

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

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Mike Bannister..... Don Smith

James Thomas

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Johnny McCaghren

Works We Support:

Cherokee Home for Children
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House to House, Heart to Heart
Mission Printing
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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.

LESS THAN 0.01% WILL KILL YOU

If you look at a box of rat poison you will find there are only a few ingredients. A typical mix is mainly filler such as wheat, along with a little sucrose as a sweetener and propylene glycol as a solvent. Less than 0.01% is poison. Rats like to eat the harmless stuff. They will not eat the bait if the poison is too obvious. They would be able to detect it in the taste and quit eating. Though it may take several ingestions, over a period of time, less than 0.01% eventually gets the job done.

There are some obvious spiritual applications of this principle. For example, how much spiritual poison does it take to kill a soul? The devil knows just a little will get the job done. If there is too much obvious error in what is being taught, most people would "smell a rat" and not partake.

However, Satan can introduce a little error here and there and get souls accustomed to something that may be only 97% true. Such a transformation may not happen quickly but that old serpent (Rev. 20:2) knows how to wait. He has been injecting some into the word of God since the Garden of Eden.

Think about what the tempter did with Eve. First, he asked a seemingly innocent question, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" (Gen. 3:1). Eve correctly answered that God had forbidden eating the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden (Gen. 3:2-3). According to Genesis 2:9, both the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil were in the midst of the Garden of Eden. The Lord God told Adam not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17).

What was Satan's purpose in asking his first question? It may have been intended to have Eve question the goodness of God. After the serpent's question she "saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise" (Gen. 3:6). So, what could be so bad about eating fruit from that tree?

After Eve answered the question, the devil injected his first dose of spiritual poison. He told her a lie by adding the word "not" (just a three letter word). The devil said, "You will not surely die" (Gen. 3:4). God had told Adam, "in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" (Gen. 2:17). What did Satan add to the truth to make it a lie? Just three letters: N, O, T!

Remember, rat poison is mostly harmless filler. Some of what the serpent said was true. Genesis 3:5 records Satan's words, "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Sure enough, their eyes were opened (Gen. 3:7). After eating the forbidden fruit God declared, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil" (Gen. 3:22).

Additionally, there was an element of truth in the serpent's declaration that they

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"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. ...those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

Isaiah 40:28, 31



Strength through Spiritual Exercise

Exercise is a must for good physical and mental health. Fitness experts have pointed out that a good walking program can help eliminate stress, lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels and even decrease depression. Whether you choose walking, running, weight lifting, cycling or some other form of activity, you can trust that regular exercise will provide greater health and physical strength.

Despite the effectiveness of physical exercise, not everyone participates in it. Some folks are completely disinterested when it comes to a bodily fitness regiment. A host of others are interested but can't seem to find the necessary drive and motivation to get started. Last, there are those who exercise regularly and if they cannot find opportunity to do something physically they miss it and feel like something isn't right.

As important as physical exercise is, the Bible points to a kind of discipline that's much more important – spiritual exercise.

The apostle Paul, in writing to his young protégé Timothy said, *“But reject profane and old wives’ fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance”* (1 Tim. 4:7-9).

Just as some people aren't interested in physical exercise, some find no attraction to spiritual pursuits. However, everyone should. Your most valuable commodity is your soul (Mk. 8:36-37). Understanding this should spur greater interest. If you need motivation and drive to exercise spiritually then reflect on the fact that the health of your soul determines the quality of your life now and the quality of it in the life to come. Nothing is more important than taking care of your soul, thus spiritual exercise should take precedence over everything else.

What kinds of things can a Christian employ in order to grow spiritually stronger and avoid soul sickness?

- **Prayer** (1 Tim. 2:1,2): Pray when you wake up, while

you drive to work, when you catch your breath, before you eat, before you sleep and at any time when life's cares weigh upon you (1 Thes. 5:17). You can approach the Throne of God so take advantage of this privilege (Heb. 4:16); you will be stronger for having done so.

- **Reading / studying** (1 Tim. 4:13,16): Scripture, when read, studied and applied can make you complete in the sight of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17). You must know God's will before you can apply it. You must apply it in order to please Him (Jas. 1:22). Yet, if you consistently apply it you will enjoy the “life of God” (Jn. 10:10; Eph. 4:18) that he intends for you.
- **Meditation / memorization** (1 Tim. 4:15); like a cow chewing its cud, feast on God's word and savor it (Job 23:12). Do so purposefully and thoughtfully. Memorize choice portions of Scripture so that when temptation rears its head you are armed and ready (Psa. 119:11).
- **Instructing / serving** (1 Tim. 4:6): Take God's word and teach others with it. Allow it to motivate you to serve and do good (Gal. 6:10). The more you serve the more you become like Jesus and the stronger you will be spiritually (Mk. 10:45).
- **Worship / Praise** (Jn. 4:24). If you want to be spiritually fit then worship God regularly with his people (Acts 2:42; 20:7). Yet at the same time, praise Him continually throughout the day (Ps. 34:1). Marvel at his creative genius (Ps. 19:1). Sing to Him with joy in your heart (Jas. 5:13).

If you never exercise physically your body will not be strong. More importantly if you do not exercise spiritually you will never enjoy strength of soul. If you are not presently involved in a spiritual exercise program will you agree to start today? So why not right not determine to do the following: Eat right (Mat. 4:4); Stretch (2 Pet. 3:18); Run (1 Cor. 9:24-27; 1 Tim. 4:6-8); Lift some weights (Gal. 6:2); Allow God to lift some of yours (1 Peter 5:7). Also, be sure to check your progress (1 Tim. 4:15; 2 Cor. 13:5), you'll be surprised at the gains you'll enjoy. Once you start, if you ever quit, you'll miss it.

Bill Burk (Christian Worker, Vol. 102, Num. 7 [July 2016], pp. 6-7)

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

July 17	Luke 1-3
July 18	Luke 4-6
July 19	Luke 7-9
July 20	Luke 10-12
July 21	Luke 14-15
July 22	Luke 16-18
July 23	Luke 19-21
July 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)



friend. We always have plenty.

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ August 9—We host area Summer Youth Series.
- ◆ October 16-19—Fall Gospel Meeting with Jacob Rutledge.
- ◆ October 29—2nd Annual Ladies Day.

Other Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ **July 17-22—Senior Camp**
- ◆ August 5-7—Discipleship U.—Dripping Springs, TX.
- ◆ August 19-25—Polishing The Pulpit—Sevierville, TN.
- ◆ Sept. 10—Teacher’s Workshop @ Cleburne.
- ◆ Sept. 16-18—5th & Grape Lectureship
- ◆ Sept. 18-22—Gospel Meeting @ San Angelo with Omari French
- ◆ Oct. 1—Ladies Day @ Dublin.
- ◆ Oct. 6-8—Texas Ladies for Christ Retreat [Brady]
- ◆ Oct. 9-12—Lubbock Lectures
- ◆ Oct. 9-12—Homecoming Lectureship @ Rising Star

Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **29 contacts** were made.

Announcements

- ◆ **No Summer Youth Series** this week due to camp.
- ◆ **Teachers**—you are highly encouraged to reserve **Sept. 10th** on your calendar to attend the **Teacher’s Workshop in Cleburne**. This for all teachers—men and women—all ages.
- ◆ We are in need of **66 small, individual cereal boxes**. If you have access to any, you can place them in the teacher’s workroom. Thanks in advance!



A new addition of **The Spiritual Sword** is available at the back of the auditorium. The theme—*“A Handy Guide to Final Things”*. Take one for yourself (keep it for your library) and one for a

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would not die. Remember, the Lord specified death would occur in the day that you eat of it. Did they die physically that day? Obviously not, and yet God does not lie (Titus 1:2).

However, they died spiritually that day. Spiritual death is a separation from God because of sin (Eph. 2:1). Adam and Eve were driven out of the Garden (Gen. 3:22-24). With access to the tree of life cut off, physical death occurred hundreds of years later (Gen. 5:5).

Please consider one of Satan’s biggest lies. The inspired apostle Peter wrote, *“baptism doth also now save us”* (1 Peter 3:21 – KJV). Many are willing to change just one letter, from a W to a T, making it a lie, *“baptism doth also NOT save us.”*

It has been observed that if a lie is told often enough, some (perhaps many) will eventually believe it is true. Many religious beliefs are not based on the truth of God’s word but simply what people have been told many times. While a tiny amount of poison may not kill immediately, the cumulative effect is deadly.

How much poison are you willing to ingest? In physical matters the answer is *“None!”* It should be the same for spiritual matters. Believing a lie can condemn a soul eternally (Gal. 1:6-9; 2 Thess. 2:10-12). Remember, by weight, less than 0.01% poison is enough to kill a rat.

Douglas Hoff

Celebrate

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

July Birthdays: Laura Huckaby (6), Jason Warman (6), Chase Churchwell (11), Cindy Fuller (12), John Barnum (26), Jack Hill (26).

July Anniversaries: Allen & Karen Bland (27).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	July 3, 2016	July 10, 2016
Bible Class	50	51
AM Worship	72	67
PM Worship	49	55
Wednesday PM	39	47
Contribution	\$2,111	\$2,061

This Week: 7/17/16		Next Week: 7/24/16		July 2016 Make Announcements: Gene Bannister Prepare Communion: Johnny & Cindy McCaghren Clean Building: Johnny & Cindy McCaghren Hostess Committee: Jessica Stultz's group August 2016 Make Announcements: John Barnum Prepare Communion: Randy & Laura Huckaby Clean Building: Joe Dennis Family Hostess Committee: Laura Huckaby's group
Sunday AM:		Song Leader: Mike Bannister		
Greeters	Maninger Family	James & Cindy Fuller		
Opening Prayer	James Fuller	James Fuller		
Communion	Ken Maninger*, Chase Churchwell Joe Dennis, Caleb Dennis	Allen Griffith*, Randy Huckaby Ryan Rudloff, Allen Bland		
Closing Prayer	James Thomas	John Barnum		
Attendance Cards	Jaceton Evetts	Ian Barnum		
Sunday PM:		Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		
Opening Prayer	Randy Huckaby	Joe Dennis		
Scripture Reading	Don Smith	Tom Wilcox		
Communion	Ken Maninger	Allen Griffith		
Closing Prayer	Hank Wheeler	Gene Bannister		
Wednesday Devotionals:	July 20 Joe Dennis	July 27 Allen Griffith	August 3 Prayer Night	August 10 Tom Wilcox

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 July 17, 2016

Sunday Class **Romans 1:17ff**
 Wed. Class **How can we identify the NT church today?**

God's Greatness (Isaiah 40:12-31)

God's people are set free through the proclamation of His greatness. To assure God's people that God will fulfill His promises, Isaiah declares that God is greater than anything on earth or anything scattered throughout the universe or even beyond.

- I. God is greater than the universe He has created (12). [See also Genesis 1:1; Nehemiah 9:6; Psalm 102:25; Hebrews 1:3]
- II. God is greater than any counselor or teacher (13-14). [See also Daniel 2:22; Romans 11:33-36; 1 Corinthians 1:25; 2:16]
- III. God is greater than all the nations of the earth in all their power and glory (15-17). [See also Job 26:12; 42:2; Ps. 103:14; Acts 17:24-31]
- IV. God is greater than all the images and false gods of this world (18-21). [See also Psalm 19:1; 97:6; Acts 14:15; 17:29; Romans 1:18-25]
- V. God is greater than all the people of the earth (22-24). [See also Job 4:17-21; 7:17; Psalm 8:3-4; 49:12; 115:3; John 3:27; 2 Corinthians 3:5]
- VI. God is greater than any being in the entire universe (25-26). [See also 2 Sam. 7:22; 1 Kings 8:23; Psalm 89:6; Mark 12:32; Acts 14:15-17]
- VII. God is greater than any trial or temptation (vv.27-31). [See also Psalm 40:17; Isaiah 41:10; 43:1-2; Matthew 6:7-8, 33; 2 Cor. 12:9-10; Ephesians 3:20; 2 Timothy 1:7; Hebrews 11:33-34]

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
 Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
 Thy power throughout the universe displayed,
 When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
 And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
 When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
 And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze,
 And when I think of God, His Son not sparing,
 Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
 That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
 He bled and died to take away my sin.
 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
 Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
 And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"
 Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
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 How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

Commonly Held False Doctrines Concerning the Miraculous (1)

- I. One must be baptized with the Holy Spirit to be saved. How can this be true if:
 - A. There is but one baptism. Eph. 4:5 ...one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ...
 - B. It was promised to only a select few (John 16:13; 14:26; Acts 1:5-8).
 - C. It is/was not a command – it was a promise.
 - D. The purpose of the baptism of the Holy Spirit has been fulfilled (John 16:13, 17-20; Heb. 2:1-4).
 - E. It was not so in the first century (Acts 8:12-17).
 - F. It's teachers contradict and confuse.
 - G. Holy Spirit baptism was never connected directly with: remission of sins, putting one into Christ, the new birth, etc.
- II. Tongue speaking:
 - A. Tongues under the limited commission (Matt. 10:5-8) – not needed.
 - B. Tongues under the great commission (Mark 16:15-18) – needed & given.
 - C. The Bible definition of the gift of tongues.
 1. Acts 2:4-8.
 2. 1 Corinthians 14.
 - a. The word *unknown* (v. 2 – KJV) was added by the translators.
 - b. It is something that one speaks (2).
 - c. It can be interpreted (5).
 - d. It consists of words (9, 19).
 - e. The one speaking should even pray that he can interpret (13).
 - f. It is compared to a foreign language of Isaiah's day (21).
 - g. No more than two or three are to do it, and that in turn, but only if one interprets (27,28).
 - h. It is clear that the "tongue" of 1 Corinthians chapter 14 is a language. This harmonizes beautifully with Acts 2.
 - D. Those who speak in tongues claim that it makes one more spiritual. Then why was the church at Corinth so "carnal"? (1 Cor. 3:1-3)
 - E. Some versions of the Bible have added to the problem.
 - F. Tongues a sign for unbelievers – believers (1 Cor. 14:22).
 - G. Tongue speaking has ceased (1 Cor. 13:8-10).
 - H. Some say that without the gift of speaking in tongues one is not saved (see Acts 8:12-17, with Mark 16:16).