

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

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.

Strategies for Helping Your Children Grow Spiritually

Paul taught Dad's to "not provoke your children to wrath" (Eph. 6:4), and "do not provoke your children lest they become discouraged" (Col. 3:21). It's probably noteworthy that two of the things that make parents lose sleep are teens who are full of anger and those who are depressed. Our actions can DIS-courage our children rather than EN-courage them. Rather than spur them on, we may actually drag them down or hold them back. Besides several obvious things Christian parents can do to rear their children to be faithful Christians, such as faithful participation in Bible class and worship, living a good example before them, etc., there is one daily investment that yields a wealth of spiritual dividends. It's a daily time together centered on the Word. It's family Bible time.

It has to be every night.

This has to be done every night, even if some nights feature shorter Bible time. Why? Because if you don't, pretty soon you've skipped a month and the effort loses its steam. Remember the words of Deuteronomy 6:6-7:

And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

My wife and I didn't get everything right, but both of our adult children say this ritual is in the top three things they think helped them to be faithful. Beg your children to commit to doing this when they grow up. Pass the torch.

It has to have lots of variety.

Find creative ways to assign memorizing Scripture. We offer a CD or download of four different tools called "Hannah's 100," which is 100 verses of Scripture set to music for children of any age. A father told me recently that he sat with his family and began reading the book of James. His children, who had been listening to Hannah's 100 IV, immediately burst into song, singing all the verses of chapter 1!

Lads to Leaders is a great program, and features an event called, "Centurion of Scripture." It means that a student (and parents too if they will!) memorize 100 verses of Scripture during the course of one year and say them in blocks of ten, fifty, or all one hundred at once. Set practical goals for your children to help motivate them to memorize the Bible. If, for example you're planning a trip to the Space and Rocket Museum this summer, why not begin three or four months in advance and say, "We will go to the Space and Rocket Museum for vacation this year if we all can memorize 100 verses before time to go! We'll all do it together." Make one list that is age appropriate, and have all the family work on that same list of Scriptures.

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And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. **Deut. 6:6-9**



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Play games. Board games work well if a child must quote a verse before getting to roll the dice. Play a Bible version of 20 questions. Play “Simon Says” except make the children answer a Bible question before they get to advance. Create a Bible scavenger hunt. Clues throughout the house require looking up a verse to find the subsequent hint.

Buy a couple of good Bible storybooks (Egermeier’s or Sain Publications, Palma Smiley materials for toddlers, etc.). Write notes and make gifts for missionaries, elderly saints in the church, or notes to encourage children who did well at Lads. Write thank you notes with verses to your elders. One night, prepare food pertaining to Bible culture – make a food that goes with a story. Let them eat the food while you tell them about the Bible account. Go to westhuntsville.org and download the free Kidding cards of Bible facts and use them in the games you play. Order a copy of Picking Melons and Mates, which has a “story-time starter kit” of 21 days of Bible Story Time for all ages. (You will have to tell them where.)

It is best when it often comes from Daddy’s List – Dad, create a “What I Want Them to Know” list which includes Biblical doctrines and life values and once or twice a week begin your story time with, “Tonight I want to teach you what God’s book says about...” and pull one item from your list. At this time teach them about the importance of the cross, the singular nature of the church, creation in six literal days, worship, property rights, how to select a great spouse, saving sex for marriage, avoidance of alcohol and other drugs, the value of honesty and hard work that is a prerequisite to eating, etc., etc.

Don’t stress over this, just do it. The best time to start was before they were born. The second best time to start is tonight. God bless you in the greatest challenge of your life: rearing children to be strong Christians as adults.

Glenn Colley (Christian Worker, 104:1 [Jan., 2018], 5-6)

Is Marriage Still Important?



As our society continues to become more secular, the biblical model of the family continues to be marginalized. One of the ways in which this has become evident is in our culture’s view of marriage. The Bible clearly teaches the following about marriage: Marriage is between one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24). Marriage is to last until one of the spouses dies (Matthew 19:1-9; Romans 7:2). Intimacy is reserved for marriage (Matthew 5:28; 1 Corinthians 6:9; Hebrews 13:4).

Two false ideas about marriage are now especially popular and increasingly commonplace in our society: (1) Marriage may include two partners of the same gender. And, (2) Those couples wishing to live together may side-step marriage by merely cohabiting. According to the Pew Research Center’s recent findings, as discussed in The New York Times, “[M]ore than half of all women aged 19 to 44 who marry for the first time have lived with their husbands before walking down the aisle.” The Pew research also shows that millennials are more likely than any previous generation to cohabit prior to marriage.

Cohabitation is increasingly popular among older Americans. The number of people over 50 who cohabit with an unmarried partner jumped 75 percent from 2007 to 2016: “The number of cohabiters over age 50 rose to 4 million

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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 @ 10:00am 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

Feb. 11 Numbers 3:33—5:22

Feb. 12 Numbers 5:23—7:59

Feb. 13 Numbers 7:60—10:10

Feb. 14 Numbers 10:11—13:16

Feb. 15 Numbers 13:17—15:21

Feb. 16 Numbers 15:22—16:50

Feb. 17 Numbers 17—20

Feb. 18 Numbers 21—23

“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 **35 contacts** were made.

Announcements

- ◆ **Snacks and games after services this evening.** Bring finger foods/snacks and your favorite games.

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ March, 2018—Spring Gospel Meeting. Details TBD.
- ◆ August 14—Host Summer Youth Series

Other Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ March 1-4—“Arise!: A Southwest Spiritual Growth Workshop” @ Southwest (Austin).
- ◆ March 18-21—Gospel Meeting @ Bangs with Jason Rollo.
- ◆ April 1-4—Gospel Meeting @ Hamilton with Jason Rollo.
- ◆ May 5-10—Focal Point @ University (San Marcos).
- ◆ June 24-28—Junior Camp
- ◆ July 15-20—Senior Camp

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from 2.3 million over the decade ... and the number over age 65 doubled to about 900,000.” Many of these couples are divorced and plan not to marry again.

Couples who cohabit rather than marry are hurting themselves tragically, and we want to lovingly help them see the blessings God has in store for them. Notice three things:

- *Couples who side-step marriage are missing God’s approval of their relationship.* God’s approval is simply the most important aspect of any human activity or relationship, because human success and flourishing occurs in the context of God’s approval (Ecclesiastes 12:13; Matthew 5:3-12).
- *Couples who side-step marriage are missing the blessings associated with filling God-ordained roles in marriage.* There is no substitute for a the “no-matter-what” commitment of marriage. There is no substitute for a husband and father who loves his wife as Christ loves the church, or for a wife and mother who submits to her own husband, as to the Lord (Ephesians 5:22-25; cf. 1 Peter 3:1-7).
- *Couples who side-step marriage are missing the security of guaranteed support and care.* For example, a 2011 study published in the *Journal of Gerontology* showed that cohabiting partners were less likely than married partners to receive care when their health failed.

A society abandons the God-ordained institution at its own peril. May we always support for the biblical doctrine of marriage.

Caleb Colley (calebcolley.com)

Celebrate

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

February Birthdays: Cindy McCaghren (2), Johnny McCaghren (2), Peggy Chism (3), Carol Wilcox (5), Sue McAnear (6), Lunday Maninger (8), **Patti Bannister (14)**, Larry Petty (18), Aaron Smith (21), Jack Turner (22).

February Anniversaries: Billy & Peggy Chism (26).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	Jan. 28, 2018	Feb. 4, 2018
Bible Class	35	45
AM Worship	55	67
PM Worship	40	42
Wednesday PM	27	44
Contribution	\$1,765	\$2,277

	This Week: 2/11/18	Next Week: 2/18/18		
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	February 2018 Make Announcements: Ken Maninger Prepare Communion: James & Cindy Fuller Clean Building: Dennis Family March 2018 Make Announcements: Gene Bannister Prepare Communion: Allen & Linda Griffith Clean Building: Fuller / Stultz	
Greeters	Randy & Laura Huckaby	John Barnum Family		
Opening Prayer	Don Smith	James Fuller		
Communion	John Barnum*, Ryan Settles Ken Maninger, Chase Churchwell	Allen Griffith*, Randy Huckaby Hank Wheeler, Jack Turner		
Closing Prayer	Allen Griffith	Gene Bannister		
Attendance Cards	Jaceten Evetts	Aaron Smith		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: Rafe Smith	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		
Opening Prayer	Gene Bannister	James Thomas		
Scripture Reading	James Thomas	Don Smith		
Communion	John Barnum	Allen Griffith		
Closing Prayer	Tom Wilcox	Mike Bannister		
Wednesday Devotionals:	February 14 Joe Dennis	February 21 Rafe Smith	February 28 Don Smith	March 7 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 February 11, 2018

Sunday Class **Romans 9:30**
 Wed. Class **Old Testament History: Genesis 14:1**

The Christian Home (Part 2) – Parents / Children

- I. Duties of Parents to Children.
 - A. **Paul specified two of these duties in Ephesians 6:4:**
 1. "Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath".
 2. "Bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord".
 - B. Give them the **well-balanced education** that our Savior received: "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men" (Lk. 2:52).
 - C. **Love children.**
 - D. **Discipline children.**
 1. "He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly" (Prov. 13:24).
 2. "Correct your son, and he will give you rest; yes, he will give delight to your soul" (Prov. 29:17).
 - E. **Provide for children.**
- II. Duties of Children to Parents. "Honor your father and your mother" (Ex. 20:12).
 - A. **Children need to honor parents.**
 - B. **Paul repeated this command in Ephesians 6:2** and spoke of it as "the first commandment with promise".
 - C. **In the Mosaic law**, a disobedient, stubborn, rebellious and drunken son who would not hearken nor profit from chastisement was to be stoned to death (Deut. 21:18-21).
 - D. **Hear words of wisdom from Solomon:** (Prov. 13:1; 15:5, 20; 17:25; 19:26; 20:20; 23:22; 28:24).
 - E. **Some ways in which we can honor father and mother.**
 1. We can express our affection for them in unmistakable terms, but actions speak louder than words.
 2. By helping them with our substances, if they are needy.
 3. Communicate with them often, especially if we are separated from them.
 4. We may also honor parents by being the men and women we should be.
 - F. **Blessings derived from keeping the 5th commandment.**
 1. A better world in which to live.
 2. It makes for richer and nobler living.
 3. It produces happiness in the child.
 4. It makes for longevity of life.

Paul's Gospel and Apostleship Confirmed and Maintained (Galatians 2:1-21)

Part 1 – Paul's Reception in Jerusalem (2:1-10)

- I. **Paul's Defense of His Apostleship and the Gospel** (Chapters 1-2).
 - A. **Introduction** (1:1-10).
 - B. **Paul's Gospel and Apostleship Divinely Derived** (1:11-24).
 - C. **Paul's Gospel and Apostleship Confirmed and Maintained** (2:1-21).
 1. **The Reception of Paul in Jerusalem** (1:10): Paul, accompanied by Barnabas and Titus, visited Jerusalem for a second time 14 years after his first visit.
 - a. **The reason for the visit** (1-2). "By revelation".
 - b. **The results of their visit** (3-10).
 - 1) **Paul and the leaders** (3, 6-10).
 - a) *The leaders agreed with Paul that Titus should not be circumcised* (3). Those in Jerusalem (including the apostles) agreed with Paul, not the Judaizing teachers.
 - b) *The leaders accepted Paul as a coworker* (6-10).
 - (1) "For the uncircumcised...for the circumcised" (7). This indicates a distinction of sphere, not a difference of type of gospel.
 - (2) "Worked effectively" (8). God worked in and through both Peter and Paul in the same manner, with the same message and with the same results.
 - 2) **Paul and the legalizers** (2:4-5): They made an unsuccessful attempt to push their legalism upon him.
 - a) "False brethren".
 - b) "Secretly brought in". Lit: "coming in from the side", as if "over the wall" and not through the door; illegally and insidiously.
 - c) "To spy out". Lit: "to spy out with hostile intent".
 - d) "Bring us into bondage".
 2. **False Brethren.**
 - a. One of the most tragic words in the Greek NT is "ψευδόδελφος" which we translate "false brethren" (2 Cor. 11:26, Gal. 2:4).
 - b. "A false brother, a pretended Christian" (Bagster).
 - c. "A false brother, i.e. one who ostentatiously professes to be a Christian, but is destitute of Christian knowledge and piety" (Thayer).