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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

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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.

What Is The Difference Between A Man And An Animal?

"I said in my heart, 'Concerning the condition of the sons of men, God tests them, that they may see that they themselves are like animals.' For what happens to the sons of men also happens to animals; one thing befalls them: as one dies, so dies the other. Surely, they all have one breath; man has no advantage over animals, for all is vanity. All go to one place: all are from the dust, and all return to dust. Who knows the spirit of the sons of men, which goes upward, and the spirit of the animal, which goes down to the earth? So I perceived that nothing is better than that a man should rejoice in his own works, for that is his heritage. For who can bring him to see what will happen after him?" (Eccl. 3:18-22).

We live in a society in the United States which increasingly personifies and anthropomorphizes animals. Increasingly we speak of "animal's rights" and other characteristics and privileges of man, as belonging to animals. As my brother says, "Animals do not have rights; men have rights. Men have responsibilities to take care of animals."

The best example I know of that illustrates what our society is increasingly imposing upon us is an exchange between a reporter who was championing "animal rights" and a prosecuting attorney who was prosecuting an animal abuse case. Trying to explain the difference between humans and animals to the reporter, the prosecutor asked, "If your daughter and your dog were both trapped in a burning house, which one would you save?" The reporter answered, "Whichever one I came to first."

I love my dogs. My brother and I used to cry because we were homesick for our dog when we went away to visit our grandparents when we were kids. I have cried when my dogs died. But, my dogs will become "crispy critters" if it is a choice between my dogs, my children, my grandchildren, or any other person. When all is said and done, a dog is a dog.

There are some people in this world who fail to live up to the difference between man and animal. The difference between man and animal is their response to natural instinct (the lusts of the flesh). Man has the ability to act contrary to natural instinct and the lusts of the flesh; whereas animals do not. Notice, I said "the ability to act," not that man always acts that way. Moral decency is acting contrary to the lusts or desires of the flesh. When men live immoral lives they are living like beasts. That is clearly made known by God's word.

Part of the propaganda of the personalization of pets is the concept of evolution's origins as taught in our schools. Man is considered nothing more than an animal. The problem of Nazi Germany was their de-personalization of people. Rather than raising animals to the position of people, they demoted certain people to the level of animals. No matter which direction you go, it is wrong to place animals and humans on the same level.

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"For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them."

2 Peter 2:20,21



100 Things A Christian Can Do...to help build for eternity

1. Study your Bible.
2. Worship Sunday Morning.
3. Worship Sunday Evening.
4. Attend Bible study on Sunday.
5. Attend Bible Study on Wednesday.
6. Teach a Bible Class.
7. Assist in a Bible Class.
8. Bring Children to Bible Class.
9. Visit Shut-in.
10. Visit hospitals members.
11. Visit hospitals non-members.
12. Visit new members.
13. Visit old members.
14. Visit newcomers to community.
15. Visit in the prisons.
16. Distribute tracks to hospitals.
17. Distribute tracks to your friends.
18. Distribute tracks to your neighbors.
19. Do Bible correspondence courses.
20. Grade correspondence courses.
21. Do daily Bible reading.
22. Give to the Lord's work more.
23. Conduct home Bible studies.
24. Pray daily.
25. Distribute clothing to needy.
26. Greet visitors at worship services.
27. Be an active worshipper.
28. Donate a book to the church library.
29. Support gospel meetings in area.
30. Invite people to attend services.
31. Provide transportation to worship.
32. Provide transportation at other times.
33. Write missionaries.
34. Collect toys for needy children.
35. Call those absent from worship.
36. Have the youth group in your home.
37. Have the elders in your home.
38. Have the deacons in your home.
39. Have the preacher in your home.
40. Take flowers to people who are sick.
41. Take food to people in need.
42. Baby sit for a working family-free.
43. Prepare food for bereaved.
44. Show interest in children.
45. Prepare material for teachers.
46. Maintain baptistery clothing.
47. Sing at funerals.
48. Do office work.
49. Help church secretary.
50. Help the preacher.
51. Be a church librarian.
52. Chaperone youth events.
53. Help in Bible bowl.
54. Men – lead in prayers in worship.
55. Men – wait on Lord's table.
56. Send cards to absentees.
57. Carry a Bible at all times.
58. Buy Bibles.
59. Give Bibles away.
60. Smile—More and more.
61. Work at happiness.
62. Show love for all races.
63. Visit mission fields.
64. Encourage all to obey God.
65. Sing joyfully.
66. Support radio and TV work.
67. Minister to alcoholics.
68. Help counseling programs.
69. Pray for people everyday.
70. Have home devotionals.
71. Sit with those who are ill.
72. Take people to hospital.
73. Take people to doctor.
74. Send cards to all visitors.
75. Send cards to sick of congregation.
76. Send cards on birthdays.
77. Send cards on anniversaries.
78. Come to work days at building.
79. Express love to mentally ill.
80. Tutor the underprivileged.
81. Provide a foster home.
82. Oppose evil everywhere.
83. Repair things at building.
84. Donate books to church.
85. Give money for books.
86. Work in church library.
87. Give money to youth program.
88. Minister to deaf.
89. Minister to blind.
90. Meals-on-Wheels.
91. Bring your Bibles to services.
92. Go to Ladies bible Class.
93. Study all materials given.
94. Take brotherhood literature.
95. Support Christian schools.
96. Class for new converts.
97. Bibles for blind.
98. Support attendance drives.
99. Attend congregational meetings.
100. Help prepare bulletin for mail out.

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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

Jan. 17	Luke 1-3
Jan. 18	Luke 4-6
Jan. 19	Luke 7-9
Jan. 20	Luke 10-12
Jan. 21	Luke 13-15
Jan. 22	Luke 16-18
Jan. 23	Luke 19-21
Jan. 24	Luke 22-24

"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)



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There are some ways that men and animals are the same. Both are flesh and blood. Both were created by God out of the dust, and the body which they are given here on this earth will die and return to the dust of the ground. The bodies of both man and beast will decay and return to the dust.

At times, it is difficult to tell the difference between a man and a beast. When they both die and are lying on the ground, who can tell the difference? Who can know that man has a spirit that ascends back to God who gave it but an animal does not have a spirit, its body simply decays and goes back into the earth? The answer is, God. God knows. And since God knows, he can and has revealed it to us in his word (cf. Eccl. 12:7; 3:21). Man has a body, soul (life) and immortal spirit (1 Thess. 5:23). Animals have a body and life, but no spirit created in the image of God.

Only man was made a living soul. Only man was made in the image and in the likeness of God. Genesis 1 and 2 shows that God is spirit. Man, therefore, is not only a physical being; but, a spiritual being as well. Man is not in the image of God because he has two eyes, two ears, one nose and one mouth. He is made in the image and likeness of God because he, too, is a spiritual being in addition to being a physical being. That is why there is a sacredness to the life of man that is not associated with the life of animals. Man, as the culmination of the Creation of God, holds a special place.

Only man goes to the hadean world at death. See Luke 16:19 -31 and the account of Lazarus and the rich man. Man alone in Creation will face the judgment of God (2 Cor. 5:10). Dogs, cats, parakeets, cows, horses, rabbits, chickens, etc. do not have a soul and the capacity to face judgment. "All Dogs Go to Heaven" may be an entertaining animated movie, but it is not a scriptural concept.

"So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified" (Acts 20:32).

Roderick L. Ross (*Seek The Old Paths*, Vol. 26, Num. 6 [June, 2015], p. 41)

Celebrate

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

January Birthdays: Tom Wilcox (17), Anita Boyd (19), Jaceton Evetts (20), Mattison Churchwell (25), Karen Bland (29), Judie Turner (29).

January Anniversaries: None.

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	Jan. 3, 2016	Jan. 10, 2016
Bible Class	38	42
AM Worship	53	66
PM Worship	38	42
Wednesday PM	53	52
Contribution	\$1,936	\$2,319

Next Week: 1/17/16		Next Week: 1/24/16		January 2016 Make Announcements: Ken Maninger Prepare Communion: McCaghrens Clean Building: McCaghren / Bridges Hostess Committee: Cindy McCaghren's group February 2016 Make Announcements: Gene Bannister Prepare Communion: Mike & Patti Bannister Clean Building: Dennis / Guthrie Hostess Committee: Cindy McCaghren's group
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister		
Greeters	Maninger Family	Mileen & Ashley Kahlich		
Opening Prayer	Gene Bannister	Allen Griffith		
Communion	Tom Wilcox*, Don Smith Joe Dennis, Caleb Dennis	Randy Huckaby*, Hank Wheeler Ken Maninger, Chase Churchwell		
Closing Prayer	Randy Huckaby	John Barnum		
Attendance Cards	Jaceten Evetts	Caleb Dennis		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: Joe Dennis	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		
Opening Prayer	James Thomas	Allen Bland		
Scripture Reading	John Barnum	Joe Dennis		
Communion	Tom Wilcox	Randy Huckaby		
Closing Prayer	Ken Maninger	Gene Bannister		
Wednesday Devotionals:	January 20 Tom Wilcox	January 27 Don Smith	February 3 Prayer Night	February 10 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)

Studies for the week of January 17, 2016

Sunday Class Acts 19:24ff: Third Evangelistic Journey
 Wednesday Class Ezekiel 40-44: Vision of the New Temple

<u>Demas & Luke: A Contrast of Faithfulness</u>	<u>John 20:1-18 – The Resurrection</u>
<p>I. Who Were Demas And Luke? A. Demas is listed with Luke in three of Paul's letters (Col. 4:14; Philemon 24; 2 Tim. 4:10,11). B. Paul's "fellow laborers." (Philemon 24).</p> <p>II. What Spiritual Choices Did Demas and Luke Make? A. Demas and Luke made the greatest choice of their lives when they obeyed the Gospel B. Luke and Demas chose to spread the precious Gospel of Christ by working together with the apostle Paul. C. It would be great if our study of Demas' choices could have stopped here! Unfortunately, his earlier choices are overshadowed by his last recorded choice (2 Tim. 4:10).</p> <p>III. What Motivated Demas' Choice to Forsake Paul? A. Demas did not put God and church first – he loved this present world. B. Because of his fondness for the pleasures of this life, he did not want to make the necessary sacrifices – including dying for the cause of Christ.</p> <p>IV. What Motivated Luke's Choice to Stay with Paul? A. To answer simply – Luke put God and the church first in his life, and did not love this present world. B. Luke was ready to sacrifice his life in order to help his brother Paul.</p> <p>V. What Affect Did Demas and Luke's Choices Have on Paul? A. When Demas departed the faith and deserted Paul – no doubt Paul was deeply hurt. B. Luke's choice to stay with Paul was, no doubt, a tremendous encouragement and a great blessing to Paul.</p> <p>VI. How Can We Apply This Study To Our Lives? A. Luke chose to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts – to live soberly, righteously, by having godly thoughts. B. Let us all practice 3-D religion: 1. Discern – that we must not grow so fond of this present world, as Demas did, that we lose sight of the author and finisher of our faith. 2. Demonstrate – our love for God by having a sacrificial love for our brethren (put our neck on the line if need be – Rom. 16:3,4). 3. Determine – to be faithful to the Lord even if it means our very death – heaven will surely be worth it all!</p>	<p>I. THE MESSAGE OF MARY MAGDALENE (1-2). A. What she sees (1): She finds the stone that had blocked the entrance of Jesus' tomb rolled away. 1. <i>The first day of the week.</i> 2. <i>Mary Magdalene.</i> 3. <i>Went to the tomb early, while it was still dark.</i> 4. <i>The stone had been taken away from the tomb.</i> B. What she says (2): "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb" 1. <i>Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved.</i></p> <p>II. THE MISSION OF TWO DISCIPLES (3-10). A. Who they are (3a): Peter and John. B. What they do (3b): They visit the empty tomb. C. What they see (4-9). 1. John (4-5, 8-9). a. At first he looks inside and sees the burial cloth that covered Jesus' body, but he does not go in (4-5). b. Finally, he goes in and believes (8-9). 2. Peter (6-7): He goes in and sees both the body cloth and head cloth of Jesus. D. Where they go (10): After they see that Jesus is no longer in the tomb, they both go home.</p> <p>III. THE MANIFESTATIONS OF JESUS CHRIST (11-29): John describes three post-Resurrection appearances of Jesus. A. The appearance before Mary Magdalene (11-18). 1. The sorrowful one (11): She goes back to the tomb and weeps. 2. The shining ones (12-13): Two angels appear. a. <i>Their question (12-13a): "Why are you weeping?"</i> b. <i>Her answer (13b): "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."</i> 3. The sovereign one (14-18). a. <i>Mary's error (14-15):</i> Jesus suddenly appears, but she mistakes Him for the gardener. b. <i>Mary's ecstasy (16-18):</i> She recognizes Jesus and later shares the good news with the disciples.</p>