

# 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 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

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

## Kernels of Knowledge From our Daily Bible Reading Teach Your Children and Your Grandchildren

There is a passage in Deuteronomy that says, *"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children--" (Deut. 4:9).*

This is a daunting responsibility and more than most people have the ability to tackle – at least it would seem. Some find it difficult enough to educate themselves in the way of the Lord, so how are they to teach their children and grandchildren? And to think that they also have the responsibility to teach their children's children could seem almost impossible especially these days. But it must be possible or God wouldn't say so. This is the plan of God that we come to master God's will so that we live it and teach it to others.

There is a Proverb which says, *"train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).* If it does not hold true 100% of the time, it is at least generally true that children who are raised right will stay right. If you teach a child from a very young age the value of truthfulness, and impress upon him the evil of lying, then he will grow up to be truthful. When he is old he will not depart from it. If a parent teaches a child the goodness of God and all ways that His goodness is manifested, then the child will be impressed and when he is old he will declare it to his children. It is possible to train our children in the ways of God, and it is essential too.

Moses wrote that parents have the ability and responsibility to raise faithful children to the Lord. It's not going to happen 100% of the time, but excuse making is not helpful. If we will acknowledge that some children go wrong when taught right, we must also acknowledge that many go the wrong way because they were not taught.

Moses wrote that this responsibility extended to teaching the children's children. What is the best way, though not the only way, to accomplish this? Certainly a grandparent can and should speak directly to those little ones about the will of God and it would be very effective. But the first way, and maybe the best way, to accomplish this is to teach their grandchildren through teaching their own children. To explain, if a parent sits down with her children at night and talks to them about life and about God, about growing up and getting married, and about having children of their own, there is an opportunity to help them in their own child-rearing. A wise parent can instill into her young a desire to grow up godly, to marry godly, and to raise their own godly children. Done right, the grandparent has already helped the grandchildren to know the Lord. Moses says that grandparents have a responsibility to make God's commandments known *"to your children and your children's children."* And one more thing, if we raise our children like us, then we may have set the way for our children's children's children to know the way too.

<http://www.aconqueringfaith.net/2006/02/teach-your-children-and-grandchildren.html>

*"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 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 6:4-7**



# Why Was Moses Not Allowed To Enter Canaan?

**N**ot until a brief visit on the Mount of Transfiguration did Moses get to step foot into the Promised Land (Mt. 17). Actually, during Moses' lifetime he was not permitted to enter "because you rebelled against my word in the wilderness of Zin when the congregation quarreled, failing to uphold me as holy at the waters before their eyes" (Num. 27:14). More specifically, Moses rebelled against God when he "struck" the rock instead of "speaking" to it which God commanded. God's instructions are not to be taken lightly.

The time was the end of the forty year period of wandering when God was about to permit the second generation of Israel to enter the Promised Land. But Moses would not enter because he disobeyed God. The book of Numbers says,

*"...and the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 'Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water. So you shall bring water out of the rock for them and give drink to the congregation and their cattle.' And Moses took the staff from before the Lord, as he commanded him. Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, 'Hear now, you rebels: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?' And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his staff twice, and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock. And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them'" (Num. 20:7-12)*

Some people have wondered at what was the exact nature of that sin. God said Moses "broke faith" with Him (Dt. 32:51). It is like the sin of Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10:3). We also know from Numbers 27 that it was "failing to uphold me as holy at the waters before their eyes" (verse 14). Moses was disobedient to God. Moses did not honor God and treat Him as holy. Honoring God means doing what God says and how God says to do it. While Moses is throughout Scripture clearly shown to be God's man, this sin cost him. We learn from this that while our God is a God of grace and lovingkindness, He is also a righteous God who will punish the disobedient.

In our day we have some who are justifying similar acts of

rebellion while using dismissive language to the effect it's a "nonissue", that God just doesn't care. Today's liberal apologists would have defied God and would have insisted that what Moses did "was not a matter of salvation". The very foundation and capstone of the liberals argument is that "it doesn't say you can't." How pathetically weak to utter the words and how outrageously presumptuous to speak for God. Every time a change agent grants permission for some action which is not granted in the Bible, he jeopardizes someone's soul. To such people, what Moses did would be a "nonissue". God didn't say Moses couldn't strike the rock, but He told Moses exactly what he was to do: speak to it. Faithful children of God know such things are important matters of faith. Faithful children of God understand that God has given the account of Moses to teach the church not to make the same mistakes.

How about us, are we careful to treat God as holy? Are we careful to "worship God in spirit and truth"? God says we must (John 4:23,24). The question for us today is are we going to faithfully obey God? Are we going to treat Him as holy or unholy in the things that we do? It's not about whether any individual or church is perfect because we know that God saves imperfect people if they repent (Hebrews 11 and Moses). God loves His children but He does not tolerate the self-willed and rebellious. That Moses was not permitted to enter the Promised Land should teach us the valuable lesson to not listen to the rebellious voices who say that it doesn't matter if you strike or speak to the rock. They give approval to adding instruments to worship by promising that it is not a matter of salvation or a test of fellowship. But they don't really know, do they? They couldn't know. I prefer to learn from Moses' example and offer only what God has asked me to offer. Don't listen to the voices of those who say it doesn't matter if you are sprinkled or immersed for baptism. Jesus commanded immersion. Don't listen to the people who say it doesn't matter if instruments are part of the worship. God did not say to "play"; He said to "sing" (Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19). Let the church in a spirit of love and faith, bring the worship that God wants.

The Scriptures clearly indicate that Moses repented of His rebellious act and duly notes him as a great man of faith (Heb. 11). Let us remember the lesson though that we may not improvise with the commandments of God.

Adapted from [www.aconqueringfaith.net/2008/02/moses-in-promised-land.html](http://www.aconqueringfaith.net/2008/02/moses-in-promised-land.html)

## 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

**Mar. 15** Deuteronomy 11-13  
**Mar. 16** Deuteronomy 14-16  
**Mar. 17** Deuteronomy 17-20  
**Mar. 18** Deuteronomy 21-23  
**Mar. 19** Deuteronomy 24-27  
**Mar. 20** Deuteronomy 28-29  
**Mar. 21** Deuteronomy 30-31  
**Mar. 22** Deut. 32-34; Psalm 91

*"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)*



“Because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Rom 10:9).

It was the early years of the 1500s, and his name was Balthazar Hubmaier. He was German-Swiss, and part of a fellowship that preferred to call themselves *Brüder* (Brethren), although many called them “Anabaptists” because they baptized people “again” (from “ana,” again, and “baptist,” to baptize). First, their detractors declared, we baptize people as infants, then you Anabaptists baptize them *again* as adults!

Things became so serious in those days that many religious leaders joked about the three baptisms: First there was infant baptism, then the Anabaptists baptized adults “again,” finally they drowned Anabaptists in the cold Rhine River.

Hubmaier was a leader among the Anabaptists, a courageous and deeply biblical movement. The Anabaptists had elders in every congregation, partook the Lord’s Supper on the first day of the week, sang a cappella, and as you have already gathered, baptized adult believers upon their confession of faith. Does any of that sound familiar? They also observed foot washing, practiced the holy kiss, and were deeply, determinedly, pacifist. Why did they do all of these things? Because they were restorationists: They searched the Scriptures to find a pattern of the early church, and sought to follow that pattern. About 40,000 Anabaptists were executed in the years 1520-1540 by both Catholics and Lutherans. Hubmaier himself was executed in the end.

In a lengthy debate with Ulrich Zwingli, a preacher in Zurich who proclaimed infant baptism, Hubmaier made humorous mention of the words of the priest speaking over the infant at baptism: “As to the confession given at infant baptism, we at one time mumbled to the child in Latin (as the Catholics had done) and more recently in German (as the Lutherans were then doing),” Hubmaier declared, “however infants understand the German as well as the Latin.”

In other words infants had no idea of the deep commitment implied at baptism. How could they? They “only cried miserably,” Hubmaier declared.

Confession and baptism are acts that no one can make on your behalf. A baby’s parents cannot make this serious, life-long decision for him. It is your commitment to make, and yours alone. Is it a commitment you have made?

Stan Mitchell

## Celebrate

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

**March Birthdays:** Ken Maninger (4), Aila Stewart (5), John Greer (7), Wayne Kahlich (9), Daphne Escamilla (12), Brian Leftwich (14), **Susan Ford (17), Allen Griffith (20), Mileen Kahlich (21)**, James Thomas (23), Jessica Stultz (28), Ethel Adams (29).

**March Anniversaries:** James & Cindy Fuller (2), Tom & Carol Wilcox (23).



Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...

## Records

	Mar. 1, 2015	Mar. 8, 2015
Bible Class	42	39
AM Worship	52	48
PM Worship	36	38
Wednesday PM	22	29
Contribution	\$1,590	\$2,351



# Privileged To Serve

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

This Week: 3/15/15		Next Week: 3/22/15		<b>March 2015</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> Ken Maninger <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Don & Darlene Smith <b>Clean Building:</b> John Barnum Family <b>Keep Grounds:</b> James Fuller  <b>April 2015</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> Gene Bannister <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Johnny & Cindy McCaghren <b>Clean Building:</b> Cindy Fuller & Jessica Stultz <b>Keep Grounds:</b> Tom Wilcox
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister		
<b>Greeters</b>	Dennis Family	Bannister Families		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Gene Bannister	Allen Griffith		
<b>Communion</b>	James Fuller*, Tom Wilcox James Thomas, Don Smith	Joe Dennis*, Caleb Dennis Ken Maninger, Chase Churchwell		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Ken Maninger	Billy Chism		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Caleb Dennis, Jaceton Evetts	Jaceton Evetts		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: Joe Dennis	Song Leader: James Fuller		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Allen Griffith	Gene Bannister		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Hank Wheeler	John Barnum		
<b>Communion</b>	James Fuller	Joe Dennis		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Billy Chism	Don Smith		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	March 18 Tom Wilcox	March 25 Don Smith	April 1 Gospel Meeting	April 8 Prayer

# 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 March 15, 2015

Sunday Class ..... Acts 3:16ff  
 Wednesday Class ..... Ezekiel 1:10ff

**Why So Many Marriages Fail**  
 A marriage that is a failure does not necessarily mean a marriage that ends in divorce – a marriage fails when it fails to be what God would have it to be.

- I. **Failure to understand the commitment – "Till death us do part"**
- II. **Immaturity**
  - A. Some people never mature – all their lives they remain in adolescence.
  - B. "I'll just pack up and go home to Mama if you don't..."
  - C. One word – selfishness.
- III. **Unfair or harsh criticism**
  - A. None of us are above criticism – none of us are perfect.
  - B. It is much better to sit down and talk the matter over as two Christians who sincerely and deeply love one another, and resolve the matter.
- IV. **Sensitivity**
  - A. Selfish people are sensitive only to the needs of themselves.
  - B. A person who is overly sensitive will tend to take everything that is said as criticism.
- V. **One or both marriage partners are torn apart by inner conflicts.**
  - A. They are a house divided against itself – there is a civil war going on within them.
  - B. Study the Beatitudes (Mt. 5:1-13) – the Lord's pattern for mental health.
- VI. **A lack of trust in one another.**
  - A. Trust includes not only sexual faithfulness, but also finances, time, children, etc.
  - B. Of course, we should be worthy of trust (Rom. 7:1-4) – we must be trustworthy.
- VII. **Failure of physical intimacy.**
  - A. The sexual relationship is the "added language" God has given a man and a woman in order that they may express adequately to one another the depths of their love – it is far more expressive than human speech.
  - B. Without intimacy, marriage lacks an element which is vital to continued maintenance and growth of the love and oneness between husband and wife.
- VIII. **Lack of kindness, courtesy, and thoughtfulness.** Study & practice 1 Cor. 13:1-8.
- IX. **People do not learn how to resolve conflict.**
  - A. There are going to be some differences – some conflict.
  - B. Some married people have the maturity to properly cope with these conflicts – others will act like children.
- X. **Financial problems.**
- XI. **The husband and wife are not united in Christ.**
  - A. Though it may not end in divorce – the marriage is doomed from the beginning from being what God would ideally have it to be.
  - B. Young people – marry a Christian!
- XII. **The husband does not love the wife as Christ loved the church.**
  - A. Christ loves the church in spite of the weakness of its members.
  - B. Christ loves the church in a purposeful way – His love has a purpose, a goal.
  - C. Christ loves the church without reservation.
- XIII. **The wife will not submit to her husband.**  
*"Marriage is for those who love one another and God!"*

**John 1:6-18**  
 The scene now switches from the Logos to the man – John the Immerser.

6. "Sent from God" – he had a divine purpose
7. "He [the same]" refers to John v. 6.  
 "Light." Compare v. 4, 5.  
 "Through him" refers to John.  
 "Witness" (marturia) = testimony; witness; martureo = to testify.  
 John is to be the first in the series of witnesses to Jesus.  
 Fact + Testimony = Faith, Belief.  
 "Believe" = receiving (1:12) and obedience (3:36).
8. "But came." There is a distinction made between John (man) and the light.
9. "True light" brings a knowledge of God. Light that shows the way.  
 "World" (kosmos 77X) = the physical world, creation.
10. "The world did not know him" = those things alienated from God.  
 "Him" = the light, the life, the Logos.
11. "His" (idia) = His own things (creation, world).  
 "His own people did not receive him" = idol = His own people (Jews).
12. "Receive" (elabon) and "believed" (pisteuousin) are equal to one another.  
 "Him" = the object of receive. We preach so people will receive Jesus.  
 "The right to become" – belief does not make one a child of God, but it puts one in a position to become a child of God.
13. "Who" refers to those who receive and believe.  
 "Born" – the idea of birth, the beginning of a new existence, a new life.  
 John has whet the appetite of the reader with Logos, life, light, witness, world and birth from above. He now says the Logos has entered the natural realm.
14. "Dwell" (eskanosen) – tent or tabernacle.  
 "Glory as of the only Son" (monogenes) – the only one of its kind.  
 "Full of grace and truth." God is grace and truth.  
 "Became flesh." With all of the emotions and feelings of flesh.  
 "We have seen [beheld]."  
 "Glory." Ex 33:18. What does John see when he sees the "glory" of Christ?  
 "Grace and truth." What do you see when you see the "glory" of Christ?  
 "Only begotten," Mono (one only), genes (kind) = only one of its kind.
15. "Bore witness" (marturei), present tense. John the Immerser still testifies.  
 "Him" = the Light, the life, the Logos. Cf. Jn 1:14.  
 "Was" (en) – existed. John knew that Jesus was the Logos.
16. "Fullness." Pleroma to the Greek describes the full spectrum of divinity.
17. "The law" = a revelation of God.  
 "Jesus Christ." For the first time the Logos is given a name. "Jesus Christ."  
 18. No one has ever once seen God. No one has ever seen divinity.  
 "The only God" (monogenes theos) – the unique divine One.