

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



April 2, 2017

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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
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.

The Daffodil Principle

After about twenty minutes, we turned onto a small gravel road and I saw a small church. On the far side of the church, I saw a hand lettered sign with an arrow that read "Daffodil Garden." We got out of the car, each took a child's hand, and I followed Carolyn down the path. Then, as we turned a corner, I looked up and gasped.

Before me lay the most glorious sight. It looked as though someone had taken a great vat of gold and poured it over the mountain peak and its surrounding slopes. The flowers were planted in majestic swirling patterns, great ribbons and swaths of deep orange, creamy white, lemon yellow, salmon pink, and saffron and butter yellow. Each different-colored variety was planted in large groups so that it swirled and flowed like its own river with its unique hue. There were five acres of flowers.

"Who did this?" I asked Carolyn. "Just one woman," Carolyn answered. "She lives on the property. That's her home." Carolyn pointed to a well-kept A-frame house, small and modestly sitting in the midst of all that glory. We walked up to the house. On the patio, we saw a poster. **Answers to the Questions I Know You Are Asking** was the headline! The first answer was a simple one – **50,000 bulbs**. The second answer was – **one at a time, by one woman. Two hands, two feet, and one brain**. The third answer was – **began in 1958**.

For me, that moment was a life-changing experience. I thought of this woman whom I had never met, who more than forty years before had begun, **one bulb at a time, to bring her vision of beauty and joy to an obscure mountaintop**. Planting **one** bulb at a time, year after year, this **unknown woman** had **forever changed the world** in which she lived. **One** day at a time, she had created something of extraordinary magnificence, beauty, and inspiration. (Author unknown)

We can all learn from the "*Daffodil Principle*." That is, learning to move toward our goals and desires **one** step at a time – and learning to **love the doing**, learning to **use the accumulation of time**. Think about this, when we multiply tiny pieces of time with small increments of daily effort, *we too, will find we can accomplish magnificent things*. **We can change the world**. With that same principle, we can reach the world for our Lord. **We can accomplish the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)**. Indeed, **we can change the world**. All it takes is **commitment**. Commitment of course, must have an object. We must be committed to something.

The definition of true **Christian commitment** that I like best is this – **identification with both the person and purposes of Jesus Christ**. In our day, many people

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"Then one said to Him, 'Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You.' But He answered and said to the one who told Him, 'Who is My mother and who are My brothers?' And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, 'Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.'" **Matt. 12:47-50**



YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND A
GOSPEL MEETING
 AT THE PARK HEIGHTS CHURCH OF CHRIST

THEME: I STAND IN AWE

Sunday, April 2
 Bible Class - 9:30 a.m.
 I Stand: Worship God

Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
 I Stand in Awe of You

Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.
 I Stand in Awe of Your Power

Monday, April 3 - 7:00 p.m.
 Standing Against God: Profane Worship

Tuesday, April 4 - 7:00 p.m.
 Standing in Secret: Private
 Worship

Wednesday, April 5 - 7:00 p.m.
 Standing Together: Public Worship



Speaker:
 Denny Wilson, Evangelist
 APRIL 2-5, 2017

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YOU'RE INVITED TO A
 GOSPEL MEETING AT
 BANGS CHURCH OF CHRIST
 WITH RONNIE HAYES

APRIL 02-05, 2017

"MATTERS THAT MATTER"

Sunday 9:45 AM - *How Can we Know the Bible is True?*
 10:45 AM— *How to Deal with Adversity*
 6:30 PM— *What a Man!*

7:00 PM
 Monday— *Why the Cross?*
 Tuesday— *What Must I Do to Be Saved?*
 Wednesday— *Are You Ready?*

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identify with the *person* of Jesus Christ. A few years ago the Gallup Poll revealed that 86% of Americans call themselves *Christians*. It is the second part of our definition – identification with the **purposes** of Jesus Christ – that creates the great divide.

Put another way, many people are willing to accept Jesus as Savior, but far fewer are willing to accept Him as Lord. It would be easy to accept Christ as our Savior, *if* He made no claims on our lives. But Jesus gave us no such luxury. He said, "*if you love Me, keep My commandments.*" Christian **commitment** is not a question of accomplishment, but of **obedience**. It is a true state-

ment, "*God has not called us to be successful – He has called us to be faithful.*"

God does not want our success. He wants our **commitment**. He does not demand our achievements. He demands our **obedience**. Jesus has instructed each one of us to "*be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even in the remotest part of the earth*" (Acts 1:8). As Christians, we have the responsibility to do that. It is our responsibility to get the job done – not just dream about it. We must all realize that there is a huge difference between **interest** and **commitment**.

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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

Apr. 2	2 Samuel 7-9; 1 John 3-4
Apr. 3	2 Sam. 10-12; 1 Jn. 5; 2 John
Apr. 4	2 Samuel 13-15; 3 John; Jude
Apr. 5	2 Samuel 16-18; Rev. 1-2
Apr. 6	2 Samuel 19-21; Rev. 3-4
Apr. 7	2 Samuel 22-24; Rev. 5-6
Apr. 8	1 Kings 1-3; Revelation 7-8
Apr. 9	1 Kings 4-6; Revelation 9-10

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."



Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **33 contacts** were made.

Announcements

- ◆ Everyone is invited to stay for our **First Sunday Fellowship Meal** following services this morning.
- ◆ We enjoyed a great Gospel Meeting this past week. In addition to the numbers below, we had 54 and 67 in attendance Monday and Tuesday nights, respectfully. Our thanks to Russel Bell, along with his wife Jean, for coming to be with us. Russel presented some very challenging, yet very practical lessons. Now let's put them into action!
- ◆ All of our teachers are encouraged to attend the **Teacher's Workshop** at Oldham Lane **April 29th**. Please let Cindy Proud know if you plan to attend.

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ August 8—Summer Youth Series
- ◆ October 15-18—Fall Gospel Meeting with Dave Rogers

Other Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ April 2-5—Gospel Meeting @ Bangs w/ Ronnie Hayes. *"Matters that Matter"*
- ◆ April 2-5—Gospel Meeting @ Hamilton w/ Denny Wilson. *"I Stand in Awe."*
- ◆ April 8—Ladies' Day @ Hico w/ Melissa Poling. *"Restore My Soul"*
- ◆ April 9-12—Gospel Meeting @ 9th & Main (San Angelo) w/ Jason Rollo. *"Ready to Give Answer: Bible Basics"*
- ◆ April 9-12—Gospel Meeting @ Windmill (Weatherford) w/ various speakers.
- ◆ April 28-29—Heart of Texas Ladies' Retreat (Brady).
- ◆ April 29—Teacher's Workshop @ Oldham Lane (Abilene).
- ◆ April 29—Ladies' Day @ Comanche w/ Cheryl Ginnings. *"God's Special People"*
- ◆ April 29—Ladies' Day @ Colleyville w/ Erynn Sprouse & Denise Surlis. *"Hope: Anchor of the Soul."*
- ◆ April 30-May 3—Gospel Meeting @ Gordon w/ Jessie Dickison.
- ◆ May 6-11—Focal Point (San Marcos).
- ◆ May 20—Ladies' Day @ Dublin w/ Evelyn Bonner. *"Cooking New Creations"*
- ◆ June 4-9—Preacher Training Camp (Ages 14-18) @ Oldham Lane (Abilene).

- ◆ June 6—Summer Youth Series begins
- ◆ June 25-29—Junior Camp
- ◆ July 16-21—Senior Camp
- ◆ August 18-24—Polishing the Pulpit

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ment. When you are interested in something, you only do it when it is convenient. When you are **committed**, it is giving your **whole self to Him**. It is not what you do that matters, but what a sovereign God chooses to do through us.

May we commit ourselves to being followers of Jesus Christ to such an extent that they can say of us, as they did the early disciples, *"These that have turned the world upside down have come here also."*

Rick Austin (Cross Plains bulletin, 3/30/17)

Celebrate

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

April Birthdays: Lasha Dennis (6), Sarah Rudloff (6), Ginger King (8), Jimmie Claborn (9), Kristi Maninger (9), Becky Smith (9), Darlene Smith (10), Caroline Dennis (30).

April Anniversaries: John & Tina Barnum (8).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	Mar. 19, 2017	Mar. 26, 2017
Bible Class	45	53
AM Worship	60	75
PM Worship	50	53
Wednesday PM	49	53
Contribution	1,957	2,367

Privileged To Serve

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

This Week: 4/2/17		Next Week: 4/9/17		April 2017 Make Announcements: Ken Maninger Prepare Communion: Maninger Family Clean Building: Mike & Patti Bannister Lisa Greer May 2017 Make Announcements: Gene Bannister Prepare Communion: Tom & Carol Wilcox Clean Building: John Barnum Family
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister		
Greeters	Fuller / Stultz	Mileen & Ashley Kahlich		
Opening Prayer	Joe Dennis	Gene Bannister		
Communion	Randy Huckaby*, Hank Wheeler Allen Bland, Jack Turner	Allen Griffith*, Larry Petty Ken Maninger, Chase Churchwell		
Closing Prayer	Allen Griffith	John Barnum		
Attendance Cards	Ian Barnum	Jaceten Evetts		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: Ken Maninger	Song Leader: James Fuller		
Opening Prayer	Gene Bannister	Randy Huckaby		
Scripture Reading	Tom Wilcox	Ryan Rudloff		
Communion	Randy Huckaby	Allen Griffith		
Closing Prayer	John Barnum	James Fuller		
Wednesday Devotionals:	April 5 Prayer Night	April 12 Tom Wilcox	April 19 Don Smith	April 26 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 April 2, 2017

Sunday Class **Romans 5:10ff**
 Wed. Class **After Baptism, Then What?**

Jesus' Family – Matthew 12:46-50

A wonderful blessing is that of having a family – but we are not limited to the blessings of a physical family.

I. Jesus' Physical Family.

A. His Mother, Mary.

1. A woman worthy of high esteem.
 - a. Praised by the angel Gabriel (Luke 1:28, 30).
 - b. Praised by her cousin Elizabeth (Luke 1:42, 45).
 - c. "...henceforth all generations will call me blessed" (Luke 1:48).
2. A mother of several children.
3. A mother who respected her Son.
 - a. She treasured His sayings in her heart (Luke 2:48-51).
 - b. She respected His authority (John 2:5).
 - c. She followed Him to the cross (John 19:25).
 - d. She continued with the disciples after His ascension (Acts 1:14).

B. His Brothers and Sisters.

1. Matthew 13:55-56 – James, Joses, Simon, Judas – plus at least 2 sisters.
2. His brothers (and likely His sisters) did not believe in Him at first.
3. Yet after His resurrection they came to believe.

C. It must have been a wonderful privilege to be part of Jesus' physical family!

II. Jesus' Spiritual Family.

A. His Disciples.

1. Jesus used this opportunity to identify the disciples as His true family.
2. He described anyone who "does the will of My Father in heaven" as His brother, sister, and mother (50).

B. The Church Today.

1. His disciples could have "a hundred fold" brothers, sisters, and mothers in this lifetime (Mark 10:28-30).
2. The key is to "do the Father's will"!
3. The church of Jesus Christ, is the true "Family of Jesus" today, and forever!

Who is our true family today? Are you in the family of Jesus?

No matter what kind of physical family you may have been born into, you have the opportunity by God's grace to be born into the wonderful family of God!

Imprecatory Psalms – Psalm 109 – "The Judgment of Evil"

This psalm is one of the plainest and most intense imprecatory psalms.

I. "Do Not Keep Silent" (1-5).

- A. "Do not keep silent, O God of my praise!"
- B. "In return for my love they are my accusers."
- C. David's reaction – "But I give myself to prayer."
- D. "Thus they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love."

II. "Let Him Be Found Guilty" (6-13). Verses 6-20 are an imprecatory prayer.

- A. "Set a wicked man over him, and let an accuser stand at his right hand."
- B. "When he is judged, let him be found guilty, and let his prayer become sin."
- C. "Let his days be few."
- D. "Let his posterity be cut off, and in the generation following let their name be blotted out."

III. "Remember His Iniquity" (14-20).

- A. "Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before the Lord, and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out."
- B. "Because he did not remember to show mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart."
- C. "As he clothed himself with cursing as with his garment, so let it enter his body like water, and like oil into his bones."
- D. "Let this be the Lord's reward to my accusers, and to those who speak evil against my person."

IV. "Deal Kindly with Me" (21-25).

- A. "But You, O God the Lord, deal with me for Your name's sake."
- B. "For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me."

V. "Save Me" (26-29).

- A. "Let them curse, but You bless; when they arise, let them be ashamed, but let Your servant rejoice."
- B. "Let my accusers be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own disgrace as with a mantle."

VI. "I Will Give Thanks" (30-31).

- A. "I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; yes, I will praise Him among the multitude."
- B. "For He shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those who condemn him."