

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



April 20, 2014

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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 A Great Nation!

Deuteronomy 4 declares the importance of the child of God remaining faithful to the word of God. Moses commanded the children of Israel to remain faithful so that they would live, go in and possess the land of Canaan. To receive the blessing from God, there were conditions. They were to hold fast to the Lord (v.4), not adding to or taking away from the commandments of the Lord (v.2). By sticking to the will of God, they would have wisdom and understanding and the people of the land would see the Israelites as a great nation. Moses said:

"For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the Lord our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him? And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day? Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren" (Deut. 4:7-9).

There are several wonderful lessons the New Testament Christian can learn from this powerful passage. The Christian in like manner is a part of a special nation: *"a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people"* (1 Peter 2:9). Therefore we have several blessings that the world does not have.

We are able to draw near to God (Deut. 4:7). The Christian is one who draws near to God, avoids friendship with the world, resists the devil, submits to God, and humbles himself before God (James 4:4-10). As we draw near to God, He draws near to us.

Christians receive the blessing of being able to draw near to God in prayer. *"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil"* (1 Peter 3:12). We can approach the throne of God to receive help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16; 1 Peter 5:7).

Christians are blessed in that we have the governing law of God to guide us. The Old Law has been nailed to the cross (Colossians 2:14). But we are under a new and better law: the Law of the Spirit of life in Christ (Romans 8:1,2); the perfect law of liberty (James 1:25); the royal law (James 2:8); and the new covenant, the testament of Christ (Hebrews 9:15-17).

Because we have a relationship with the One True God and can draw near to Him, can call on Him in prayer, and have a law that guides our way in this life (Proverbs 3:5,6; Psalm 119:105), we also have many responsibilities. Every citizen must do his part to make the kingdom be a success.

We must take heed to ourselves and watch out for the temptations that may come our way. We must examine ourselves and make sure we are walking the straight and narrow. As Paul instructed Timothy, we must take heed to ourselves so that we may save our souls and others we may influence through preaching and action (1 Timothy 4:16).

We must diligently keep ourselves. Paul wrote, *"I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified"* (1 Corinthians 9:27). We must fight the good fight, finish the race, and keep the faith if we want the reward of eternal life in heaven (2 Timothy 4:6-8). We must *"press on toward the goal"* for an eternal reward (Philippians 3:14). Be diligent!

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"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them."

Luke 12:35-37



Our Kids & Our Culture

informing parents. protecting kids.

April 20 - 23, 2014

Bangs Church of Christ

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Here are the issues we'll be examining together:

Sunday Bible Class, 9:45 am
Whom Are They Worshipping?
Our kids and their concept of God

Sunday Worship, 10:45 am
Why Are They Leaving?
The present apostasy of our youth

Sunday Worship, 6:30 pm
A "Gay" Generation
Helping them stand against a radical agenda

Monday Night, 7:00 pm
What Are They Watching?
The influence of entertainment media

Tuesday Night, 7:00 pm
How Is Porn Poisoning Them?
Our kids and the problem of pornography

Wednesday Night, 7:00 pm
How Can We Keep Them?
Preventing the apostasy of our youth



Lessons will be delivered
by Tyler Young of
Mechanicsville, VA

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 121

Isaiah 42-47

& Revelation 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)



Year's Theme—"In the Days of Their Youth"

- ◆ Jun. 29-Jul. 3—**Junior Camp**
- ◆ Jul. 20-25—**Senior Camp**



Christians celebrate our Lord's death, burial, and resurrection each and every Lord's Day!

Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **29 contacts** were made.

Special Announcements

- ◆ **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. 20-23—**Gospel Meeting @ San Angelo** "Building on the Solid Rock" (BJ Clarke)
- ◆ Apr. 20-23—**Gospel Meeting @ Bangs** "Our Kids & Our Culture" (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)
- ◆ 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. 10—Summer Youth Series begins @ Bangs. This

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Moses warned the Israelites that they must not forget the things their eyes had seen (Deut. 4:9). They had first hand knowledge of God's power and the utter failure of the idolatry of other nations. They had ample warning. Brethren, we must not forget the past. We must learn from the Scriptures so that we can live in a way that is pleasing to the sight of God. We must avoid the sin and error that has occurred within the religious world in days gone by. It is said that those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Do not forget this lesson!

Failure to draw near to God, pray to God, live by His law, take heed to ourselves, keep ourselves with diligence, and remember the lessons from the past will result in a horrible condition: the way of God will depart from our hearts. In the parable of the sower, the seed that fell on the wayside was trampled down and the birds devoured it...Satan came and take it away. These had the word of God taken from their heart when they should have believed and been saved (Luke 8:15-18). Others had no root because they did not study and grow into maturity (Luke 8:13). Still others were choked out by the cares, riches and pleasures of life (Luke 8:14). Don't let God's law depart from you.

We are a special and great nation. We can continue the progress of the nation by being good teachers of the gospel to a lost and dying world. We need faithful, able teachers who will impart the word to others (2 Timothy 2:2). We need parents and grandparents who will teach their family the gospel (Deuteronomy 4:9; 2 Timothy 2:5). We can live a prosperous life in Christ when we follow the ways of God and help others to do the same.

Brethren, if we will do our part to promote the kingdom of God by living the word and teaching it, growth will occur! We echo the words of Moses: What a great nation!

Denny Wilson

<http://the-e-pistle.blogspot.com/2014/04/what-great-nation.html>

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

	Apr. 6, 2014	Apr. 13, 2014
Bible Class	55	36
AM Worship	70	63
PM Worship	49	41
Wednesday PM	45	44
Contribution	\$1,775	\$1805

Privileged To Serve

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

		This Week: 4/20/14	Next Week: 4/27/14		
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	Mileen & Ashley Kahlich	John Barnum Family			
Opening Prayer	Allen Griffith	James Fuller			
Communion	Joe Dennis*, Gene Bannister Caleb Dennis, Hank Wheeler	Don Smith*, Kevin Wilcox Garrett Barnum, Hank Wheeler			
Closing Prayer	Ken Maninger	Gene Bannister			
Attendance Cards	Caleb Dennis	Chase Churchwell			
Sunday PM:		Song Leader: Tom Wilcox	Song Leader: Ken Maninger		
Opening Prayer	Hank Wheeler	Allen Griffith			
Scripture Reading	Garrett Barnum	Hank Wheeler			
Communion	Joe Dennis	Don Smith			
Closing Prayer	James Fuller	Billy Chism			
Wednesday Devotionals:	April 23 Tom Wilcox	April 30 Don Smith	May 7 Allen Griffith	May 14 Gospel Meeting	

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 20, 2014		Sunday Class The Organization of the New Testament Church Wednesday PM Mark: Chapter 8
<p>Studies in Luke—Be Ready—12:35-40</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The context is the same as last week—Jesus’ response to the man who ask His involvement in the division of his inheritance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Jesus told the parable of “The Rich Fool,” and warned against being anxious, but His discourse is not finished. ◆ He elaborates on the lack of preparedness seen in the parable ◆ The Blessed Servant (12:35-40) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Be ready for the Lord’s return! - “<i>Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning</i>” ◆ Could Jesus return today? Tomorrow? This week? Yes! ◆ The unprepared servant will no be tending the master’s business ◆ The Prince of Peace Brings Division (12:49-53) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Jesus came to bring peace between God and man (taken away by man’s sin), not peace between friends of God and enemies of God ◆ We should be at peace with those who are at peace with God ◆ But, while we await the Lord’s coming, there will be trouble ◆ Signs of the Times (12:54-56) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Those of Jesus’ day could read the signs and know what the weather would be. ◆ Yet they failed to see the signs of the coming of the Messiah. ◆ Jesus’ message: We should live every waking hour preparing ourselves so that when the Lord does return we will be ready ◆ Do you live life earnestly expecting the return of the Lord? ◆ Do you have something to look forward to in His return? ◆ “<i>Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation</i>” (2 Cor. 6:2) 	<p>Epistle of James—Our Attitude Toward the Word 1:19-27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ This entire section builds upon the statement that we are “<i>brought forth by the word of truth</i>” in v. 18. ◆ Meekness In Hearing The Word (19-21) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ We should be quick to hear the word of truth, and slow to speak or argue against it. ◆ To properly hear the word of truth we need a clean, pure life. ◆ The word must be implanted into our heart, so it can save us. ◆ Be Doers, Not Hearers Only (22-25) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ If we simply hear the word and never do the things it teaches, we deceive ourselves with a false security. ◆ We must not only look into the mirror of the word, but we must fix the problems in our life that the word exposes to us. ◆ What a privilege to have “the perfect law.” What a shame if we do not take full advantage of its teaching. ◆ The Application: Pure and Vain Religion (26,27) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ James gives three things to illustrate the forgetful hearer: The tongue, benevolence and purity of life. ◆ Though the tongue cannot be tamed (3:8), it must be controlled. ◆ People in affliction, such as widows and orphans, need our help, not just a social call. They have real needs that need real help. ◆ We must heed and apply the word to live in the world but not be brought down by the world. ◆ James wrote all these things to Christians, not unbelievers. ◆ Hearing the word of God is a good start, but if we stop there we have really done our self no good. We may have deceived our self, but we have not deceived God. ◆ Will you accept the challenge of “pure and undefiled” religion? 	