that exists today, many Christians were following preachers instead of following Christ only. They were saying, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” Paul responded, “Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul” (1 Cor. 1:12,13)?

I would ask the same thing today, “Did Martin Luther die for you? Or were you baptized in the name of John Wesley?” Why are you calling yourself after a man? Why are you wearing any religious label other than “Christian”?

Recently, someone told me this was a nice thought, but there was no such thing as “nameless Christianity” today. I beg to differ! There are millions of Christians around the world who wear no other religious label but “Christian.”

Won’t you join us? Won’t you cast off the chains of denominationalism and simply be a disciple of Christ?

Wes McAdams via www.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. 30, 2014	Apr. 6, 2014
Bible Class	46	55
AM Worship	63	70
PM Worship	59	49
Wednesday PM	40	45
Contribution	\$2086	\$1775

Privileged To Serve

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

	This Week: 4/13/14	Next Week: 4/20/14		
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	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	
Greeters	Gene & Barbara Bannister	Mileen & Ashley Kahlich		
Opening Prayer	John Barnum	Allen Griffith		
Communion	Don Smith*, Allen Griffith Kevin Wilcox, Tom Wilcox	Joe Dennis*, Gene Bannister Caleb Dennis, Hank Wheeler		
Closing Prayer	Garrett Barnum	Ken Maninger		
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell	Caleb Dennis		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: James Fuller	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		
Opening Prayer	Billy Chism	Hank Wheeler		
Scripture Reading	John Barnum	Garrett Barnum		
Communion	Don Smith	Joe Dennis		
Closing Prayer	Gene Bannister	James Fuller		
Wednesday Devotionals:	April 16 Tom Wilcox	April 23 Kevin Wilcox	April 30 Don Smith	May 7 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)

Studies for the week of April 13, 2014	Sunday Class The Organization of the New Testament Church Wednesday PM Mark: Chapter 8
<p>Studies in Luke—Where Are Your Treasures?—12:13-21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Jesus' discourse is interrupted by someone with a mundane request, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me" ◆ Jesus uses the opportunity to teach about covetousness. ◆ The Rich Fool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ A certain man's crops produced more than he could store. ◆ His attitude: "My...my...my...my...my" (17,18). ◆ His conclusion: "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry" (19). ◆ However, God had other plans: "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" (20). ◆ This man had prepared for his physical needs, but neglected his spiritual needs. ◆ His soul was required, but he was unprepared. ◆ "So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God" (21). ◆ Do Not Be Anxious <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ God cares for the ravens and the lilies, will he not care for you? ◆ Treasures of earth fail (thieves, corrosion, moths), but treasures laid up in heaven will never fail. ◆ "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (34) ◆ Man's treasure will be in one of two things—God or money. ◆ Where is your treasure? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness. ◆ Do not be anxious concerning the necessities of life. God will provide. ◆ Be content with those necessities. 	<p>The Epistle of James—The Gifts of God 1:1-18—Part 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Trials of Poverty and Riches (9-11) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Everyone is to be equal in the church—There is no respect for a person's wealth or status. ◆ Worldly wealth is temporary—One's position with God is permanent. ◆ Patient Endurance in Trial Rewarded (12) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Take trials on head on—when knocked down, refuse to stay down. ◆ If we endure, we will receive the victor's crown. ◆ Temptations Do Not Come From God (13-16) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ We cannot excuse our giving in to temptation by blaming it on someone else—especially God. ◆ We are tempted by our own desires, which lure and entice. ◆ We must not fall for Satan's bait! ◆ There is a birthing process for sin: lust, conception, birth, death. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ As we move down this progression, it gets more and more difficult to stop—nip your lust in the bud before it grows! ◆ All sin, unrepented of and unforgiven, results in death. ◆ The True Nature of God's Giving (17,18) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ God does not ever give bad gifts. ◆ Every good gift we have ever received has its source in God. ◆ God is unchanging, thus He constantly gives us good, whether we deserve it or not (Mt. 5:45) ◆ Satan never gives any gift, because you end up paying for them dearly! ◆ God's greatest gift—salvation! ◆ "He brought us forth by the word of truth" - What a blessing!