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## Meeting Times:

### Sunday:

Bible Study .....9:45 AM  
Worship .....10:40 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

## Adrian Peterson, Child Discipline, and the Bible

If you have kept up with the news lately, Adrian Peterson, running back for the Minnesota Vikings, was indicted last week on a felony count of reckless or negligent injury to a child. This past Monday, Peterson publicly said that he is "not a perfect parent, but I am, without a doubt, not a child abuser."

(The intent of this article is not to determine Adrian Peterson's guilt or innocence. However with all the focus on it, it is a good time to stop and examine what the Bible has to say about the issue of disciplining children.—J.Mc.)

Back in 1946, Dr. Benjamin Spock released a book entitled "The Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care." Spock's message in the book went against the grain of the common views of child-rearing at that time. Like any book (the Bible notably excluded—J.Mc.), some of his ideas were good and some were not. Nevertheless, the main thing for which he is often remembered is his stance against physical discipline.

As you well know, society has evolved to the point that most people would agree with his stance against physical discipline. Even more than that, many parents today fail to practice any type of true discipline at all. Sadly, many parents are more concerned with being their child's "friend" instead of being their child's "parent."

With all of this in mind, I want us to open our Bibles to see what God has to say about disciplining our children. In so doing, I want us to think about discipline broadly, not just physical discipline. As you well know, there is no "one size fits all" for most anything, especially the various methods of discipline available to be used by a parent.

Let's begin with the most well known verse about parenting. "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" (**Proverbs 22:6**). The key word in this verse is "train." Obviously, parents have a responsibility with their children. Parents are to "train" their child "in the way he should go." In other words, parents have the responsibility of teaching their children what is right and wrong. Ultimately, this includes teaching their children about God and his will for their lives.

In order to accomplish this, parents must first be proactive with their training. In the Shema, Moses said, "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise" (**Deuteronomy 6:7**). The key word in this verse is "diligently." As parents, we are always to be teaching our children about God and right and wrong. We cannot expect others to do that for us. That is our God. We must instruct our children. We must read the Bible to them. We must teach them what the Bible teaches. We must teach them that they should do the things that are right and not do the things that are wrong. Our teaching should be done by both example and communication.

However, as you well know, children will sometimes disobey. When they do, what do we do as parents? Do we just let it slide? Do we hope that it will correct itself on its own? No,

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*"In those days John the Baptist came preaching..., 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'...But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.'"*

..... Matthew 3:1-2,7-8

Let us know if you want to study  
the Bible to know more about  
Christ and His Church.



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we must be parents and “train” our children.

How? Most of us have heard the saying, “Spare the rod, spoil the child.” That saying actually comes from Samuel Bulter, who, in 1662, used those word in his poem “Hudibras.” Nevertheless, the thought behind those words is Biblical. “Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him” (Proverbs 13:24). The key word in this verse is “discipline.” As parents we must correct our children.

As a father, I do not like disciplining my daughter, but I know that I must, for her sake. “If you strike him with the rod, you will save his soul from Sheol” (Prov. 23:14). Discipline is a matter of life and death. If I don’t discipline my daughter, she may continue to be disobedient and, ultimately, lose her soul. Thus, discipline is demanded because of my love for her. Think about God and his love for us. As a loving father, “he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness” (Hebrews 12:10). God does not enjoy doing this, but he would rather us be in pain for a moment than be lost for eternity. “For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it” (Hebrews 12:11).

Discipline has a purpose. It is to correct. A parent should never discipline his children out of anger and/or for arbitrary reasons. Discipline must be done out of love. It must be done for the reason of correction. Discipline teaches our children that there are negative consequences for disobedience. It helps to get our children back on track. Without discipline, there is no deterrent to disobedience.

It is not my place to tell you how you should discipline your children as there is no “one size fits all” method. Whether you spank, ground, or use “time-out,” you must discipline your children as needed. Obviously, there is a line that you must not cross (i.e., abuse). However, that line should never be an issue when you are motivated by love with a clear understanding of the purpose of discipline.

“Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart” (Proverbs 29:17).

Chris Hodges, via www.chrishodges.com

## Be Their Parents

*“Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him”* (Proverbs 22:15, ESV).

Farai is an AIDS orphan in Zimbabwe. He lost his mother to this fearsome plague when he was ten; he never knew his father. At first he wandered the dusty streets of his village, scratching a living by looking in trash cans for anything that might be eaten or bartered.

Now he is sixteen, tall and thin. His voice is that of a man, with the harshness of one who has seen cruelties beyond his years. He is also a criminal, the head of a street gang he joined when he was thirteen. He is violent, selfish and uncaring. Such is the life of a child without the discipline and guidance of parents.

Of course Farai's example is extreme, but there are children in our society that, though they are not orphans in the literal sense of losing a parent, have been neglected by parents who are too busy making money, living their lifestyle, or who have mistaken indulgence for love.

A child's heart possesses folly and selfishness, not because children are evil, but because they are human. They need guidance, boundaries and discipline. Without this, they will take the path of least resistance, and usually that means a life not lived to its potential.

Love your children enough to be their parents!

Stan Mitchell

**WHATEVER YOU DO, WORK HEARTILY  
AS FOR THE LORD  
AND NOT FOR MEN.**

COLOSSIANS 3:23



### 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. 21

Zechariah 1-7

Sept. 22

Zechariah 8-14

Sept. 23

Esther 1-5

Sept. 24

Esther 6-10

Sept. 25

Ezra 7-10

Sept. 26

Nehemiah 1-5

Sept. 27

Nehemiah 6-7

*“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)



- ◆ 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**.
- ◆ Oct. 5-8 **17th Annual Lubbock Lectureship**—*"Male and Female Created He Them"*
- ◆ Oct. 11 **Ladies Day @ Dublin**
- ◆ 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 **27 contacts** were made.

#### Special Announcements

- ◆ Ladies remember that **Ladies Bible Class** has resumed meeting each Wednesday morning at 10:00. Studying 1 Peter. A great opportunity to learn and fellowship.
- ◆ **Services this afternoon at 3:30 at Vicksburg.**
- ◆ **Services every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at CARE.** (These services are a great opportunity to encourage the residents of these homes, as well as be encouraged and uplifted yourself!)

#### Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Sept. 27**—Ladies Fellowship at Jessica Stultz / Earlene Burge's home. Begins at 9:30am. Bring snacks and your Bible.
- ◆ **Oct. 1** after services—quick final spit and polish of building for Gospel Meeting
- ◆ **Oct. 5-8**—Fall Gospel Meeting Speaker: Johnny McCaghen, Theme: *"The Scheme of Redemption"*

#### In The Area

- ◆ Sept. 21-24 **Gospel Meeting @ Rising Star** with Jason Rollo

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## GOSPEL MEETINGS

RIISING STAR CHURCH OF CHRIST

Theme **"The Great Plan of God"**

**Sunday Class—"The Great Promise"**

**Sunday AM—"The Great Plan"**

**Sunday PM—"The Great Price"**

**Monday—"The Great Pattern"**

**Tuesday—The Great Pollution**

**Wednesday—The Great Priority**

#### MEETING TIMES

Sunday-Bible class 9:30 A.M.

Sunday-Worship 10:30 A.M.

Sunday-Worship 6:00 P.M.

M-T-W-7:00 P.M.



**JASON ROLLO**  
BRYAN, TEXAS

September 21-24

## 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

	Sept. 7, 2014	Sept. 14, 2014
Bible Class	43	38
AM Worship	57	54
PM Worship	41	36
Wednesday PM	37	44
Contribution	\$1,845	\$1,678

# Privileged To Serve

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

	This Week: 9/21/14	Next Week: 9/28/14	September 2014	
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<b>Make Announcements:</b> Ken Maninger	
<b>Greeters</b>	John Barnum Family	Allen and Linda Griffith	<b>Prepare Communion:</b> McCaghren Family	
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Tom Wilcox	James Fuller	<b>Clean Building:</b> McCaghren Family	
<b>Communion</b>	John Barnum*, John McCaghren Joe Dennis, Caleb Dennis	Hank Wheeler*, James Thomas Ken Maninger, Chase Churchwell	<b>Keep Grounds:</b> James Fuller	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Hank Wheeler	John McCaghren	<b>October 2014</b>	
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Caleb Dennis	Chase Churchwell	<b>Make Announcements:</b> Gene Bannister	
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: Ken Maninger	Song Leader: Joe Dennis	<b>Prepare Communion:</b> Tom & Carol Wilcox	
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Gene Bannister	James Thomas	<b>Clean Building:</b> Jack and Judie Turner	
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	James Fuller	Mike Bannister	<b>Keep Grounds:</b> Tom Wilcox	
<b>Communion</b>	John Barnum	Hank Wheeler		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Johnny McCaghren	Billy Chism		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	September 24 Tom Wilcox	October 1 Don Smith	October 8 Gospel Meeting	October 15 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)

<b>Studies for the week of September 21, 2014</b>	Sunday Class .....The Book of Acts: Background Information Wednesday Class ..... Mark 15
<p><b>Repentance (Part 1 of 2)</b></p> <p>Repentance has often been called "the hardest commandment" - and for good reason! The best preachers in the Bible had difficulty getting people to repent.</p> <p><b>God Requires Repentance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The Old Testament prophets preached repentance</li> <li>◆ John the Baptizer, Jesus and the apostles preached repentance in preparation for the kingdom</li> <li>◆ Repentance was a part of the first gospel sermon (Acts 2:38)</li> <li>◆ Peter and Paul preached repentance to the early church</li> <li>◆ Jesus preached repentance to the seven churches of Asia (Rev. 2,3)</li> </ul> <p><b>All Men are under the Commandment to Repent</b></p> <p><b>What Repentance Is Not</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Repentance is not just a promise to stop sinning</li> <li>◆ Repentance is not just the covering up of sin</li> <li>◆ Repentance is not just being sorrowful</li> <li>◆ Repentance is not merely admitting (confessing) that one is a sinner</li> <li>◆ Repentance is not just being fearful or afraid</li> <li>◆ Repentance is not reformation</li> <li>◆ Repentance is not just going forward at the invitation</li> </ul> <p><b>What Is Repentance?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The making up of one's mind to cease doing evil and to do good.</li> <li>◆ A change of mind that results in a change of action.</li> <li>◆ Examples: The Ninevites and The Prodigal Son</li> </ul> <p><b>What Produces and Precedes Repentance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ A knowledge, conviction and abhorrence of sin</li> <li>◆ The works of Christ</li> <li>◆ A contemplation of the goodness of God</li> <li>◆ Godly sorrow</li> <li>◆ A contemplation of the judgment</li> </ul> <p><b>Have you truly repented of your sins?</b></p>	<p><b>Daniel 8—The Ram and the Male Goat</b></p> <p><b>The Vision ..... 1-14</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The site of the vision (1,2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The time of the vision—<i>"In the third year of the reign of Belshazzar"</i></li> <li>◆ The place of the vision—<i>Susa...at the Ulai canal</i>" (the capital of the Persian Empire)</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ The symbols of the vision (3-14) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The Ram (3,4) - the kings of Medo-Persia</li> <li>◆ The male goat appears, attacking the ram angrily (5-8) - Greek Empire</li> <li>◆ The little horn and the trodding underfoot of the sanctuary (9-14) - Antiochus IV Epiphanes</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>The Interpretation: "The vision if for the time of the end" ..... 15-27</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The final period of indignation (15-19) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Gabriel commanded to interpret the vision to Daniel.</li> <li>◆ The vision has to do with <i>"the time of the end"</i> - end of the OT times</li> <li>◆ <i>"The latter end of the indignation"</i> (19a) - after which the Messianic kingdom is to be set up</li> <li>◆ <i>"For it refers to the appointed time of the end"</i> (19b)</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ The ram, male goat, four horns, and one horn (20-25) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The ram with the two horns (20) - <i>"the kings of Media and Persia"</i></li> <li>◆ The rough male goat and single horn (21) - <i>"king of Greece"</i>; <i>"great horn...first king"</i> - Alexander the Great</li> <li>◆ The four horns (22) - four kingdoms arising from Alexander's one kingdom</li> <li>◆ The appearance of <i>"a king of bold face"</i> (23) - Antiochus Epiphanes</li> <li>◆ His destroying and power (24)</li> <li>◆ His cunning (25a) - <i>"in his own mind he shall become great"</i></li> <li>◆ His audacity (25b) - <i>"rise up against the Prince of princes"</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ He shall be <i>"broken—but by no human hand"</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ The visions of the evenings and mornings (26) - <i>"many days from now"</i></li> <li>◆ The prophet's sickness (27)</li> </ul>