

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.10:00 AM
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.

Things Proved By the Resurrection of Christ

Christianity rests upon the historical fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, an irrefutable proof of the sonship and deity of Jesus. (Matt. 16:18, Romans 1:4). Often, we overlook the resurrection and its significance. We don't realize how many things, which we believe and practice, would have no meaning apart from the resurrection of Jesus from the grave.

God is Faithful

God's faithfulness is proved in the resurrection. In Genesis 12:3, God promised Abraham a blessing to come upon all nations through him. In Acts 13:32-33 Paul teaches the Jews that the promises made to the patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) were fulfilled in Jesus. In verses 37 and 38 of the same chapter he rests his argument upon the historical fact of Jesus' resurrection from the grave.

How is this blessing received? Through hearing, believing and obeying the gospel of Jesus Christ (2 Thess. 1:7-9, Rom. 6:1-7, Col. 2:11-12). Part and parcel of this message is the resurrection. In 1 Cor. 15:1-4, Paul gives the blueprint of the gospel. It is the true story of the death, burial and the RESURRECTION of Jesus Christ. God is faithful in keeping His promises. The resurrection proves it.

Christ Has All Authority

The resurrection also proves that Jesus Christ has all authority (power). Paul writes to the Romans in chapter 1 and verse 4, "*And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.*"

The authority of Jesus grants us forgiveness of sins. Repentance and remission of sins are to be preached by His authority (Luke 24:47, Acts 2:38). Peter commanded the penitent believers in Acts 2 to be baptized in the name of, or by the authority of, Jesus Christ. If Christ had not risen from the grave, and in so doing, been declared to be the powerful and authoritative Son of God, how could we receive forgiveness?

Our authority in carrying out the great commission is from Jesus. (Matt. 28:18-20). It was after Jesus said, "*All power is given unto Me...*" that He commanded His disciples to go and preach the gospel to the world. If Jesus is not resurrected, what gives me the right to teach the gospel to anyone?

Judgment Is Coming!

Another fact proved by the resurrection of Jesus is the coming judgment. Paul's sermon on Mar's hill makes this crystal clear. There is a day coming in which God will judge the world. God proves this and gives assurance to all men of this, by the resurrection of Jesus (Acts 17:30-31).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave is not insignificant. It is an essential stone in the foundation of Christianity. Let us hold fast our belief in the resurrection and all that it implies.

Borrowed (author unknown)

"But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb... And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus... (T)he men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."

Luke 21:34-36



Sin Is A Choice

What is sin? The bible defines *sin* as a “transgression,” which comes from the Hebrew word *pasha* meaning “to rebel.” Psalm 32:1 reads, “*How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.*” Sin is also defined as “iniquity” from the Hebrew *awon*, which means “perversity” or “crookedness.” It refers to one who does not walk in a straight line or a straight course. Deuteronomy 5:32 states, “*So you shall observe to do just as the Lord your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right or to the left.*” Those who turn aside to the right or left are guilty of iniquity. In the New Testament Greek “sin,” in noun form, is *hamartia* and the verb is *hamartano*, which are literally translated as “a missing of the mark” or “to miss the mark.” *Missing the mark* signifies man’s failure to measure up to God’s standard. It carries with it the idea of disobedience. It is regarded as “breaking God’s law.” It can also refer to “lawlessness.” Paul wrote, “*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*” (Rom. 3:23). Inherent within each of these terms is the idea of voluntary action. You commit a transgression. You choose rebellion. You decide whether or not to walk in a straight line or a straight course. These are not things that are thrust upon you against your will.

But some would point to Psalm 51:5, which reads, “*Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in my sin my mother conceived me.*” Does this passage teach that a child is brought forth from the mother’s womb drenched in inherited sin? Not in the slightest. If that is what this verse teaches, then it contradicts other plain teaching in scripture that point to the innocence of infants (Ezek. 18:20; Isa. 7:15 & 16; Mt. 18:3; Mt. 19:14). Psalm 51:5 is poetic. Hebrew poetry is laced with figurative language. Most likely, David is referring to being born in a sinful environment, which we all are. The sinfulness David is pointing to would be attributed to the parent, and not the child. One commentator states this:

“Whatever may be the meaning of this passage, it cannot be the imputation of sin to the child. ‘In sin did my mother conceive me:’ that is, she acted wickedly when I was conceived. Were the wife to say, ‘In drunkenness my husband beat me,’ or the child that ‘in anger my father whipped me,’ surely no one would attribute drunkenness to the wife or anger to the child; neither

can they impute the sin of the mother to the child” (T.W. Brents. The Gospel Plan of Salvation. Nashville, TN: Gospel Advocate).

Using Psalm 51:5 as a proof-text for original sin is quite precarious indeed when you consider that Jesus was conceived and birthed by a human mother. If original sin is inherited by one’s mother, then Jesus was a sinner, which we know was not the case. Some attempt to circumvent this argument by suggesting that Mary was exempt from the stain of original sin. While Mary certainly did not inherit the sin of her parents, nowhere does the Bible suggest that she was sinless, nor does scripture elevate her to the level of being worthy of our worship (see Mt. 12:46-50).

Sin is an offense against a holy God. Offenses are committed, meaning they are executed or perpetrated by an individual. Sin is a predetermined act. It is a choice; a choice that we make on our own free-will. 1 John 3:4 states, “*Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.*” Sin is lawlessness. It is disobedience. It is breaking God’s law. John refers to those who “practice” sin or lawlessness. *Practice* refers to doing something habitually. It means “to perform or do something habitually or customarily.” Again we see that sin is something that we CHOOSE to engage in. It is NOT something inherited. According to the bible, sin is an act or a choice to transgress the law of God. Infants, of course, are incapable of making this choice.

What sin does an infant commit while in the mother’s womb? Adultery? Murder? Is the unborn child consumed with greed? Does he/she blaspheme God? What specific acts of wrongdoing does a baby commit while in its mother’s womb?

Sin is not a disease. It is not a virus. Sin is not hereditary. Sinners don’t beget sinners. Every person has been bestowed by their Maker with the gift of freewill, which means that sin is a choice; as is obedience. Human beings are not born sinners. They do not inherit guilt, nor are they accountable for the sins of others. Each and every person is individually accountable and will be judged for what he or she personally does.

Chris McCurley via chrismccurley.wordpress.com

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 Reading Schedule

Sept. 14

Daniel 1-3

Sept. 15

Daniel 4-6

Sept. 16

Daniel 7-9

Sept. 17

Daniel 10-12

Sept. 18

Ezra 1-3

Sept. 19

Ezra 4-6; Ps. 137

Sept. 20

Haggai 1-2

“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)



Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Sept. 27**—Ladies Fellowship at Jessica Stultz / Earlene Burge’s home. Begins at 9:30am. Bring snacks and your Bible.
- ◆ **October 5-8**—Fall Gospel Meeting Speaker: Johnny McCaghren, Theme: *“The Scheme of Redemption”*

In The Area

- ◆ Sept. 19-21 **26th Annual Bible Lectureship @ 5th & Grape**—*“Knowing the Will of God.”* Flyer on bulletin board.
- ◆ Sept. 20 **Ladies Day @ 5th & Grape**—*“The Will of God: Unity of the Sisterhood.”* Flyer on bulletin board.
- ◆ Sept. 21-24 **Gospel Meeting @ Rising Star** with Jason Rollo
- ◆ Sept. 21-24 **Gospel Meeting @ 9th & Main** (San Angelo) - *“The Truth About Moral Issues”* with Don Blackwell
- ◆ Sept. 27 **Annual Auction @ Cherokee Home for Children** (Requested donation list on bulletin board)
- ◆ Sept. 28 **Michael Shank** (Author of *“Muscle and a Shovel”*) @ **Hico**. Flyer on bulletin board.
- ◆ Sept. 28a - Oct. 1 **Gospel Meeting @ Granbury Street** (Cleburne) - *“Our God is an Awesome God”* with Wayne Jones
- ◆ Oct. 2-4 **Texas Ladies in Christ Retreat**. Information & registration forms are on the bulletin board.
- ◆ Oct. 5-8 **17th Annual Lubbock Lectureship**—*“Male and Female Created He Them”*
- ◆ Oct. 18-19 **5th Annual “Back to the Bible” Lectures @ Hamilton**—*“Moral Issues Facing Our Nation and the Lord’s Church”*

Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **31 contacts** were made. *******Please remember to take time to go sign the cards! Some of our members work hard on Sunday afternoon getting these ready, and the number signing them has been dwindling.*******

Special Announcements

- ◆ **Ladies Bible Class will be resuming this Wednesday at 10:00am, studying 1 Peter.** Plan on taking part in this time of learning and fellowship! Those who would like will go to an area restaurant for lunch together following class this week.

One morning, the phone rang at a small volunteer fire department. A terrified woman yelled, “Hurry, send the fire truck!”, then immediately hung up the phone. A few minutes later, the phone rang again. Once again, in hysterical cries, the voice on the other end of the phone cried, “Hurry! Hurry!, send the fire truck,” and again immediately hung up the phone. The man went out and looked all around to see if he could locate the fire. Hearing the phone ring again, he devised a way to keep the lady on the phone long enough to find where to send the fire truck. He grabbed the phone, and yelled, “Where’s the fire?” The voice on the other end yelled, “In the kitchen!” and promptly hung up the phone once more.

So much of what is called religion is a lot like this humorous situation. Insufficient information leaves people insufficiently informed and the lack of information promotes nothing but confusion. Only the full truth of God satisfies every situation in life. It is by “every word” that comes from God’s mouth, that our Lord says life in him is possible.

Celebrate

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

September Birthdays: Jean Hamann (3), James Fuller (6), Emily Ochoa (11), Gene Bannister (16), Matthew Ochoa (20), Cindy Proud (26), Garrett Barnum (27), Matthew Howell (28), Jimmy Seale (29).

August Anniversaries: Jack & Joyce Hill (10).



Records

	Aug. 31, 2014	Sept. 7, 2014
Bible Class	44	43
AM Worship	55	57
PM Worship	40	41
Wednesday PM	45	37
Contribution	\$2,183	\$1,845

Privileged To Serve

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

This Week: 9/14/14		Next Week: 9/21/14		September 2014	
Sunday AM:		Song Leader: Mike Bannister		Song Leader: Mike Bannister	
Greeters	Tom & Carol Wilcox		John Barnum Family		
Opening Prayer	Allen Griffith		Tom Wilcox		
Communion	James Fuller*, John McCaghren Hank Wheeler, Ken Maninger		John Barnum*, James Thomas Joe Dennis, Caleb Dennis		
Closing Prayer	Billy Chism		Hank Wheeler		
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell		Caleb Dennis		
Sunday PM:		Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		Song Leader: Ken Maninger	
Opening Prayer	James Fuller		James Thomas		
Scripture Reading	Mike Bannister		James Fuller		
Communion	James Fuller		John Barnum		
Closing Prayer	Gene Bannister		Johnny McCaghren		
Wednesday Devotionals:	September 17 Johnny McCaghren	September 24 Tom Wilcox	October 1 Don Smith	October 8 Joe Dennis	

September 2014
Make Announcements:
 Ken Maninger
Prepare Communion:
 McCaghren Family
Clean Building:
 McCaghren Family
Keep Grounds:
 James Fuller

October 2014
Make Announcements:
 Gene Bannister
Prepare Communion:
 Tom & Carol Wilcox
Clean Building:
 Jack and Judy Turner
Keep Grounds:
 Tom Wilcox

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 September 14, 2014		Sunday ClassThe Book of Acts: Background Information
		Wednesday Class Mark 15
<p>Studies in Luke—The Resurrection—24:13-35</p> <p>In the previous lesson we studied the death of Christ. Luke then briefly chronicles Jesus' burial. If this were where the story ended, what a bitterly sad story it would be. But this is not where the story ends!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ When the women returned to the tomb early Sunday morning, they found the stone rolled away and the body of Jesus was gone. ◆ When Jesus was crucified and buried, all hope vanished for most of His disciples. ◆ However, Jesus' resurrection gives them new life. <p>The Two Disciples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Two disciples on their way to Emmaus exemplify the challenges to understand what had happened. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ They talked and questioned each other—struggling for understanding. ◆ The raised Jesus drew near and joined in their conversation, though they did not recognize Him. ◆ Jesus' response in vs. 25-27 shows that if the disciples had fully understood all that the law and the prophets had written, and had they fully understood what Jesus had foretold them, they would have probably been at the tomb waiting to witness His resurrection for themselves! <p>Observations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Mankind has much at stake where the resurrection of Christ is concerned. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ If He was raised from the dead then He is the Son of God (Rom. 1:4). ◆ If one chooses not to submit to Him, His resurrection is a thorn in their flesh. ◆ Man's explanations for the resurrection: (all easily answered) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Swoon theory ◆ Disciples stole the body ◆ His appearances were only hallucinations. ◆ The thing that distinguishes Christianity from other religions is the resurrection. We serve a <u>risen</u> Savior! 	<p>Daniel 7:9-28—The Four Beasts (Part 2)</p> <p>The Vision—The Interpretation / Description 1-14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The Ancient of Days: the judgment was set (9-14) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ "Thrones were placed" (9) ◆ "The Ancient of Days took his seat" ◆ "The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened" (11) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ "As I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed" ◆ "I saw in the night visions...there came...one like a son of man" (13,14) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ He comes "with the clouds of heaven," to the Ancient of Days. ◆ "To his was given": "Dominion," "Glory" and "A kingdom" ◆ He is served by "all peoples, nations and languages" ◆ His dominion is "everlasting"; His kingdom "one that shall not be destroyed" <p>The Vision Interpreted 15-28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ "The truth concerning all this" revealed (15-18) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The four beast are four kings (17) ◆ "But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom" (18) ◆ The truth concerning the fourth beast and the little horn (19-28) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Daniel's attention focuses on the little horn (19-22) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ A persecuting power against the saints of the kingdom. ◆ The little horn prevails <u>only</u> until the time the Ancient of Days comes and announces judgment in favor of the saints. ◆ The interpretation (23-28) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ "The fourth beast" (23) ◆ The ten horns—ten kings (24,25) ◆ The little horn, another king, shall arise. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The little horn will speak against the Most High. ◆ The little horn destroyed and consumed (26) ◆ The kingdom given to the saints (27,28) <p>Message: God Wins!!! The Saints Win!!! Satan Loses!!!</p> 	