

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

Christian Evidences Seminar

March 23-25, 2018

Schedule

<u>Friday</u>	6:30pm	Science and Faith
	7:15pm	Break
	8:00pm	Apologetics and You
<u>Saturday</u>	5:30pm	Design in the Cosmos
	6:15pm	Break
	7:00pm	Earth: Our Occupied Orb
<u>Sunday</u>	9:45am	Bible's Inspiration
	10:40am	Defending Faith from an Immovable Foundation
	12:00pm	Lunch

Dr. Branyon May earned a Ph. D. in Astrophysics from the University of Alabama, where he held a three-year research fellowship through NASA's Graduate Student Researchers Program. Dr. May now combines his scientific and biblical passions serving as the General Manager of World Video Bible School, a non-profit organization focused on the production of Bible-based, faith-building resources. He also serves as an Auxiliary Scientist with Apologetics Press.

While earning his B.S. degree in Physics from Angelo State University, Branyon met and married his wife, Alana, who also holds a B.S. in Physics and M.S. in Astrophysics. They are the parents of three lovely daughters. They make their home and worship in the Austin, Texas, area.



"So you shall say to them, 'This is a nation that does not obey the voice of the LORD their God nor receive correction. Truth has perished and been cut off from their mouth.'" ... "We lie down in our shame, and our reproach covers us. For we have sinned against the LORD our God."

Jeremiah 7:28; 3:25

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



The Church: Planned, Purchased, and Perfected

The theme of Ephesians is ‘the church of Jesus Christ our Lord.’ Chapters 1-3 discuss the nature of the church; chapters 4-6, life in the church. Doctrine and Duty combine to provide us with a portrait of the glorious bride of Christ.

This first chapter draws back the curtain of time and gives us a wonderful glimpse into the recesses of eternity. After a brief introduction (1:1-2), the inspired penman enters into a discussion of our spiritual blessings in Christ. The vault of heaven’s bank is opened, and after stressing the importance of being in Christ wherein are all spiritual blessings, the Holy Spirit guides Paul to write of those blessings that the child of God enjoys: they are (1) blessed, (2) chosen, (3) foreordained, (4) adopted, (5) accepted, (6) redeemed, (7) forgiven, (8) enlightened, (9) given an inheritance, (10) sealed, and (11) assured. This is followed by an earnest plea on the part of the apostle that those Christians living and laboring in Ephesus might have a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the chief cornerstone of the church, which was purchased with the precious blood of our Lord (Acts 20:28). As the chapter closes we see Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, exalted to the right hand of the Father, and ruling over the church, which is His body.

Focusing on 1:3-14 we are provided a glimpse of the church as God’s chosen. To the casual student, these verses contain a jumbled maze of disconnected words. But careful examination will unlock the maze that might trouble the novice, and provide rich spiritual treasures for those willing to dig a little deeper. Consider the following.

The Church: Planned by the Father 1:3-6

With these verses the apostle sets forth God as the architect of all spiritual blessings. The key word in this verse, and throughout the book, is this two letter word “in,” and more specifically, “in Christ.” In these verses the apostle (under guidance of the Holy Spirit), sets forth God’s intention to bless a certain class of individuals, and provides us with the precise location of those blessings. Contrary to Calvinistic teaching, heaven’s selection was not arbitrary, selecting certain individuals to be lost and

others to be saved. Instead, God designated a certain class of individuals whom He would adopt, and it is up to each individual as to whether or not he wants to enter into that group through obedience to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. When men believe, repent, confess the name of Christ, and are buried with the Lord in baptism, they are then added to the church (Acts 2:47), and granted entrance “into” the body of Christ (Romans 6:3-5).

The Church: Purchased by the Son 1:7-12

In half a dozen verses Paul (the Holy Spirit) sums up the wonderful redemptive work of our Savior. We cannot imagine another passage that so describes the work of our Lord in the saving of the souls of men in so few words and yet so rich in spiritual truths. Space does not allow us to elaborate on such words and phrases as “redemption” (vs. 7), the “mystery of his will” (vs. 9a), “his good pleasure” (vs. 9b), “we were made a heritage” (vs. 11a), “him who worketh all things after the council of his will” (vs. 11b), “praise of his glory” (vs. 12a), and “hoped in Christ” (vs. 12b). All such blessings are referred to as the “riches of his grace” (vs. 7b). Heaven’s wealth is made available to God’s chosen, deposited in the bank of heaven, secured by heaven’s promises, and purchased with “precious blood, as of a lamb without spot, even the blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:19).

The Church: Perfected in the Spirit 1:13-14

The Holy Spirit served as the organizer in the physical creation (Gen. 1:2). “Sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, which is an earnest of our inheritance” (vss. 13-14), the saints of every age have marched forward with the perfected word and the promise that Christ will be with us “even unto the end of the world” (Matt. 28:20). The Holy Spirit has forged the armor adequate unto the task at hand (Eph. 6:15-17), and thereby perfected the church in each and every generation.

Conclusion

If men would read and study this wonderful epistle, they would walk away with a concept of the church far different than modern day denominationalism. It is to this end we labor; it is to this end we preach and teach the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Tom Wacaster (Christian Worker, Vol. 104:3 [March, 2018], 1,7)

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

Mar. 18 Judges 11—14

Mar. 19 Joshua 15—17

Mar. 20 Joshua 18—21 (video)

Mar. 21 Ruth

Mar. 22 1 Samuel 1—3 (video)

Mar. 23 1 Samuel 4—6

Mar. 24 1 Samuel 7—9

Mar. 25 1 Samuel 10—12

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

(2 Timothy 2:15)



Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **36 contacts** were made.

Announcements

- ◆ **Our Christian Evidences Seminar with Dr. Branyon May begins Friday.** Plan to attend and invite others. **Flyers are available at exits.**
- ◆ There will be a light meal and fellowship between the seminar sessions on Friday and Saturday evenings. Sandwich fixings will be provided. **We need cookies** (please keep it to things that can be eaten by hand—minimal cleanup).
- ◆ There is a **Gospel Meeting beginning today at Bangs with Jason Rollo.** Flyer on bulletin board.

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ **March 23-25—Christian Evidences Seminar with Dr. Branyon May.**
- ◆ August 14—Host Summer Youth Series.
- ◆ October 14-17—Fall Gospel Meeting with Jacob Rutledge.

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.
- ◆ April 28—Ladies' Day @ Comanche, *"Be Still and Know that I Am God"*
- ◆ May 5-10—Focal Point @ University (San Marcos).
- ◆ May 23-28—Young Men's Development Conference @ College Station (BSC Church of Christ)
- ◆ June 24-28—Junior Camp
- ◆ July 15-20—Senior Camp

Holy and Reverend Is Thy Name

The religious title "Reverend" is typically used by well-meaning people as a designation of honor and dignity for a minister or preacher. In the urgency of people to append a title of honor to those of a sacerdotal caste in the sectarian world, they have gone far beyond the Bible in so doing. No preacher should allow himself to be called "Reverend" or by any other title. The word "holy" is also misused as a title of religious significance as in "Holy See." Some even use "Brother" as a title. The reason such titles are wrong is because there is no "clergy and laity" distinction in the church of Christ. Jesus condemned all titles of honor in religion (Matthew 23:8-9).

In their refusal to apply the title of "Reverend" to men, well-intended brethren often cite Psalm 111:9 and say that this is the only time the word is used in the Bible, and further, that it is used here only in reference to God, not man. The problem is that this argument is true only after a fashion. The word "Reverend" appears only once in the *King James Version* of the Bible. The Hebrew word from which "Reverend" is translated appears over three hundred times in the Old Testament.

It is true that the word "Reverend" comes from the Hebrew word *yare*. This word occurs 373 times in the Old Testament. It is translated in the *King James Version* by "be afraid" (76 times), "dread" (1 time), "fear" (242 times), "reverence" (2 times), "afraid" (3 times), "be feared" (4 times), "be had in reverence" (1 time), "dreadful" (5 times), "fearful" (2 times), "fearfull" (1 time), "reverend" (1 time), "terrible" (24 times), "terrible acts" (1 time), "terribleness" (1 time), "terrible things" (4 times), "affright" (1 time), "make afraid" (2 times) and "put in fear" (2 times).

In Genesis 19:30, Lot "feared [*yare*] to dwell in Zoar." The word is used two times in Deuteronomy 28:58, "...that thou mayest **fear** this glorious and **fearful** name, the LORD thy God." A form of *yare* is used in Isaiah 18:2 to describe the Ethiopians as "terrible." David employed a form of *yare* in Psalm 139:14 to say, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

The words "Holy" and "Reverend" are not used as titles for God, but as terms descriptive of His character. Psalm 111:9 is a text exalting the name of God. The name of God is deserving of respect, godly fear and awe. Where is the deep veneration that we ought to feel toward the name of God Almighty? Is it evident among us when we speak His name, when we approach Him in worship and when we live before Him?

Dennis Gullede (Gospel Gazette Online, Vol. 30:3, p. 7)

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: James & Cindy Fuller (2), Randy & Laura Huckaby (23), Tom & Carol Wilcox (23).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	Mar. 4, 2018	Mar. 11, 2018
Bible Class	44	36
AM Worship	60	51
PM Worship	48	37
Wednesday PM	44	32
Contribution	\$2,359	\$2,056

	This Week: 3/18/18	Next Week: 3/25/18		
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<p>March 2018 Make Announcements: Gene Bannister Prepare Communion: Allen & Linda Griffith Clean Building: Fuller / Stultz</p> <p>April 2018 Make Announcements: John Barnum Prepare Communion: Dennis Family Clean Building: John Barnum Family</p>	
Greeters	James & Cindy Fuller	Randy & Laura Huckaby		
Opening Prayer	Allen Griffith	James Fuller		
Communion	James Thomas*, Tom Wilcox Jack Turner, Don Smith	Rafe Smith*, Ryan Settles Hank Wheeler, Allen Griffith		
Closing Prayer	Ken Maninger	Gene Bannister		
Attendance Cards	Ian Barnum	Jaceten Evetts		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: Joe Dennis	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		
Opening Prayer	Gene Bannister	James Thomas		
Scripture Reading	Rafe Smith	Don Smith		
Communion	James Thomas	Rafe Smith		
Closing Prayer	Ryan Rudloff	Mike Bannister		
Wednesday Devotionals:	March 21 Rafe Smith	March 28 Don Smith	April 4 Prayer Night	April 11 Joe Dennis

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 March 18, 2018

Sunday Class **Romans 10:16**

Wed. Class **Old Testament History: Genesis 19:4**

Why We Ought to be Ashamed

I. We Ought to be Ashamed Nationally.

- A. "This is a nation that does not obey the voice of the LORD their God nor receive correction. Truth has perished and has been cut off from their mouth" (Jer. 7:28).
- B. Where does one begin in mentioning the deeds for which every citizen of this nation ought to be ashamed?
 1. **Political Corruption.**
 2. **Murdering Mothers.**
 3. **Unparalleled Violence.**
 4. **Moral Perversion.**
 5. Time would fail to mention all the other ills found within this nation: divorce, drugs, gambling, gangs, pornography, etc.

II. We Ought to be Ashamed Congregationally.

- A. In Revelation 2-3, Jesus dictates a letter to be sent to the 7 churches of Asia.
- B. "Estranged" **Ephesus** had left her first love (2:4).
- C. "Permissive" **Pergamos** was allowing false doctrine to be proclaimed and embraced by some of her members (2:14-15).
- D. "Tolerant" **Thyatira** was tolerating the evil of that Jezebel woman (2:20).
- E. "Sleeping" **Sardis** failed to be vigilant and alert (3:1-2).
- F. "Lukewarm" **Laodicea** was so indifferent to her Lord and His cause that she made Him sick (3:15-16).

III. We Ought to be Ashamed Domestically.

- A. What has happened to our homes?
- B. God's plan for the home avoids such shame for each family member and instead ensures happiness for all involved (Col. 3:18-21).

IV. We Ought to be Ashamed Individually.

- A. **We need to be ashamed of past sin!**
- B. **We ought to be ashamed when we forsake our faithful God!**
- C. **We ought to be ashamed when we fail to be diligent in our spiritual growth!**

From the divine side there is absolutely nothing for which the child of God ought to be ashamed.

When man is to be ashamed, it is from his own doings.

Justification: Not by Law but by Faith in Christ (4)

The Temporary Nature of the Law: From Slavery to Sonship (Galatians 4:1-7)

- I. Paul had more to say about the immature state of Israel when it was under the Law: "Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father" (1-2).
 - A. Still referring to Israel in its infantile state, Paul continues, "Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world" (3).
- II. Having discussed the condition of Israel in its elementary state under the Law, Paul next turned to that which constitutes the apex of all human history: "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son" (4).
 - A. The coming of the Messiah was the crowning event of all that God had in mind, even before the beginning of creation.
 - B. At just the right time, God sent His Son into the world, "born of a woman" (4).
 - C. When Jesus came into this world, He was a Jew "born under the law" (4).
 1. "By being born of a Jewish mother, Jesus was born a Jew, and, as such 'under the law'. He entered into the prison-house where his people were held in bondage so as to set them free".
 2. Not only was Jesus "born under the law", but He also died under the Law and according to the Law, fulfilling many prophecies to this effect.
 - D. Jesus came into the world "to redeem those who were under the law" (5).
 - E. Jesus also came into the world "that we might receive the adoption as sons".
- III. Paul continued, "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts" (6).
- IV. In v. 17, Paul concluded the discussion concerning Israel in its immature state.
 - A. Now that the heir has come of age according to "the time appointed by the father" (4:2) and has reached the age of accountability, he is not longer "under guardians and stewards" and can therefore dispense with the services of the "tutor" of 3:25.
 - B. The concept of the age of maturity should be interpreted dispensationally, not individually.
 1. The Spirit brings freedom, "You are no longer a slave but a son".
 2. Another great blessing which accompanies the grace of adoption is the inheritance involved – "and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ".