

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



July 30, 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.

5 Ways to Revive Your Spiritual Passion

John Mason, in his book, *Let Go of Whatever Makes You Stop*, wrote, "The trouble with many educated (people) is that learning goes to their heads and not to their hearts. The heart is something of a prophet. The heart is no traitor. It is only with the heart that one can see correctly; what is required is invisible to the eye.

Mason's words, unfortunately, speak to many Christians who have lost their passion for the Lord. Their Bible knowledge and learning, though it may be extensive, has only affected them intellectually, but not touched them emotionally. Or if it once did, that passion has subsided over the years.

"Find something that consumes you," challenges Mason. "A belief is not just an idea a person possesses; it is an idea that possesses a person."

Let me suggest the following five ways to revive your spiritual passion.

#1 Receive Spiritual Renewal Through Worship

Worship impacts the spirit. The soul. The heart. The mind. The inner person.

Worship refreshes. Renews. Revives. Worship inspires. Awakens. Enlivens.

Worship invigorates. Worship even relaxes. Yes, worship has the power to recharge our run down spiritual batteries.

Can we say with David, "I was glad when they said to me let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1)?

We can revive our passion when we allow worship to provide a force for living.

#2 Experience Simulation and Support Through Fellowship

The steadfast fellowship of first century Christians produced a family environment that was encouraging. Edifying. And uplifting.

The Hebrew writer admonished, "Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds" (Heb. 10:24). The word "stimulate" means "to arouse." "To incite." "To stir up." "To sharpen." It is a word that is pregnant with passion.

Every Christian needs a Church Family. The Swiss psychologist, Paul Tournier was right, "There are two things one cannot do alone, be married and be a Christian."

Our fellowship provides a family for living that offers spiritual and emotional support.

#3 Find Fulfillment through Discipleship

Self-help books challenge us to be the best we can be. Christ calls us to be more like Him. To be transformed. Changed. And become a new person. To walk a new walk.

Jesus came to provide us an abundant life – life is all its fullness (John 10:10). True fulfillment comes when we follow in His footsteps. Jesus said, "A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher" (Luke 6:40).

Through the discipling process, we find an inner fulfillment as we "grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ".

Discipleship offers exciting, expressive way of life that provides a foundation for living.

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When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death. And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

Matthew 27:1-2



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#4 Enjoy Self-Expression through Service

We all have various gift and talents according to God's grace (Rom. 12:6). There is a place for each of us in the Family of God to use our own unique giftedness.

What can you do? How can you serve? Where will you minister? It may be in the public arena. Or in more private, behind the scenes situations. With our own unique blend of experiences, abilities, and personality we each have some special to offer.

When we truly enjoy ministry, we will feel a passion that provides a function for living.

#5 Discover Significance through Evangelistic Outreach

Could there be any greater mission or more noble work than bringing people to know Jesus? To changing lives? And saving souls. It is a joy that is like no other. The message of the gospel is a passionate call that invites people into a unique relationship.

Sharing our faith should excite us and provide a focus for living.

Phillips Brooks expressed the importance of passion when he said, "Sad will be the day for any man when he becomes contented with the thoughts he is thinking and the deeds he is doing – where there is not forever beating at the doors of his soul some great desire to do something larger; which he knows he was meant and made to do."

Want to restore your spiritual passion? Tap into God's plan and purpose for your life. Learn it. Love it. Live it.

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Flip Flops, Short Shorts, and Worship

Our dress in worship is not a "fashion show." But, is it possible to become too casual, too indiscreet, or too revealing in our manner of dress when we gather for worship? It is not my belief that a person must somehow wear fine and expensive cloths to worship God. However, our manner of dress does seem to reflect our attitude concerning the occasion for which we are gathered.

The way we dress should be in keeping with or fitting with the occasion. I have never observed a person wearing flip-flops and short shorts or other like clothing at a funeral. In fact, at a funeral, you see an old boy with a suit and tie on and it is obvious that he has not been dressed this way in a long time, if ever. He just wanted to be dressed proper for the occasion, or at least his wife wanted him dressed that way! There is one sense in which how you dress does not matter. If you are poor, be in the assembly with the clothing you have and you can honor God. If you are rich, be in the assembly with the clothing you have and you can honor God. There is another sense in that how we dress does matter. Our dress says something about our attitude, it shows something about who you are, about what you think about yourself, and it says something about how we want to influence those around us.

The Place of Reverence in the Assemblies. Reverence is a word that expresses our attitude toward God Himself. "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him." (Psalms 89:7) Observe that God is greatly to be feared and to be had in reverence in the assembly. Reverence is an attitude that one would have toward another that they feel to be superior. "Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, 'Let my lord king David live forever'" (1 Kings 1:31). Our dress says much about our reverence or respect for God. Observe what Joseph did when he was called to appear before Pharaoh the king. "Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh" (Genesis 41:14). What do we do when we go in to appear before the "King of kings and Lord of lords?" Do we just put on our flip-flops and short shorts and go right on in? When we come before God in worship and we serve Him daily our attitude must be that of awe, respect and reverence. Let us ever keep before us God's majesty and His holiness. "Wherefore we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear" (Hebrews 12:28). When we come before God we must have a deep and an abiding respect for Him. "But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him" (Habakkuk 2:20).

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Park Heights church of Christ

Hamilton, TX
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Invites You To Our

Classes
Cradle-Roll - Adult

Vacation Bible School

August 2 - 4
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The Fruit of the Spirit

LOVE - Ruth

JOY - David

PEACE - Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego

PATIENCE - Job

GENTLENESS - Moses

GOODNESS - Elijah

FAITHFULNESS - Abraham

KINDNESS - Rahab

SELF-CONTROL - Joseph

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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 30 Psa. 142-143; Hebrews 7-8

July 31 Psa. 144-145; Hebrews 9-10

Aug. 1 Psa. 146-147; Hebrews 11-12

Aug. 2 Psa. 148-149; Heb. 13; Jas. 1

Aug. 3 Psa. 150; Prov. 1; James 2-3

Aug. 4 Proverbs 2-3; James 4-5

Aug. 5 Proverbs 4-5; 1 Peter 1-2

Aug. 6 Proverbs 6-7; 1 Peter 3-4

"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 **30 contacts** were made.

Announcements

- ◆ A **sign-up sheet is on the back table for the things needed when we host the SYS, August 8th.** Please look it over and indicate what you can bring.
- ◆ **SYS at Hillcrest in Stephenville, Tuesday evening.** (Our's is next week!)
- ◆ **VBS at Park Heights in Hamilton.** See page 2.

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

- ◆ 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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The Attitude of Respect for God. Is your attitude toward God what it should be? Our actions are a direct reflection of our attitudes. How we dress and conduct ourselves either shows reverence, awe love, faith and trust toward God or a lack thereof. We demonstrate our reverence by our actions. *"Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves"* (James 1:22). Godly, Christian attitudes are absolutely necessary if we are to go to heaven. David wrote, *"Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name"* (Psalms 100:2-4). Our actions, which include the way we dress, must be controlled by the great respect that we have for God and the respect that we have for His revealed will. Modest clothing is the way women who are *"professing godliness"* dress. Certainly, a woman or man whose clothing is not modest is not professing godliness or revered by the way they dress. *"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works"* (1 Timothy 2:9-10). The wearing of lewd and revealing clothing to worship God is unthinkable, but some do it anyway.

We Live in An Age That Treats Everything as Common. We live in a day and age that treats everything as common, even worship. The attitude of Christians must far exceed that of the world when it comes to our dress. Our dress in the assemblies must be pure, proper and reverent. Our dress should not be showy, neither should it be sloppy. When we worship we must come into God's presence with reverence and respect. Though there are no specific Biblical instructions about what to wear in the worship service, the dress of both men and women should show respect for the Creator of the universe. Dress with respect is a good rule for every occasion. Dress with respect for yourself, respect for others and especially respect for God. It should be the goal of every Christian to be careful, thoughtful, and appropriate in our dress. Let us, (1) Recognize the need for modesty and reverence (Genesis 3:6-11), (2) Understand that we are in a battle against worldliness (Romans 12:2), (3) Live as unattached from the world (1 John 2:15-17), and (4) Dress with a God-centered hope in mind.

Dressing proper for the occasion should be the desire of both men and women. Remember, modesty is first and foremost a matter of reverence and respect for God. Each Christian should dress for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31) To become a Christian hear God's word (Romans 10:17), believe in Jesus (John 8:24), repent of sins (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10) and be baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:26-27). After baptism, you should show by your manner of life that you are a child of God. A person should ask himself, "What does my dress tell others about me? Does it bring glory to God?"

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Celebrate

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

August Birthdays: Joe Dennis (9), Rafe Smith (11), Jessica Dennis (13), Brandi Kite (14), Don Smith (14), Royce Ford (16), Ryan Rudloff (20), Roy Dodson (29).

August Anniversaries: Chipper & Susan Bridges (1), Matthew & Kaci Churchwell (15), Terry & Pam Teague (16), Don & Darlene Smith (29).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	July 16, 2017	July 23, 2017
Bible Class	44	47
AM Worship	67	69
PM Worship	38	47
Wednesday PM	39	55
Contribution	\$2,013	\$1,998

	This Week: 7/30/17	Next Week: 8/6/17				
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	July 2017 Make Announcements: James Fuller Prepare Communion: Johnny & Cindy McCaghren Clean Building: Johnny & Cindy McCaghren			
Greeters	Allen & Linda Griffith	Maninger Family				
Opening Prayer	James Fuller	Don Smith				
Communion	Don Smith*, Ryan Rudloff Rafe Smith, Hank Wheeler	Ken Maninger*, Chase Churchwell Joe Dennis, Caleb Dennis				
Closing Prayer	John Barnum	Tom Wilcox				
Attendance Cards	Ian Barnum	Jaceten Evetts				
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: Joe Dennis	Song Leader: James Fuller			August 2017 Make Announcements: Don Smith Prepare Communion: Randy & Laura Huckaby Clean Building: Dennis Family	
Opening Prayer	Ken Maninger	Allen Bland				
Scripture Reading	Allen Griffith	John Barnum				
Communion	Don Smith	Ken Maninger				
Closing Prayer	Tom Wilcox	Allen Griffith				
Wednesday Devotionals:	August 2 Prayer Night	August 9 Don Smith	August 16 Joe Dennis	August 23 Rafe Smith		

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 30, 2017

Sunday Class **Romans 7:13ff**
 Wed. Class **Christian Morals**

They Led Him Away – Matthew 27:1-2

In the night and hours prior to His crucifixion, the Son of God suffered many degrading things (illegal trials, false accusations, mockery, abuse, etc.).

There is a phrase that summarizes this ill treatment – *"they led Him away"*.

I. They Led Him Away to Face Annas.

- A. Jesus was asked about His disciples and His doctrine (John 18:19-21).
- B. Jesus was struck by one of the officers (John 18:22-23).

II. They Led Him Away to Face Caiaphas.

- A. Jesus faced an assembly of scribes and elders (Matt. 26:57).
- B. False witnesses were finally brought against Jesus (Matt. 26:59-61).
- C. Jesus first kept silent, then told them of His coming in judgment (26:62-64).
- D. In anger Caiaphas tears his clothes, and accuses Jesus of blasphemy (26:65).
- E. Jesus is pronounced worthy of death (26:66).
- F. He is spat in the face, beaten, slapped, and mocked as the Messiah (26:67).
- G. Meanwhile, Peter is denying Jesus three times in the courtyard (26:69-75).

III. They Led Him Away to Face Pilate.

- A. Jesus was asked if He was the king of the Jews (Matt. 27:11-14).
- B. Pilate found no fault in Him (Luke 23:4-7).

IV. They Led Him Away to Face Herod.

- A. Jesus was questioned, but answered Herod nothing (Luke 23:9).
- B. Jesus was vehemently accused by the chief priests and scribes (Luke 23:10).
- C. Jesus was treated with contempt and mocked by Herod and his soldiers (11).

V. They Led Him Away to Face Pilate (Again).

- A. The chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus crucified (Matt. 27:20-23).
- B. Pilate succumbed to their wishes (27:24-25).
- C. Jesus was then scourged (27:26).

VI. They Led Him Away to Face the Soldiers.

- A. Jesus was stripped and clothed with a scarlet robe (Matt. 27:28).
- B. A twisted crown of thorns placed on His head, a reed in His right hand (29a).
- C. The soldiers bowed the knee and mocked Him as King of the Jews (27:29b).
- D. They spat on Him, and struck Him on the head with the reed (27:30).
- E. When they finished mocking Him, they led Him away to be crucified (27:31).

Why did Jesus allow Himself to be so led? That *"the Scriptures be fulfilled"* (26:54).

2 Timothy – Background, Greeting and Thanksgiving (1:1-5)

I. Background.

- A. **Authorship** – God's Holy Spirit through the apostle Paul.
- B. **Date of Writing** – 67-68 A. D. – during Paul' 2nd imprisonment in Rome.
- C. **To Whom Written** – *"Timothy, a beloved son"* (1:2).
- D. **Major Purposes of the Epistle.**
 1. To request Timothy to come quickly, before Paul died.
 2. To give instructions and encouragement to Timothy (and all future preachers and teachers).
 3. To exalt the wonderful word of God.
 4. To show the triumphant end of the life of a faithful Christian.
 5. To show the importance of teaching children the word from an early age.

II. Greeting (1-2).

- A. Paul identified himself as the human agent God used to reveal the epistle.
- B. Paul was *"an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God"*, i.e., it was God's will that he serves as an apostle.
- C. Paul mentioned the beautiful *"promise of life which is in Christ Jesus"* – a clear reference to God's promise of eternal life to those Christians who remain faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10).
- D. Paul addressed Timothy as his *"beloved son"*.
- E. Paul greeted Timothy by wishing a beautiful blessing upon him – *"Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord"*.

III. Paul's Thanksgiving for Timothy (3-5).

- A. *"I thank God...as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day"*.
- B. Paul said that he served God *"with a pure conscience"*.
- C. Paul mentioned his desire to see Timothy, *"that I may be filled with joy"*.
- D. In stating his desire to see Timothy, Paul said, *"being mindful of your tears"*.
- E. Another thing in which Paul rejoiced was *"when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you"*.
- F. The faith which Timothy had *"dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice"*.
 1. *"Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God"* (Rom. 10:17).
 2. Importance of teaching our children the word of God from an early age.