

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 Study 9:45 AM
Worship 10:40 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.

Burning in Our Hearts

The boisterous crowd fell silent. They had gathered in the summer of 1536 to witness an execution, a man burned at the stake. He was just a little over forty years old, an Oxford scholar, and a felon facing the death penalty. **So what had he done?**

All eyes were on the victim. Flames snapped and crackled as the wood at his feet began to be consumed. Soon the man, too, would perish in its flames. **So what was his crime?**

William Tyndale (1494-1536) had a simple ambition. **He wanted to make the Bible available to the common man.** You would have thought it was an innocent enough ambition, but powerful forces did not want just anybody to read the Bible.

At stake was the power and position of many clerics and churches whose practice differed too radically from Scripture. A plain reading of God's word would reveal that these shepherds of the people had led their flocks astray. A measure of the clerics' fear can be seen in the ruthless way they sought his life.

When one cleric objected to his proposals, Tyndale stood and declared: **"If God spares my life, before many years pass, I will make it possible for the boy behind the plow to know more Scripture than thou."**

Such undiplomatic language did not endear him to the powerful and the entrenched. He had to flee to Holland, where he began to translate the Bible into common, plainspoken English. Copies of this precious work began to seep back into England, and the authorities, incensed, set a bounty on his head.

In 1536 Tyndale was betrayed, and fell into the hands of the Church authorities. At his trial, he was convicted with the death penalty. As the crowd watched with the fascination of horror, the great man had something to say. His last words were a prayer:

"Lord," his voice rang all around the courtyard, **"Open the King of England's eyes."**

Do me a favor, if you would please. Take out your copy of the Bible, and hold it for a moment. **Do you own anything more precious?** There was a time when only the rich could own a Bible, so expensive was its manufacture. That changed with the invention of printing by Johann Gutenberg in 1456. Of course the first thing he printed was a German Bible.

Tyndale's English Bible was so dangerous, so "revolutionary" that he lost his life for publishing it. But it should not escape our notice that it was so precious, so marvelous that thousands of Englishmen risked their lives in order to obtain it, and read its truths.

Have we taken something for granted? You can pick up a Bible at "Wally World" for less than five dollars. And you won't have to smuggle it home. You can obtain a Bible "App" on your cell phone in just a few minutes. You probably own a variety of Bibles, large print, Study Bibles, various translations. **The biggest danger you face by owning a Bible is...a changed life!**

- Tyndale's Bible was valuable enough to die for. **Is your Bible important enough to read?**
- Tyndale's Bible was important enough to smuggle across the gray English Channel. **Is it important enough for you to obey?**
- Tyndale's Bible was responsible for lifting the spirits of thousands of Englishmen – carpenters, lawyers, doctors and, yes, the boy behind the plow. **Is it important enough for you to live?**

No fire burned hotter, the day Tyndale died, than the fire of God's word. **Will it burn in your heart too?**

When the disciples of Emmaus reflected on their encounter with Jesus, they felt a burning in their hearts: *"Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the scriptures to us?"* (Luke 24:32).

Stan Mitchell

Forty Things We All Need to Know About the Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit (referred to as the Holy Ghost in the King James Version of the Bible) is a member of the Godhead (the Divine Nature) (Matt. 28:18-20; 2 Cor. 13:14; Acts 17:29; Rom. 1:20). As such, the nature of the Holy Spirit is compatible with the nature of the other two members of the Godhead, the Father and the Son.
- As the Father and the Son are divine persons, so the Holy Spirit is a divine person. Six times in John 16:13 the Holy Spirit is referred to as "He" and once as "Him." Therefore, the Holy Spirit is not an "It" or simply the power or influence of God but a divine person.
- The Holy Spirit is also known as the Spirit of God (Matt. 3:16), the Spirit of Christ (Rom. 8:9), the Spirit of the Lord (2 Cor. 3:17-18), the Spirit of truth (John 14:26), and simply the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-26). It is important to note that these are not different divine entities, but different ways of referring to one divine entity, the Holy Spirit.
- There is only one Spirit (Eph. 4:4).
- The Holy Spirit is an eternal being (Heb. 9:13-14).
- The Spirit of God is omnipresent (Psalm 139:7).
- The Spirit is all-knowing (1 Cor. 2:10-11).
- The Spirit was present in the creation of all things and exercised a role in the creation (Gen. 1:1-2; 26-27 [Note the plural pronoun]).
- The Spirit of God enabled Joseph to interpret Pharaoh's dreams (Gen. 41:38).
- The Holy Spirit equipped men for the building of the Old Testament tabernacle (Exod. 31:1-5).
- The Spirit spoke through the prophets of the Old Testament (2 Sam. 23:2; Ezek. 11:5; et al).
- By the prophets, the Spirit of God warned and testified against the Lord's people in Old Testament times (Neh. 9:30).
- The Spirit of Christ led the Old Testament prophets to testify beforehand of the coming of Christ, His sufferings, and the glories that would follow (1 Pet. 1:10-11; 2 Pet. 1:21).
- Christ was conceived in the womb of the virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:20; Luke 1:35).
- Following His baptism, the Holy Spirit descended on Christ in the form of a dove (Matt. 3:16).
- The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil (Matt. 4:1).
- The Spirit of the Lord empowered the teaching of Christ (Luke 4:18-21).
- All of Christ's miracles were performed by the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:38).
- Christ warned of the sin of blaspheming the Holy Spirit (Matt. 12:31-32; Mark 3:28-30). (Note: Study these texts in their context to see what it meant to blaspheme the Holy Spirit).
- It was through the eternal Spirit that Christ offered Himself to God to purge us from our sins (Heb. 9:14).
- John the Baptist promised that Christ would baptize with the Holy Spirit (Matt. 3:11; cf. Acts 1:4-5, 8; 10:44-48; 11:15-16).
- Following Christ's ascension back to heaven, the apostles were filled with (baptized with) the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4; 11:15-16).
- The Holy Spirit is the Comforter/Helper whom Christ promised to send to the apostles (John 14:26; 15:26).
- The Holy Spirit brought to the apostles' remembrance all that Christ had said to them (John 14:26).
- The Holy Spirit guided the apostles into all truth (John 16:13). (Note: With the close of the first century and the apostolic age, no further truth or revelation from God has been dispensed. "The faith" has been "once for all [a note of finality, hf] delivered to the saints" [Jude 3; cf. Eph. 4:5]).
- The Holy Spirit revealed to the holy apostles and prophets of the New Testament God's eternal purpose to save man by the gospel (Eph. 3:1-13; Gal. 1:11-12; 1 Pet. 1:12).
- One must be born of water and the Spirit to enter the kingdom of God (John 3:3-5; cf. 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 5:25-26; Titus 3:4-5). (Note: This new birth is brought about by "the word which by the gospel [is] preached to [us]" [1 Pet. 1:22-25; James 1:18]).

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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

Sept. 10 Isaiah 25-26; Mark 7-8
Sept. 11 Isaiah 27-28; Mark 9-10
Sept. 12 Isaiah 29-30; Mark 11-12
Sept. 13 Isaiah 31-32; Mark 13-14
Sept. 14 Isaiah 33-34; Mark 15-16
Sept. 15 Isaiah 35-36; Luke 1-2
Sept. 16 Isaiah 37-38; Luke 3-4
Sept. 17 Isaiah 39-40; Luke 5-6

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



Hurricane Victims:

- ◆ Continue to keep those devastated by hurricanes Harvey and Irma in your prayers.

Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **38 contacts** were made.

Announcements

- ◆ Our congregation sent a donation this week to the Riverside church of Christ in Corpus Christi to help with disaster relief along the coast.
- ◆ There will be a **Ladies' Day meeting next Sunday** immediately following morning worship service.
- ◆ **Marriage & Family Seminar** this coming weekend @ Granbury Street (Cleburne) w/ John & Carla Moore. See bulleting board for details.

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ October 15-18—Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Dave Rogers
- ◆ November 4—Ladies' Day w/ Lasha Dennis

Other Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ Sept. 24-28—Gospel Meeting @ 9th & Main (San Angelo) w/ Keith Mosher.
- ◆ Oct. 5-7—Texas Ladies in Christ Retreat @ Brady.
- ◆ Oct. 14-15—Back to the Bible Lectures @ Hamilton
- ◆ Oct. 21—Ladies' Day @ 9th & Main (San Angelo) w/ B. J. Rollo & Jennifer Webster. "Vessels of Honor and Sanctification"
- ◆ Nov. 5-8—Gospel Meeting @ Bangs w/ Foy Forehand

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- All obedient believers in Christ receive the gift of the Holy Spirit as a seal that they are owned by God and as a deposit (earnest) on their eternal inheritance in heaven (Eph. 1:13-14; 4:30; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 5:5).
- The Holy Spirit dwells in Christians individually and in the church, the temple of God, collectively (1 Cor. 6:19-20; Eph. 2:19-22).
- There were various miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit bestowed on members of the first century church for the confirmation of the word of God and to aid the early church in its development until the revelation of the New Testament was complete (Mark 16:15-20; Heb. 2:1-4; 1 Cor., chapters 12, 13, and 14; et al).
- In New Testament times, the apostles of Christ (but apparently not others) could lay their hands on people and miraculously impart the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-23; 19:6).
- Christians are to produce the fruit of the Spirit in their lives (Gal. 5:22-26).
- Christians are to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph. 4:1-3).
- Christians are not to grieve the Holy Spirit by the way they live (Eph. 4:30).
- If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ (Rom. 8:9). (Note: This is a reference, not to the disposition of Christ, but to the Holy Spirit Himself).
- Christians are sanctified (set apart and made holy) "by the Spirit and belief in the truth" (2 Thess. 2:13). We are sanctified by the truth, God's word (John 17:17).
- The Spirit helps us in our weaknesses, especially when we are so overwhelmed that we do not know what we should pray for as we ought (Rom. 8:26).
- By His Spirit, God will give life to our mortal bodies at the resurrection of the dead (Rom. 8:11).
- The Spirit spoke through the letters that were sent to the seven churches of Asia (Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22). (Note: We "hear" the Spirit today when we read the twenty-seven divinely inspired documents making up the New Testament).
- The Spirit joined in the final invitation of God to man (Rev. 22:17).

Hugh Fulford

Celebrate

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

September Birthdays: Jean Hamann (3), James Fuller (6), **Emile Ochoa (11), Gene Bannister (16), Matthew Ochoa (16)**, Allen Bland (23), Glenda Milam (24), Cindy Proud (26), Garrett Barnum (27), Matthew Howell (28).

September Anniversaries: None.

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

| | Aug. 27, 2017 | Sept. 3, 2017 |
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| Bible Class | 53 | 44 |
| AM Worship | 66 | 60 |
| PM Worship | 52 | 40 |
| Wednesday PM | 44 | 47 |
| Contribution | \$2,032 | \$2,588 |

| | This Week: 9/10/17 | Next Week: 9/17/17 | | |
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| Sunday AM: | Song Leader: Mike Bannister | Song Leader: Mike Bannister | September 2017 Make Announcements: Ken Maninger Prepare Communion: Maninger Family Clean Building: Fuller / Stultz | |
| Greeters | Tom & Carol Wilcox | Allen & Linda Griffith | | |
| Opening Prayer | James Fuller | Tom Wilcox | | |
| Communion | Allen Griffith*, Jack Turner James Thomas, Don Smith | Rafe Smith*, Ryan Rudloff Hank Wheeler, Larry Petty | | |
| Closing Prayer | Randy Huckaby | Gene Bannister | | |
| Attendance Cards | Ian Barnum | Jaceten Evetts | | |
| Sunday PM: | Song Leader: Tom Wilcox | Song Leader: Ken Maninger | | |
| Opening Prayer | Gene Bannister | James Thomas | October 2017 Make Announcements: Gene Bannister Prepare Communion: Tom & Carol Wilcox Clean Building: M. & P. Bannister / Greer | |
| Scripture Reading | Ken Maninger | James Fuller | | |
| Communion | Allen Griffith | Rafe Smith | | |
| Closing Prayer | John Barnum | Joe Dennis | | |
| Wednesday Devotionals: | September 13 James Fuller | September 20 Joe Dennis | September 27 Rafe Smith | October 4 Prayer Night |

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 September 10, 2017

Sunday Class Romans 8:2
 Wed. Class Old Testament History: Genesis 1:2

The Great Commission – Matthew 28:18-20

What was so "great" about "The Great Commission"?

I. Great in Its Authority.

A. Jesus Has Been Given "All Authority".

1. As the Creator, He had the original right to all things (Col. 1:16-17).
2. As our Redeemer, even more so! (Phil. 2:6-11)

B. "All Authority" Both in Heaven and on Earth.

1. He now rules in the heavenly realm (1 Pet. 3:22; Eph. 1:20-23).
2. He also rules over the kings of the earth! (Rev. 1:5; Psalm 2; 110)

C. Having "All Authority" in Heaven and on Earth....

1. Jesus certainly deserves our obedience to Him as Lord (Acts 2:36; Lk. 6:46).
2. Jesus certainly can deliver on His promises (2 Pet. 1:2-5).

D. On the basis of such great authority, Jesus extends "The Great Commission".

II. Great in Its Mission.

A. They Were To "Make Disciples".

1. They were to make "learners", "adherents", "imitators" of Jesus Christ.
2. Jesus had been inviting people to become His disciples (Mt. 4:18-22; 11:28-30).
3. He expected His disciples to become like Him (Lk. 6:40).

B. How They Were To "Make Disciples".

1. First, by "baptizing them" in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 - a. A baptism for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16).
 - b. A baptism in water (Acts 8:35-38; 10:47).
 - c. A burial (Rom. 6:3-6; Col. 2:11-12).
2. Then by "teaching them to observe all things" He had commanded.
 - a. Baptism is only the beginning, teaching must continue.
 - b. Such was the case with the early disciples (Acts 2:41-42).

III. Great in Its Scope.

A. It Is For "All Nations" (Mk. 16:15; Acts 1:8).

B. For "All Nations", Not Just Israel (Mt. 10:5-6; Eph. 2:11-22).

IV. Great in Its Promise.

A. "I Am with You Always" (Mt. 28:20; Jn. 14:18-23; Ex. 3:11-12; Josh. 1:5; Isa. 40:10; Rom. 8:31-39; Heb. 13:5-6).

B. "Even to The End of The Age" (Mt. 13:39-43, 49).

Jesus' earliest disciples took that commission and did great things with it. May these words of Jesus motivate us to do great things in our service to Him also!

Some Duties of a Faithful Gospel Preacher (2) – 2 Timothy 2:8-13

III. Endure Hardship (3-13).

D. Incentives for Enduring such Hardship and Suffering (8-13).

1. Remembering Jesus (8).

- a. Jesus was, "of the seed of David".
 - 1) Jesus came into the world as the Messiah, a descendant of David.
 - 2) Yet, He was put to death by wicked, lawless men.
 - 3) What an example of enduring hardship and suffering while being righteous and doing righteousness!
- b. Jesus "was raised from the dead".
 - a) The Father overturned the unjustified death sentence.
 - b) The Father turned an apparent defeat, into an amazing victory!

c. Jesus was raised from the dead, "according to my [Paul's] gospel".

- 1) His resurrection is the very foundation of the Christian faith!
- 2) This was the gospel Paul proclaimed it faithfully (Rom. 15:16-19).

2. Remembering Paul (9-10).

- a. Paul suffered trouble as an evildoer for preaching the Gospel – "even to the point of chains", i.e., to the point of being imprisoned.
- b. Yet, despite Paul's hardship, "the word of God is not chained".
- c. Why was Paul willing to endure hardship? – "that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory".

3. To Live and Reign with Christ, We Must Suffer with Him (11-13)!

- a. "For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him" – refers to death to a life of sin (he is writing to people who are still alive, physically).
- b. "If we endure, we shall also reign with Him".
 - 1) Vine – "to abide under, to bear up courageously (under suffering)".
 - 2) If we are willing to suffer for doing right, we will "reign" with Christ.
- c. "If we deny Him, He also will deny us" (Matt. 10:32-33).
- d. "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself".
 - 1) Faithless – fail to believe, to be untrustworthy, to be undependable.
 - 2) Even if that happens, Jesus remains faithful – absolutely dependable and trustworthy, despite the fact that we have become unfaithful.
 - a) Faithful to what? To save us anyway?
 - b) No! Faithful to His promise to deny us! A sobering thought.