

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

Welcome

To Our Fall

Gospel Meeting

The Scheme of Redemption

From the Mind of God Through Eternity

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth." Ephesians 1:3-10

Service Times & Topics

Sunday	9:45am	God's Eternal Purpose
	10:40am	Spiritual Seed Promise
	6:00pm	The Law & Sacrifice
Monday	7:00pm	Nation/Land Promise
Tuesday	7:00pm	The King and His Kingdom
Wednesday	7:00pm	Consummation of the Purpose

Lunch will be provided after service Sunday morning

Snacks and fellowship after services Monday & Tuesday evenings

We are so glad you have come to share in this time of worship and study with us. We strive to be simply Christians, following the pattern of the first century church and practicing simple New Testament Christianity. If you have any questions about anything you see or hear, please ask. We would love to open our Bibles and study the Word of God with you. Please come again. Remember, God loves You!

"For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant. So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. And he gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the fruit of the people's toil, that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the Lord!"

Psalm 105:42-45



Lesson 1 – God's Eternal Purpose

The Scheme of Redemption is the means by which we mine the rich treasures of God's Word – to understand the Bible you must understand God's eternal purpose.

Purpose – "to set before or set forth, to propose or determine"

The purpose of God is "the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Eph. 3:10,11).

The purpose of God pre-dates time and creation.

That purpose remained a mystery (Eph. 1:9; 3:1-22) throughout the time of the law and the prophets – but with the coming of Christ the mystery was revealed to the apostles and prophets.

I. The Eternal Purpose of God Involved:

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| A. Christ | B. The death of Christ |
| C. The church of Christ | D. The gospel of Christ |
| E. The kingdom of Christ and of God | F. The grace of God |
| G. Hope in Christ | H. The love of God |
| I. The teachings of Christ | |

II. All these blessings purposed before the world began are "in Christ" (Eph. 1:3-14)

- A. Christ is the Central Person and the church (salvation) the Central Subject in God's Eternal Purpose.
- B. Ephesians 1:3-14 is a statement of praise to God the Father (3-6), to Christ the Son (7-12) and to the Holy Spirit (13,14)
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| 1. Chose [Elect] (4) | 2. Adoption as sons (5) |
| 3. Redemption (7) | 4. Forgiveness (7) |
| 5. Unites all things in Him (9,10) | 6. Obtained an inheritance (11) |
| 7. Sealed with the promised Holy Spirit (13,14) | |
- C. Paul's Benediction (Eph. 3:20,21)

Lesson 2 – The Spiritual Seed Promise

God's Purpose, eternal in scope, beginning before time and extending beyond time, centered upon Christ, and through His blood bringing into existence the church (the kingdom of God and of Christ).

Through God's Purpose – Hope came to hopeless man.

I. The need

- A. God is in the "pre-need" business – before the foundation of the world He prepared for our future need of salvation.
- B. Genesis 1-2 record the Creation and the beginning of mankind.
- C. Genesis 3 records the first sin and its consequences.
- D. Man is not born into the world a sinner, but is born into a world where sin is.
- E. The great adversary – Satan, the devil

II. The meeting of the need

- A. While Satan had a purpose – God had a stronger purpose.
- B. When God said to the serpent, "I will put enmity between you and the woman...", God set in motion His purpose that would free mankind from death and eternal condemnation (Rom. 8:1-3)

III. The Old Testament Narrative regarding the Promise to Abraham

- A. God made the promise before Abram had any children (Gen. 12:1-3).
- B. God renewed the promise in Genesis 15.

IV. The New Testament Commentary regarding the Fulfillment and Significance of the Promise

- A. The explanation of the seed of Abraham and the blessing to come through the seed (Gal. 3).
- B. Abraham believed in the resurrection of the dead (Rom. 4:17-19; Heb. 11:17-19)
- C. Abraham gave his "only begotten son" (Heb. 11) – in a figure acting out the gospel story.
- D. Abraham believed God would "provide for Himself the lamb" (Gen. 22:8).
- E. A ram died "instead of" Isaac – just as Christ died "instead of" me.

Lesson 3 – The Law and Sacrifice

I. The Promise takes the form of a Covenant (Gen. 15)

II. Circumcision was given to Abraham and his offspring as a sign of the Covenant (Gen. 17)

III. The Promise to Isaac and Jacob (Gen. 26,28)

IV. The Promise continued down into Egypt

- A. Genesis 12-36 – God is working through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- B. Genesis 37-50 – God is working through Joseph
- C. Over time Abraham's offspring needed a deliverer – God sent Moses.
- D. Joshua finished the task Moses began.
- E. The Messianic Mission – everything that happened – was in view of God's Eternal Purpose and the Promise to Abraham being advanced.

V. The need for a law

- A. The Promise required a people through which the Messiah could come, a place in which He could be born and a government under which the people lived – a nation, a law, and a land.
- B. They became a nation in Egypt, received a land under Joshua, and received a law at Mt. Sinai.

VI. The Law of Moses as a Guardian [schoolmaster, tutor] to bring men to Christ

VII. The Law – a window to see the Savior

- A. The law is a shadow – it indicates reality, but is not the reality itself.
- B. The shadow of the Messiah to come in the Old Testament demands the reality of that which was foreshadowed – but there is a difference between the shadow and the reality

VIII. The Shadow of good things to come

- A. God purposed atonement by blood before time began (1 Pet. 1:18-21).
- B. A death had to take place – innocent blood had to be shed to make atonement for the soul.
- C. Kinds of sacrifices foreshadowing the sacrifice of Christ.

Lesson 4 – Nation/Land Promise

The development of the nation and reception of the land was unconditional because of God's integrity and faithfulness.

Yet, conditions did exist for those who would receive a promise.

I. The Covenant of Blessing and Cursing (Deut. 27-30)

- A. A series of blessings are set forth for those who obey God – including continued prosperity in the land (28:1-14).
- B. A series of curses are set forth for those who disobey God – including removal from the land (28:15-68)
- C. "The Lord will establish you as a people holy to himself, as he has sworn to you, **if** you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in his ways" (28:9 – emp. mine)

II. The conquest of the land – a time of blessing

III. The period of the judges – a time of cursing

IV. The period of the kings – a time of both blessing and cursing

- A. Saul's reign – generally a time of cursing
- B. David's reign – generally a time of blessing
- C. Solomon's reign – begins with blessing, ends with cursing

V. The division of the kingdom and captivity

- A. Division due to the pride and rebellion of Solomon's son, Rehoboam.
- B. Jeroboam is given ten tribes – and immediately takes them into idolatry (1 Kgs. 12).
- C. Because of her idolatry, Israel goes into Assyrian captivity (2 Kgs. 17)
- D. Judah follows, 136 years later, into captivity to Babylon (2 Kgs. 25).

VI. The restoration of a remnant

- A. Zerubbabel (Ezra 1-6) – 536 B.C. – restored the temple
- B. Ezra (Ezra 7-10) – 458 B.C. – restored the law
- C. Nehemiah – 445 B.C. – restored the wall
- D. Not only did God fulfill His Promise to give the land to Abraham's offspring, but He gave it back to them a second time!
- E. The Nation/Land promise is completed – all is ready for the King!



Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **32 contacts** were made.

Special Announcements

- ◆ Pray for our Gospel Meeting! Invite a friend! Come yourself!
- ◆ Fellowship meal today following morning services.

In The Area

- ◆ Oct. 5-8 **17th Annual Lubbock Lectureship**—“Male and Female Created He Them” Various speakers
- ◆ Oct. 11 **Ladies Day @ Dublin**—Carla Moore
- ◆ Oct. 18-19 **5th Annual “Back to the Bible” Lectures @ Hamilton**—“Moral Issues Facing Our Nation and the Lord’s Church” Various speakers
- ◆ Oct. 25 **Ladies Day @ 9th & Main** (San Angelo) - “Prov. 4:23: Footsteps of the heart, Leaving Footprints of Truth” Gina Braswell
- ◆ Nov. 15-16 **1st Annual TheGospelRadioNetwork.org Lectureship @ Mt. Vernon & via Internet**—“The Good News...” Various speakers

“Thus will be consummated the work of human redemption; but the influence of the Scheme of Redemption will be as enduring as the throne of God, and will, in all probability, be forever felt throughout his vast dominions as the great attractive and conservative power of the universe. Suns may grow dim with age, and the Heavens themselves may pass away as a scroll, but that time will never come when holy angels and the redeemed of Earth will cease to look with wonder and admiration into the history, philosophy, and conservative influence of the Scheme of Redemption, and to exclaim, with the great Apostle, in reference to it, ‘O! the depth of the riches, and of the wisdom, and of the knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been his counselor? Or who hath given to him and it shall be recompensed to him again? For from him, and through him, and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.’” (Robert Milligan, *The Scheme of Salvation*, p. 577)

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 Reading Schedule

Oct 5 Matt. 4; Luke 4-5; John 1:15-51

Oct. 6 John 2-4

Oct. 7 Mark 2

Oct. 8 John 5

Oct. 9 Matt. 12:1-21; Mark 3; Luke 6

Oct. 10 Matt. 5-7

Oct. 11 Matt. 8:1-13, Luke 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)

Celebrate

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

October Birthdays: Lisa Greer (5), Matthew Churchwell (7) Joe Maninger (12), Sarah Evetts (12), Hank Wheeler (13), Tina Barnum (14), Cassie Freeman (23), Lucille Stout (24), Phyllis Hooper (26).

October Anniversaries: Stormy & Juanita Barnum (25), Mike & Patti Bannister (27).
Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	Sept. 21, 2014	Sept. 28, 2014
Bible Class	46	44
AM Worship	61	61
PM Worship	44	46
Wednesday PM	48	32
Contribution	\$1,678	\$1,874

Privileged To Serve

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

	This Week: 10/5/14	Next Week: 10/12/14		
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	October 2014 Make Announcements: Gene Bannister Prepare Communion: Tom & Carol Wilcox Clean Building: Jack & Judie Turner Keep Grounds: Tom Wilcox November 2014 Make Announcements: John Barnum Prepare Communion: Gene & Barbara Bannister Clean Building: John Barnum Family Keep Grounds: James Fuller	
Greeters	James & Cindy Fuller	Gene & Barbara Bannister		
Opening Prayer	Gene Bannister	Don Smith		
Communion	Don Smith*, John McCaghren Joe Dennis, Caleb Dennis	James Thomas*, John Barnum Ken Maninger, Chase Churchwell		
Closing Prayer	Billy Chism	Hank Wheeler		
Attendance Cards	Caleb Dennis	Chase Churchwell		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: James Fuller		
Opening Prayer	James Fuller	Allen Griffith		
Scripture Reading	Hank Wheeler	Tom Wilcox		
Communion	Don Smith	James Thomas		
Closing Prayer	John Barnum	Billy Chism		
Wednesday Devotionals:	October 8 Gospel Meeting	October 15 Joe Dennis	October 22 Allen Griffith	October 29 Singing Night

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)

Lesson 5 – The Seed of David / The King and His Kingdom
I. The New Testament affirms that Christ is the Seed of David
A. The sermon on Pentecost (Acts 2:29-35).
B. Jesus was both David's son (according to ancestry) and David's Lord (according to His Deity).
II. The New Testament is the Old Testament Revealed
A. Jesus is the fulfillment of the law and the prophets (Lk. 24:25-27,44-47; Acts 3:18-24; 26:22,23).
B. The entire Old Testament record is to be understood as fulfilled in the suffering of Christ, His resurrection and the preaching of remission of sins beginning in Jerusalem.
III. The Old Testament is the New Testament Concealed
A. 1 Peter 1:10-12; Colossians 1:25-28
B. This is why the law is spoken of as a shadow and the purpose of God as a mystery (Eph. 1:9; 3:3-6; 6:11,19).
IV. Examples of Messianic Prophecies
A. Isaiah 11:1-10
B. Amos 9:11-15
V. Two branches in the stream of Messianic Prophecy
A. One branch – the prophecies of the Suffering Servant (Ex. Isaiah 53)
1. The Ethiopian eunuch was studying this passage when Philip began there and preached Jesus to him.
2. Learning of the Suffering Servants caused the eunuch to ask, "What prevents me from being baptized" (Acts 8:36).
B. The other – the prophecies of the King and His Kingdom (Ex. Ps. 2:6,7; 68:18; Isa. 9:6,7; Dan. 2:44; 7:13,14; Zech. 9:9; 6:12,13)
The Jews would have welcomed Christ as King had He been the kind of king and established the kind of kingdom they expected and desired.
They could never harmonize the Suffering Servant and the Ruling King as the same person.
Christ reigns over a spiritual kingdom, in the hearts of men, seated at the right hand of God. His kingdom shall never pass away (Dan. 2,7)

Lesson 6 – The Consummation of the Purpose
We began this series looking at God's Eternal Purpose, we end by looking at The Consummation of that Purpose.
We have gone from Creation, to Canaan, to Christ.
All Purpose, Promise and Prophecy is fulfilled in Christ, the church and remission of sins.
I. Romans 8:28-30 summarizes the Eternal Purpose of God
A. Verse 28 is the key – "God works"
1. He works all things together for good for our (man's) eternal good.
2. He works that good among those who love Him and are called according to His Purpose.
B. Five words highlight the work of God and the response of man.
1. Foreknew (Acts 2:22,24)
2. Predestined or foreordained – to mark out beforehand
3. Called – according to His purpose
4. Justified – legal term meaning to be declared innocent
5. Glorified (Col. 1:25-28)
II. 1 Timothy 3:16 also highlights that Purpose
A. The "mystery of godliness" had been both fulfilled and revealed
B. God was "manifested in the flesh" – God's incarnation
C. God was "vindicated [justified] by the Spirit" – anointed by the Spirit
D. God was "seen by angels"
E. God was "proclaimed among the nations [unto the Gentiles]"
F. God was "believed on in the world" (Jn. 6:44,45; Rom. 10:14-17)
G. God was "taken up in glory"
III. Jesus Christ is glorified – Will we be glorified with Him?
A. What God purposed has been fulfilled (Eph. 1:9-11)
B. God desires for our personal purpose to conform to His Eternal Purpose
C. What has been Purposed, once a mystery, has been revealed!