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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

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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.

Human Roles & Women Preachers

God created all humans equally in His own image with all human souls equally valuable for salvation (Genesis 1:26; Galatians 3:28; Acts 10:35). He made two distinct genders: male and female. He gave each his or her own respective roles (Genesis 1:27; Matthew 19:4; Mark 10:6). Although God designed humans in general to be equal in their humanity, He clearly did not design male and female to be equal in their roles. "But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God" (1 Corinthians 11:3). The fact that the male is designed by God to be head or "leader" of the female does not mean that he is a tyrant or that he is superior in humanity, personality or ability. It is simply the function and role that God assigned to the male (1 Corinthians 12:18). God has given the male the authority, responsibility and accountability to lead (1 Corinthians 12:18; Ephesians 1:22; 4:15; 5:23; Colossians 1:18; 2:10, 19). There is a sense in which all humans are weak (Romans 5:6; 1 Corinthians 8:7-12; 12:22). However, God describes the female/wife as being "the weaker vessel" (1 Peter 3:7). This does not mean that all females are incapable of being physically or spiritually stronger than males. It simply means that the males are expected by God to be the leaders of the genders. Consider the responsibility of the males in the Old Testament. Males were to lead their wives (Genesis 3:16). Males were circumcised to distinguish Israel from the Gentiles (Genesis 17:10-27). Males were the soldiers and priests of Israel (Numbers 1:2-3; 3:15). The mediators, judges and kings of Israel were males (except for Judge Deborah and Queen Athaliah, Luke 9:30; Acts 13:21-22). Males were the rulers of Jewish synagogues, the Sanhedrin and the temple (Luke 8:41; 22:63; 23:50). In the New Testament we read how Jesus, His forerunner and His apostles were males (John 1:29-30; Acts 1:15-26). Elders and deacons of the Lord's church are to be males (Acts 6:3-5; 1 Timothy 3:1-13) as well as the worship leaders and evangelists (Acts 21:8; 1 Corinthians 14:34-35; 1 Timothy 2:8, 11; 2 Timothy 2:1-5). Males are to lovingly lead their wives and their children (1 Corinthians 14:35; Ephesians 5:22-25; Colossians 3:18-19; 1 Peter 3:7; Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21).

Despite God's clear design and distinction between the roles of men and women, our society and the religious world as a whole are determined to blur – and in fact, blatantly go in the opposite direction of God's design and will. Not only are there many denominations today who have women as evangelists/preachers and worship leaders in church worship, but sadly even some churches of Christ desire to imitate the ways of the world (Romans 12:2; 3 John 1:11; <http://preacheroftruth.com/2014/12/03/can-women-preach-in-church>).

Is God pleased with these changes? Do the Scriptures authorize women preachers in a mixed Christian audience (Colossians 3:17)? Please understand that the content of this article is not about diminishing women's rights. The purpose of this article is to honor the authority of the Bible and the right of God. Notice two passages concerning women preaching.

1 Timothy 2:12 "I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence." The Bible is a book that can be read and clearly understood

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"But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

1 Timothy 6:11-12



Why Your Definition of “Christian” is too Narrow

When we think of the word, “Christian,” what comes to mind? How do we define this word in our minds? Most people think a Christian is someone who “goes to church” or has been baptized or tries to follow the teachings of the Bible. But I would like to suggest that most of us don’t have a full understanding of the word “Christian” because we don’t understand the root word, “Christ.”

What Does “Christ” Mean?

“Christ” is not Jesus’ last name. It is His title. The word, “Christ,” comes from a Greek word meaning, “anointed one.” The equivalent Hebrew word is, “Messiah.” So, when someone says, “Jesus Christ,” that literally means, “Jesus the Anointed One.”

In the Old Testament, kings and priests were appointed by anointing them with oil (see Exodus 28-29; 1 Samuel 10). The Jews knew that one day a man would come who would be the ultimate Anointed One. He would be a descendent of King David who would save, deliver, and lead the people.

This Anointed One would not just be a King to the Jews, but would be the King of the entire world. He would be the “seed of Abraham” through whom all the nations of the earth would be blessed (see Genesis 22:18).

Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed One, the King

Matthew begins his gospel account by saying, “The record of the genealogy of **Jesus the Messiah**, the son of David, the son of Abraham.” The first four books of the New Testament are written to establish the fact that Jesus is God’s Anointed One, who is King of all the nations. The apostle John said he wrote his account, “so that you may believe that **Jesus is the Christ**, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:31).

Much of Jesus’ teaching revolved around “the kingdom.” This is the kingdom over which He rules as King. Using parables, Jesus taught what the kingdom of God was “like” and how a person could “enter” the kingdom. He admitted to Pilate that He was King and His Kingdom was not of this earth (John 18:36).

Being a Christian is More than You Think

When we think of being a Christian as simply “going to church,” being baptized, or trying to follow the Bible, we have a very limited and narrow view of what it means to be a Christian. Yes, a Christian is someone who has been baptized, goes to worship, and tries to follow the Bible – but it is so much more than that!

Because “Christ” means that Jesus is the Anointed King, “**Christian**” means to recognize and submit to the **Kingship of Jesus**. Eventually, everyone will recognize and submit to the Kingship of Jesus (Philippians 2:10), but many will come to this realization too late. On the Day of Judgment, they will see the King return and for them it will not be a welcome sight:

The Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed—for our testimony to you was believed (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10).

What Difference Does it Make?

When we learn to think of Jesus as King, and submit ourselves completely to His authority, it will change the way we do everything. It will change the way we read Scripture, the way we treat others, the way we worship, and the way we think about the church (which is His kingdom).

The great message of the church is this: Jesus is King! He is offering you a pardon; complete immunity from all your lawless rebellion. If you do not accept this pardon and submit to His authority, you will be eternally punished when He returns a second time.

Christians are those who have heard the message, accepted the King’s pardon, and live humbly in submission to His authority. Christians are not perfect. We fall short, but we live – not for ourselves – but to please our King (2 Corinthians 5:9).

Are you truly a Christian? Or do you just “go to church”? Think about it.

Wes McAdams (via www.radicallychristian.com)

Television

The Truth In Love (Robert Dodson)

Sunday @ 7:00am on KTAB

In Search of the Lord’s Way (Phil Sanders)

Sunday @ 7:30am on KTAB

Life In The Light (Chris McCurley)

Sunday @ 10:30am on KTAB

Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)

Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

Internet

TheGospelRadioNetwork.org

Gospel Broadcasting Network (Gbnv.org)

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

Dec. 21 Hebrews 1-6
Dec. 22 Hebrews 7-10
Dec. 23 Hebrews 11-13
Dec. 24 2 Timothy
Dec. 25 2 Peter; Jude
Dec. 26 1 John
Dec. 27 2 John; 3 John
Dec. 28 Revelation 1-5

“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)



Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **47 contacts** were made.

Special Announcements

- ◆ *****Cancelled*** Ladies Holiday Get-Together** this afternoon @ Kristi Maninger's has been cancelled. Lunday has the flu.
- ◆ Continue to pray for our elders and the congregation as we look toward adding additional elders and deacons in the future.
- ◆ Pray for our Personal Evangelism class and for its use and application in our community. Pray that we might find those who are lost and searching.

On the Calendar

- ◆ Dec. 31—**New Year's Eve Party @** Jessica Stultz's home (2510 Greenway Drive), following Wednesday night services. Bring snacks, games, etc.
- ◆ Mar. 29 - Apr. 1—**Spring Gospel Meeting** with **Chris McCurley**.
- ◆ Oct. 10—**4th & Stewart Ladies Day** with **Nancy Wheat**.
- ◆ *****Date Change***** Oct. 11-14—**Fall Gospel Meeting** with **Bobby Wheat**.

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(Ephesians 3:4). And, if there was ever a clear statement in the Bible, this is it. The inspired Apostle Paul strictly forbids women preaching in the presence of Christian men in the New Testament church. In the Book of 1 Timothy, Paul is discussing proper church conduct (1 Timothy 3:14-15). In chapter 2, Paul is discussing the proper roles of men and women in worship. The men are to be the prayer leaders in every place (1 Timothy 2:8, "men" is "males" in the Greek text). Women are to learn in submission and are not at all permitted to have teaching or leadership authority over men (1 Timothy 2:11-12). We know this was not just a cultural issue of Paul's day, for Paul states, "Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, the woman being deceived, fell into transgression" (1 Timothy 2:13-14). With such a clear teaching that forbids women from preaching/having authority over a male, why do so many practice this sinful act today??

1 Corinthians 14:34 "Women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says." If God wanted to say with great clarity that women should not preach in His church how would He do it? I suppose He would say something like this: "My law says in the church women should be quiet, I do not allow them to speak, they must be in submission" (read 1 Corinthians 14:34 again). Please understand that God is not a woman-hater. He simply has a chain of authority that goes all the way back to creation (1 Corinthians 11:3). In the chain of authority God has put Christ over man, man over woman and God over Christ. God does not allow women to preach/have leadership authority over Christian men under any circumstances.

In our community it is sad to see so many denominations and some of the Lord's church openly advertising the forbidden practice of women preaching. If you are part of an organization that believes in using women to preach, we beg you to consider Psalm 118:8, "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."

Ben Bailey & David Ray Fanning I
(via www.thegospelofchrist.com)

Celebrate

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

December Birthdays: Estelle Guthrie (7), Laverne Thomas (13), Veneta Nolen (17), Kaci Churchwell (18), Linda Griffith (20), **Mia Stroope (22), Joyce Hill (24), John McCaghren (27).**

December Anniversaries: Allen & Linda Griffith (20), **Ken & Jo Maninger (25).**

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	Dec. 7, 2014	Dec. 14, 2014
Bible Class	42	45
AM Worship	52	65
PM Worship	49	43
Wednesday PM	39	41
Contribution	\$1,562	\$2,021

Privileged To Serve

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

This Week: 12/21/14		Next Week: 12/28/14		December 2014 Make Announcements: James Fuller Prepare Communion: John Barnum Family Clean Building: Cindy Fuller / Jessica Stultz Keep Grounds: Jack Turner January 2015 Make Announcements: Don Smith Prepare Communion: Billy & Peggy Chism Clean Building: McCaghren Family Keep Grounds: James Fuller
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: James Fuller	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		
Greeters	Tom & Carol Wilcox	Allen & Linda Griffith		
Opening Prayer	Joe Dennis	Gene Bannister		
Communion	Ken Maninger*, Chase Churchwell Gene Bannister, Allen Griffith	Joe Dennis*, Caleb Dennis John Barnum, Garrett Barnum		
Closing Prayer	James Thomas	John McCaghren		
Attendance Cards	Caleb Dennis	Chase Churchwell		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: James Fuller	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		
Opening Prayer	John Barnum	Billy Chism		
Scripture Reading	James Thomas	Kevin Wilcox		
Communion	Ken Maninger	Joe Dennis		
Closing Prayer	Don Smith	Garrett Barnum		
Wednesday Devotionals:	December 24 Don Smith	December 31 Gene Bannister	January 7 Prayer	January 14 Garrett Barnum

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)

<i>Studies for the week of December 21, 2014</i>	<i>Sunday Class Acts 2:21ff</i>
<i>Church Leadership: Biblical Qualifications (Elders)</i>	<i>Wednesday Class Personal Evangelism</i>
<p>A Christian man must possess to a significant degree every characteristic listed in 1st Timothy 3 and Titus 1 in order to be scripturally qualified to serve as an elder.</p> <p>I. Desire. A. Without a great desire to serve, a leader is headed for failure – but with a burning desire to serve, he becomes an example to others through his actions.</p> <p>II. Above Reproach [Blameless] (1 Tim. 3:2) A. "Men known for their pure life and spotless integrity" (Lipscomb) B. The Greek word means "not apprehended, that cannot be laid hold of" (Thayer).</p> <p>III. Husband of One Wife (1 Tim. 3:2) A. This passage clearly shows that only men can serve as elders in the church. B. A man must have a wife, and only one wife, to which he is scripturally married.</p> <p>IV. Sober-minded [vigilant, temperate] (1 Tim. 3:2) A. Level headed and seeing things as they are, having self-control and being calm.</p> <p>V. Self-controlled [sober, prudent] (1 Tim. 3:2) A. Cannot be unreasonable men, but men that are sane and sound in their thinking.</p> <p>VI. Respectable [of good behavior, orderly] (1 Tim. 3:2) A. One who conducts himself in an orderly and well-mannered fashion. B. He must be respectable in his day to day relationships, as well as in his home.</p> <p>VII. Hospitable [given to hospitality] (1 Tim. 3:2) A. Generous to guests, friendly (an outgrowth of love). B. Also raises an important question about a man's wife. Is she hospitable?</p> <p>VIII. Able to Teach (1 Tim. 3:2)</p> <p>IX. Not a Drunkard [not given to wine, not addicted to wine, no brawler] (1 Tim. 3:3) A. From the Greek word meaning "drunken-brawler" – Thayer adds, "quarrelsome over wine, brawling"</p> <p>X. Not Violent [no striker, not pugnacious] (1 Tim. 3:3) A. Titus says "not soon to anger, no striker" (Titus 1:7)</p> <p>XI. Gentle [patient] (1 Tim. 3:3) "Temperate" (Titus 1:8) A. Thayer defines the word in "seemly, suitable, fair, mild, gentle".</p> <p>XII. Not a Lover of Money [not covetous] (1 Tim. 3:3). "Not greedy for gain" (Titus)</p> <p>XIII. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? (1 Tim. 3:4-5)</p> <p>XIV. He must not be a recent convert [not a novice], or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. (1 Tim. 3:6)</p> <p>XV. He must be well thought of by outsiders [a good report of them which are without], so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. (1 Tim. 3:7)</p> <p>XVI. Not Arrogant [self-willed] (Titus 1:7)</p> <p>XVII. A Lover of Good [good men – KJV] A man must possess, to a significant degree, every characteristic listed in order to be scripturally qualified to serve as an elder. One who is significantly lacking in just one of the qualifications listed is not qualified, and should not, under any circumstances, be appointed to the eldership.</p>	<p>1 John 3:1-12</p> <p>III. God is Love 3:1-12</p> <p>A. God's Love For Man 3:1,2</p> <p>1. See [Behold]. John wants the reader to contemplate this truth. <i>What kind of love the Father has given to us - implies astonishment. Does not know us. The world does not recognize us for what we are – sons of God - Just as the world did not recognize Him for who He is – the Son of God.</i></p> <p>2. <i>What we will be has not yet appeared – We are sons now – this is future. When He appears [is revealed] – refers to the second coming of Christ. We shall be like him. Because we shall see him as He is. This is also to be like Him in body. And we will no longer be, as He no longer is, subject to death! (Phil. 3:20-21)</i></p> <p>B. Origin & Characteristics Of Sinful Conduct 3:3-12</p> <p>3. <i>Hopes. – desire, expectation and patiently waiting for the fulfillment. Purifies. Keeps on purifying. Cf: 1:7. This passage shows:</i></p> <p>a. Our salvation is conditional, b. The necessity of abstaining from every form of impurity, c. Encouragement to faithfulness which hope affords and d. Our example for purity is Jesus Himself.</p> <p>4. <i>Everyone who makes a practice of – the one continuing to commit. Sinning. To miss the mark or target. Lawlessness (transgression of the law). Against law, lawlessness.</i></p> <p>5. <i>To take away. To take away, remove completely. He appeared. This is the reason Jesus came, lived, died and was resurrected – to take away sin!</i></p> <p>6. <i>Keeps on sinning. The present tense could be rendered, "Whoever deliberately practices sin has not seen Him and continued seeing Him, nor known Him and continued knowing Him."</i></p> <p>7. <i>He who practices righteousness is righteous. We are righteous first, then our actions prove our righteousness.</i></p> <p>8. <i>Of the devil. For the devil has been sinning from the beginning – He is the originator of sin! Destroy. The word suggests destruction by undoing and dissolving that which forms the bond of cohesion. The works of the devil. These works not only include sin itself, but the consequences of sin – pain, sorrow, misery and death.</i></p> <p>9. <i>No one born of God makes a practice of sinning. He cannot sin. – he cannot continue to live a life of sin as he did before.</i></p> <p>10. <i>Is evident [Are manifest]. Clear, evident, conspicuous. Does not practice righteousness...does not love his brother.</i></p> <p>11. <i>That we should love. A continual, habitual attitude of love.</i></p> <p>12. <i>Should not be like Cain. Why?... Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous</i></p>