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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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World Bible School

Forty Things We All Need to Know About the Church

1. It is God's "ekklesia" (the called out), those sanctified (set apart). (2 Thessalonians 2:14; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 1 Peter 2:10)
2. It is the aggregate of those cleansed/redeemed/saved from their sins by the blood of Christ. (Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 1:5)
3. It was in the eternal purpose of God. (Ephesians 3:10-11; 2 Timothy 1:8-11; Titus 1:2-3)
4. It was the subject of prophecy: mountain of the Lord's house; kingdom never to be destroyed. (Isaiah 2:2-3; Daniel 2:44; 7:13-14)
5. It was prepared for by John the Baptist and Jesus. (Matthew 3:1-2; 4:17; Mark 1:14-15)
6. It was pictured/described by many parables. (Matthew 13:1-52; John 15:1-8; et al.)
7. It is not of this world (not a political entity). (John 18:36)
8. It was established by Christ. (Matthew 16:18).
9. The deity of Christ is its foundation. (Matthew 16:18; cf. 1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Peter 2:6)
10. It cannot be shaken. (Hebrews 12:28)
11. It was established in Jerusalem on the first Pentecost following Christ's resurrection. (Mark 9:1; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4)
12. All the saved are added to it. (Acts 2:41, 47)
13. It was purchased with the blood of Christ. (Acts 20:28)
14. It is Christ's spiritual body. (Colossians 1:18, 24)
15. Christ is its head. (Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18)
16. There is only one body; therefore, there is only one true church. (Ephesians 4:4).
17. It is pre-denominational, undenominational, anti-denominational; division among followers of Christ is sinful. (John 17:20-21; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13; Romans 16:17)
18. Not all churches are the true church; departures from the "one faith" have occurred. (Matthew 7:15; 15:8-9; Acts 20:29-30; 1 Timothy 4:1-3; 2 John 9).

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Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, saying:
"The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works...."
Matthew 23:1-3

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



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19. Christ is the Savior of the church. (Ephesians 5:23)
20. It is the bride of Christ. (Romans 7:2-4; Ephesians 5:25-33)
21. It is where reconciliation to God takes place. (Ephesians 2:13-16)
22. It is the temple of God. (Ephesians 2:19-22).
23. It is the manifestation and fruition of the manifold (multi-faceted) wisdom of God. (Ephesians 3:10)
24. It is the place where God is glorified. (Ephesians 3:20-21)
25. It is the house/household/family of God. (1 Timothy 3:15; Hebrews 3:5-6)
26. It is the pillar and ground of the truth. (1 Timothy 3:15; cf. John 17:17)
27. It is a spiritual house made up of living stones. (1 Peter 2:5)
28. It is a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, God's own special people. (1 Peter 2:9; Titus 2:14)
29. It comes into existence where the gospel is preached, believed, and obeyed. (Luke 8:11; 1 Peter 1:22-25; Romans 1:16; 6:16-18)
30. We are to preach it. (Acts 8:12)
31. One must be born again to enter it. (John 3:3-5)
32. One must enter it as a little child. (Matthew 18:3; 19:14)
33. It is manifested in autonomous congregations/local churches. (Acts 8:1; 13:1; 1 Corinthians 1:2; Acts 14:23; Philippians 1:1; 1 Peter 5:1-4)
34. It is appropriate to talk about "going to church" (i.e., the assembly). (1 Corinthians 11:18, 20, 33; 14:19, 23, 34-35)
35. It has no exclusive, patented name; various descriptors. (Romans 16:16; 2 Thessalonians 1:4; Hebrews

12:22-24)

36. It is guided solely by the word of God. (Acts 2:42; Colossians 3:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
37. It worships according to God's divine standard. (John 4:24; 17:17)
38. It has a three-fold mission: evangelism, edification, benevolence. (Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 4:11-16; Galatians. 6:10; James 1:27)
39. It must have top priority in our lives. (Matthew 6:33)
40. It will ultimately be delivered to God the Father. (1 Corinthians 15:24)

Hugh Fulford

Evaluating A Hymn

The first surprise might be that we should evaluate a hymn at all. Yet why should we not? If our hymns are to be sung not only with spirit but with our minds (1 Corinthians 14:15), then we should think about the songs we sing. If our hymns are to allow "*the word of Christ [to] dwell in [us] richly as [we] teach and admonish*" each other (Colossians 3:16), then we should think about what our hymns teach.

So how ought we to evaluate a song? What questions might we ask of it?

- **What category is this song?** Can you categorize the song? Is it a prayer set to music, an anthem of praise, one where we "*speak to one another,*" or encourage one another.
- **Are the words God-centered?** We could ask whether the words are God-centered, mention Christ or the Holy Spirit. It would be hard to call it a spiritual song if it does not mention one of these three.

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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

July 2 Psalms 69-71; 2 Cor. 6-7

July 3 Psalms 72-74; 2 Cor. 8-9

July 4 Psalms 75-77; 2 Cor. 10-11

July 5 Psalms 78-80; 2 Cor. 12-13

July 6 Psalms 81-83; Galatians 1-2

July 7 Psalms 84-86; Galatians 3-4

July 8 Psalms 87-89; Galatians 5-6

July 9 Psalms 90-92; Ephesians 1-2

"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 **38 contacts** were made.

Announcements

- ◆ **First Sunday Fellowship Meal** today at noon.
- ◆ The **Wedding Shower for Garrett & Megan** will be a brunch at **11:00am, Saturday, July 29th**. This will be a joint effort of our ladies and the ladies at Bangs, and will be at the Bang's church building. Selections are at Pampered Chef, Bed Bath & Beyond, Wal-Mart and Target. **Linda needs to have a short meeting with the ladies after services this morning to discuss.**
- ◆ All of our teachers, cradle roll through adult, are encouraged to attend the **Central Texas Bible Teacher's Workshop in Austin, July 21-22** (if you can only go one day, that is encouraged as well). Information and schedule are posted on the bulletin board. The congregation will pay the expenses, including motel. **If you will need a motel, please let Cindy Proud know today.** Registration is due next Sunday.
- ◆ **Brandi Kite is looking for a used electric range** to purchase. If you know of one, please let her know.
- ◆ **No SYS this week**, due to July 4th Holiday.

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ August 8—We host Summer Youth Series
- ◆ August 12—Back to School Family Game Night
- ◆ October 15-18—Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Dave Rogers
- ◆ November 4—Ladies' Day w/ Lasha Dennis

Other Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ July 9-13—"Shine" camp (girls, incoming 7th-12th grade) @ Oldham Lane (Abilene).
- ◆ July 10-13—VBS @ Rising Star (through 6th grade)
- ◆ July 16-21—Senior Camp
- ◆ August 2-4—VBS @ Hamilton (All ages)
- ◆ August 4-6—Discipleship U @ Dripping Springs. *"EXILES—Holy Faith in a Hostile World."* 6th grade and up. Registration deadline—July 28th.
- ◆ August 6-9—Gospel Meeting @ North Main (Weatherford) w/ Wade Webster
- ◆ August 18-24—Polishing the Pulpit
- ◆ September 15-17—Marriage & Family Seminar @ Granbury

Street (Cleburne) w/ John & Carla Moore

- ◆ October 5-7—Texas Ladies in Christ Retreat @ Brady. See bulletin board for registration information.

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- ◆ **Is it drawn from Scripture?** As you read the words of the song, are you reminded of a passage or passages of Scripture by these words? Identify the passage, and if the hymnbook is yours, write it in the margin of the song. If it does not remind you of a Bible passage, that might be a sign it is not spiritual writing.
- ◆ **Does the music serve the words?** Does the music serve the words well? How does the music help the words? Some songs are contemplative, such as Isaac Watts' *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*. Others are victorious, such as Fanny Crosby's *Praise Him! Praise Him!* Some songs have both elements, such as Robert Lowey's *Low in the Grave He Lay*. In this song, the verses' solemn words (*Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my savior*) are followed by a triumphant chorus (*"Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes"*). As you recall, the solemn music of the verse fits those words, while the music of the chorus soars higher and higher as the thoughts rise.
- ◆ **What is the song's key phrase?** Is there a phrase that really stands out in this song? Sometimes there is a line that makes a particular song sublime. I think of the Norwegian hymn *Then Sings My Soul* when the author notes: *"And when I think/ That God his son not sparing/ Sent him to die/ I scarce can take it in"* or Brumley's classic line: *"And I can't feel at home in this world anymore."*

If we simply asked these questions, we will have done something people rarely do; we will have thought about the songs we sing. Don't you think the spiritual well-being of our congregation deserves at least that much effort?

Stan Mitchell (forthright.net)

Celebrate

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

July Birthdays: Laura Huckaby (6), Jason Warman (6), Chase Churchwell (11), Cindy Fuller (12), Tre' Rayon (24), John Barnum (26), Jack Hill (26).

July Anniversaries: Allen & Karen Bland (27).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	June 18, 2017	June 25, 2017
Bible Class	46	46
AM Worship	62	64
PM Worship	43	34
Wednesday PM	38	38
Contribution	\$2,384	\$2,248

This Week: 7/2/17		Next Week: 7/9/17		July 2017 Make Announcements: James Fuller Prepare Communion: Johnny & Cindy McCaghren Clean Building: Johnny & Cindy McCaghren August 2017 Make Announcements: Don Smith Prepare Communion: Randy & Laura Huckaby Clean Building: Dennis Family
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Joe Dennis	Song Leader: James Fuller		
Greeters	Fuller Family	Mileen & Ashley Kahlich		
Opening Prayer	Allen Griffith	John Barnum		
Communion	Ken Maninger*, Chase Churchwell Hank Wheeler, Don Smith	James Thomas*, Ryan Rudloff Larry Petty, Jack Turner		
Closing Prayer	Allen Bland	Gene Bannister		
Attendance Cards	Aaron Smith	Ian Barnum		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: Joe Dennis	Song Leader: James Fuller		
Opening Prayer	Gene Bannister	Randy Huckaby		
Scripture Reading	James Thomas	Allen Griffith		
Communion	Ken Maninger	James Thomas		
Closing Prayer	James Fuller	Tom Wilcox		
Wednesday Devotionals:	July 5 Prayer Night	July 12 Joe Dennis	July 19 Rafe Smith	July 26 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 2, 2017	Sunday Class Romans 6:20ff Wed. Class Prayer
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lessons Learned from Hypocrites – Matthew 23</u></p> <p>I. From Their Abuse of Authority.</p> <p>A. Binding on Others What They Are Unwilling to Do.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> They bound things on others they themselves were unwilling to do (1-4). If we desire respect for God's word, we must practice what we preach! <p>B. Doing Works to Be Seen of Men.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> When they did their works, they did them to be seen by others (5). We must do things to glorify God – not ourselves (Matt. 5:16; 6:1-18). <p>C. Seeking Attention and Special Treatment.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Pharisees loved special treatment received from others (6-7). Jesus expected better of His disciples – prohibited religious titles (8-12). <p>II. From Their Failure in Teaching.</p> <p>A. Failing to Save Others.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> They failed to show others the way to the kingdom (13). Our teaching should save both ourselves and others (1 Tim. 4:16). <p>B. Misusing Religion for Money and Prestige.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> They used religion to take advantage of widows, and impress others (14). It is imperative that we do things honorable in the sight of all (2 Cor. 8:21). <p>C. Making People Worse Than Ourselves.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Pharisees did not make people better, they made them worse (15). We must teach "the whole counsel of God" <p>D. Making Distinctions Where God Has Not.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> They made fine distinctions between the oaths one could swear (16-22). "Speak where the Bible speaks, and be silent where the Bible is silent". <p>III. From Their Inconsistency of Practice.</p> <p>A. Leaving Commands of God Undone.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> They left undone the "weightier" matters of God's law (23-24). Jesus said we should do both, leaving neither undone, (Matt. 5:19). <p>B. Focusing Only on the Outer Man.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The "blind" scribes and Pharisees focused only on the outside (25-28). We must emphasize true repentance – conversion of the inner man (Rom. 12:3). <p>C. Honoring the Past, But Unwilling to Live It.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Like their fathers, they murdered those they claimed to honor (29-39). Are we willing to live what Jesus, Paul, Peter, John, etc. preached? 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Instructions Concerning Elders and Slaves – 1 Timothy 5:17-6:2</u></p> <p>I. Treatment of Full-time Elders (17-18).</p> <p>A. Elders who rule well should be "counted worthy of double honor".</p> <p>B. Christians should love and honor all elders, but Paul meant something more when he said, "especially those who labor in the word and doctrine".</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The word translated "labor" means to work until one is exhausted. As we studied in v. 3, the word translated "honor" means more than to show respect – it also means the giving of material support. To support that point, Paul quoted from two passages of Scripture. <p>II. Dealing with Accusations Against Elders and Elder's Sin (19-20).</p> <p>A. God instructed Timothy not to receive an accusation against an elder unless there were two or three witnesses.</p> <p>B. On the other hand, "those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all".</p> <p>III. Warning Against Haste or Partiality in Matters Regarding Elders (21-22).</p> <p>A. Paul charged Timothy to do these things "without prejudice" or "partiality".</p> <p>B. "Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins."</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> There are two possible explanations of v. 22. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Do not be hasty or partial in the appointing of men to serve as elders. Do not be hasty or partial in the accusation and trial of elders. <p>IV. Paul's Concern Over Timothy's Health (23).</p> <p>A. Paul told Timothy to discontinue his practice of drinking only water.</p> <p>B. Paul advised Timothy to use a little wine.</p> <p>V. Sins and Good Works Eventually Evident (24-25).</p> <p>A. Paul continues his thought to not be hasty in appointing men as elders.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Some men's sins will be evident, other's will take a while to come to light. Some's good deeds will be evident, other's will take longer to see. <p>B. Haste may result in appointing the wrong man, & overlooking the right man.</p> <p>VI. Instructions Concerning Slaves (6:1-2).</p> <p>A. Christian slaves were to "count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed".</p> <p>B. "Those who have believing masters" should "not despise them because they are brethren, but rather serve them" as "believers and beloved".</p> <p>C. Paul told Timothy to "teach and exhort these things".</p> <p>D. Though not slaves, the principles here can be applied to our daily life.</p>