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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.

Truth Is Truth, No Matter WHO Disagrees With It

[Wednesday], one of the most famous preachers of modern times died just short of his 100th birthday. Not only did he achieve longevity, his name was almost synonymous with American religion in the 20th Century. He reached hundreds of millions of people through live crusades, radio, and television. He was regularly listed as one of the "Ten Most Admired Men in the World." His website claimed that he preached to more people in live audiences than anyone else in history (info via FoxNews.com). His influence on society is unmistakable.

However, this much loved and now much lamented man used the weight of his name and influence to oppose something which Scripture seems very clearly to teach. In the answer section of his website, he addresses the question, "Is baptism necessary for salvation?" While answering that he believed it to be important and that he had done it himself, he also said, "If baptism were a requirement for salvation, we would certainly say that." His answer makes clear that one becomes a saved convert before baptism, the thief on the cross being used as proof of that claim. Many of those who left comments under his answer shows how deeply influential and popular his teaching on this was.

I believe in the vitality of the saying, "It's never a matter of 'who's right,' but 'what's right.'" Something is never right because I say it, some other preacher, or even the most famous preacher of the 20th Century says it. Something is right because Jesus and His apostles and prophets said it. Here is what they said:

- "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved" (Jesus).
- "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins" (Peter).
- "Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name" (Ananias).
- "Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life" (Paul).
- "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ" (Paul).
- "Corresponding to that (Noah and family brought safely through the water, 20, NP), baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (Peter).

I feel the loss of this renowned preacher is sad and tragic. I appreciate his vast influence and the way he tried to use that for good in so many regards. Yet, if the Bereans found it necessary to compare the great apostle Paul's preaching and teaching with Scripture, any of us who preach and teach today should want people to do the same. That's the *only* way we will be able to determine *what's* right!

Neal Pollard (preacherpollard.com)

Jesus the Master Teacher

In the Greek society and culture, no profession was more respected than that of the teacher. One who had information that he was able to impart to another was on the highest rung of their social ladder. To speak of one who was a “Master Teacher” was to describe a person who had the capability of skillfully and interestingly imparting knowledge to others. While it may not always have been so, the term implied that this Master Teacher was careful in his way of life, so as not to tarnish the strength and application of those truths entrusted to him as a teacher.

The term “Master Teacher” has correctly been applied to Jesus of Nazareth, who was and is truly the Master Teacher in every area of life. By what reasoning do we describe Him as The Master Teacher?

He Was A Great Teacher

First of all, Jesus was a teacher; the Master of all Master teachers. The Greek text calls Jesus “teacher” 45 times in the Gospel accounts. Also, that which Jesus did is called “teaching” 45 times, and those who followed Him were called disciples (learners) 215 times. It is interesting to note that Jesus’ beloved Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5-7) is described as a time when Jesus “opened His mouth and taught them” (Mt. 5:2). There is an element of teaching in any effective sermon, but an absence there of diminishes its effectiveness, and may indicate an improper motive. He was, truly, The Master Teacher.

He Knew the Value of Teaching

Like it or not, Christianity is a taught religion. It does not come upon one without instruction in the Word of God but depends upon the energy, commitment and preparation of a teacher. And Jesus had all of the

above qualifications. He taught under a tree, on a mountain, by a river, from a boat on a lake, in the synagogue, and in the streets and in the houses. He did what Ezra and the priests had done 500 years earlier, as recorded in Nehemiah 8:8: Jesus “read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.” Truly, He was and is a Master Teacher.

He Spoke Plainly

We must remember that teaching does not take place until learning takes place and Jesus spoke in such plain terms that no one whose heart was honest could misunderstand. In John 10:24, we read that those who saw and heard Jesus wanted to hear plain language. People today still want to hear plain words. Obscure, ambiguous, convoluted, cryptic and complicated words may sound good in the college classroom and look good in academic papers, but people need to hear the truth, all of the truth, and nothing but the truth. Jesus spoke plainly to Nicodemus concerning his need to be born again (Jn. 3:3-7). The woman of Samaria needed practical truths, not hollow, meaningless words, so He taught her that “God is a Spirit: and they who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth” (Jn. 4:24). The scribes and Pharisees needed words that were clear and to the point, and Matthew 23:23 records Him as saying, “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!” If you want to be an effective teacher, start now by learning to speak plainly, clearly. Teaching does not begin until learning begins. Don’t forget it.

He Never Avoided Controversy

There may be some who go about looking for trouble, but that was not Jesus’ way. However, controversy

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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. 25 Deuteronomy 4:1—6:15

Feb. 26 Deuteronomy 6:16—9:21

Feb. 27 Deuteronomy 9:22—12:32

Feb. 28 Deuteronomy 13:1—16:8

Mar. 1 Deuteronomy 16:9—19:21

Mar. 2 Deuteronomy 20:1—23:14

Mar. 3 Deuteronomy 23:15—27:10

Mar. 4 Deuteronomy 27:11—28:68

“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 **37 contacts** were made.

Announcements

- ◆ Mark your calendars for **March 23-25** (Friday—Sunday), for our **Christian Evidence/Apologetics Seminar**. Our speaker will be **Dr. Branyon May** (Ph.D. in Astrophysics), who is Assistant Manager at World Video Bible School and also works with Apologetics Press. There will be two sessions Friday and Saturday evenings each, and two sessions Sunday morning. More details to come.
- ◆ This coming weekend, the **Southwest congregation in Austin will be hosting A Spiritual Growth Workshop** (March 1-4) and the **5th & Grape congregation in Abilene will be having a Gospel Meeting with Robert Dodson** (March 3-4). Information on both on the bulletin board.
- ◆ Next Sunday will be our First Sunday Fellowship Meal.

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ March 23-25—Christian Evidences Seminar with Dr. Branyon May.
- ◆ August 14—Host Summer Youth Series

Other Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ 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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followed Jesus in His years of teaching and preaching. It can be an easy maneuver to evade an issue, thereby avoiding controversy but little is accomplished by such cowardice. Jesus was neither cowardly nor contentious, but faced issues with manly courage and wisdom. When confronted with the adulterous woman in John 8, He was thrust into a dilemma, but instead of evading a difficult question, Jesus demanded that their deeds must be in harmony with God’s written law. Similarly, when asked about the propriety of paying taxes to Rome, Jesus said they should “Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar’s and unto God the things which be God’s” (Lk. 20:25). Jesus did not avoid the difficult questions.

His Material Was Practical

Jesus did not speak that which was merely philosophical, devoid of any practical use. Jesus parables were not used to show off His storytelling ability. His debates did not merely provide a means of boasting for Jesus, but opposition to error. His miracles were not merely an exhibition of magical powers but proved the validity of His words. His logic was utilized because God’s truth is rational and reasonable. And the Bible itself is the most practical book ever written. Jesus demanded something of His hearers (Mt. 7:21). To be Jesus’ disciple demanded total commitment to Him. And it still does even two thousand years later. He still teaches. He is The Master Teacher.

Carl Garner

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Celebrate

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

March Birthdays: Ken Maninger (4), Wayne Kahlich (9), Ann Walker (10), Susan Ford (17), Allen Griffith (20), Mileen Kahlich (21), James Thomas (23), Jessica Stultz (28).

March Anniversaries: Billy & Peggy Chism (2/26) James & Cindy Fuller (2), Randy & Laura Huckaby (23), Tom & Carol Wilcox (23).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	Feb. 11, 2018	Feb. 18, 2018
Bible Class	34	39
AM Worship	49	59
PM Worship	44	37
Wednesday PM	37	26
Contribution	\$1,851	\$1,945

	This Week: 2/25/18	Next Week: 3/4/18		
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	
Greeters	Tom & Carol Wilcox	Allen & Linda Griffith		
Opening Prayer	Don Smith	Gene Bannister		
Communion	Rafe Smith*, Larry Petty Joe Dennis, Caleb Dennis	Don Smith*, James Thomas Ken Maninger, Chase Churchwell		
Closing Prayer	Allen Griffith	John Barnum		
Attendance Cards	Ian Barnum	Jaceten Evetts		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: Ken Maninger	Song Leader: Rafe Smith		
Opening Prayer	James Fuller	Tom Wilcox	March 2018 Make Announcements: Gene Bannister Prepare Communion: Allen & Linda Griffith Clean Building: Fuller / Stultz	
Scripture Reading	John Barnum	James Fuller		
Communion	Rafe Smith	Don Smith		
Closing Prayer	Gene Bannister	Allen Griffith		
Wednesday Devotionals:	February 28 Don Smith	March 7 Prayer Night	March 14 Joe Dennis	March 21 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 February 25, 2018	Sunday Class Romans 10:6 Wed. Class Old Testament History: Genesis 16:5
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<u>Pray</u>	<u>Justification: Not by Law but by Faith in Christ (1) – Galatians 3:1-5</u>
<p>One of the outstanding duties, privileges, and joys of the Christian life is prayer.</p> <p>I. Jesus Was A Man of Prayer.</p> <p>A. <i>The fact that Jesus spent much time in prayer is positive proof that Christians must be praying disciples.</i></p> <p>B. Surely, no prayerless person can be a follower of Him who prayed so much.</p> <p>II. The Early Church Was Strong in Prayer and Thanksgiving.</p> <p>A. <i>"And they continued steadfastly ... in prayers" (Acts 2:41-42).</i></p> <p>B. <i>"Constant prayer was offered to God for [Peter] by the church" (Acts 12:5).</i></p> <p>C. <i>The churches were admonished to pray:</i></p> <p>D. These passages show the close inter-relation of prayer and thanksgiving.</p> <p>E. Jesus set the good example of giving thanks for food (Mk. 8:6; Jn. 6:11).</p> <p>III. God's Promise to Answer Prayers Is Conditional.</p> <p>A. Men may pray and not be heard (Jas. 4:3).</p> <p>B. Therefore, it is good to note the following conditions of acceptable prayer.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be righteous (1 Pet. 3:12). 2. Be obedient (1 Jn. 3:22). 3. Pray in faith (Mt. 21:22). 4. Have a forgiving spirit (Mt. 6:15). 5. Abide in Christ (Jn. 15:7). 6. Have the right motive in praying (Jas. 4:3). 7. Pray in harmony with God's will (1 Jn. 5:14). 8. Pray in Jesus' name (Jn. 14:13). <p>IV. Things for Which to Pray.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. For the forgiveness of (saint's) sins (Mt. 6:12). B. For help in time of temptation (Mt. 6:13). C. For daily necessities of life (Mt. 6:11). D. For earthly rulers and for the privilege of leading a quiet life (1 Tim. 2:1-2). E. For the sick (Jas. 5:14). F. For enemies (Mt. 5:44). G. For laborers to enter the harvest (Mt. 9:38). H. For preachers and for the Lord's word to be glorified (2 Thess. 3:1). I. For the children of God (Phil. 1:9-11). J. For God's will to be done (Mt. 6:10). 	<p>Paul used 7 arguments in chapters 3-4 to prove the superiority of faith in Christ over adherence to the law of Moses.</p> <p>I. The Holy Spirit Received by Faith (3:1-5).</p> <p>A. <i>"O foolish Galatians!"</i> – Paul spoke as a father, baffled that his children had fallen into such a foolish trap.</p> <p>B. <i>"Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?"</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who has cast an evil spell on you? 2. The crucified Jesus Christ had been clearly shown to them. <p>C. <i>"Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?" (2).</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If they conceded this point they conceded Paul's entire case and all ground for argument was taken from the Judaizers. 2. The Galatian Christians had received the gift of the indwelling Spirit when they had heard and believed the gospel and had obeyed by being baptized into Christ (3:26-27). <p>D. <i>"Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?"</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>"Begun in the Spirit"</i> refers to the beginning of the Christian walk, which commences at baptism. 2. Since the Galatians had received the Spirit, it was foolish for them to think that they could be <i>"made perfect by the flesh"</i>. <p>E. <i>"Have you suffered so many things in vain?" (4)</i> Their suffering did not have to be in vain, as long as they returned to the principle of faith.</p> <p>F. <i>"Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?" (5)</i></p> <p>II. Abraham's Righteousness Achieved Through Faith (3:6-9).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. <i>"Just as Abraham 'believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness'" (6; quoting Gen. 15:6).</i> B. <i>"Those who are of faith"</i> are the true spiritual <i>"sons of Abraham"</i>. C. <i>"And the Scripture foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, 'In you all the nations shall be blessed'" (8).</i> God's purpose was to save both Jew and Gentile. D. <i>"Those who are of faith [Christians – Jew or Gentile] are blessed with believing Abraham" (9).</i>