

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

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Mike Bannister..... Don Smith

James Thomas

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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.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

It's the most important question you can ever ask. Yet if you ask ten different churches, you'll get ten different answers. But what does the Bible say? We cannot afford to get this one wrong.

5 Things God Wants You To Know

1. You need a Savior.

Everyone – from the best to the worst – **is lost without Jesus.** “*Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins*” (Eccl. 7:20). “*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*” (Rom. 3:23).

2. You cannot save yourself.

No matter how good you are, **you will never “earn” your way into heaven.** “*There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death*” (Prov. 14:12). “*Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me’*” (John 14:6).

3. God wants you to be saved.

He takes no joy in a lost soul. “*For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God*” (1 Pet. 3:18). “*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest*” (Matt. 11:28).

4. You have a choice.

God did not predestine you personally to be saved or be lost. He wants you – and everyone – to be saved, but He isn't going to force you one way or the other. “*...not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance*” (2 Pet. 3:9). “*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life*” (John 3:16).

5. God has provided a way for you to be saved.

“*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes*” (Rom. 1:16). “*He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed*” (1 Pet. 2:24).

5 Things God Wants You To Do

1. Believe in Jesus Christ & His Kingdom.

You must believe that **Jesus is the Son of God.** “*...so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name*” (John 20:31). You must believe that **He is the Lord and King.** “*Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved*” (Acts 16:31). You must believe in **His kingdom (the church).** “*He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and*

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“*You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*”
Matthew 5:13-16

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transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son” (Col. 1:13; cf. Acts 8:12).

2. Repent of your sins.

You must **submit your life to the Lordship of Jesus**. “Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3). “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins” (Acts 2:38, cf. 3:19).

“Repent” is kind of a churchy word – but we need to get comfortable with it. Someone who is repenting means they are (a) **making amends** for the wrongs they have committed in life (cf. Luke 19:8-10), (b) continually **fighting against sin** in their life (1 John 3:19), and (c) committing a **lifelong process of becoming more like Jesus** (Gal. 2:20).

3. Confess Jesus before men.

Not just one time, but for the rest of your life. Your life must be a **living testimony to the Lordship of Jesus**. “So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 10:32). “For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved” (Rom. 10:10).

4. Be baptized.

This is not a mere formality. If preceded by belief & repentance, it is **the very point at which the grace of God saves you**. “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16). “He commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ” (Acts 10:48).

We must point out that you must be baptized before you can be saved (1 Pet. 3:21). It is the moment your faith comes in contact with the saving blood of Jesus (Rom. 6:4). Baptism is how we enter into Christ (Gal. 3:26-27).

5. Live for Jesus.

By repentance and baptism, motivated by faith, we become God’s children – adopted into the royal family. **But our salvation is not secure unless we live faithfully to God**. We must walk in the light of Jesus. “If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).

For the rest of life on earth, we must add to our faith the Christian virtues (2 Pet. 1:5-7). Our salvation is conditional

on our continuing as God’s children. And if we are His children, God will dwell in us. And if He is in us, His fruit will be obvious in our lives – love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23).

Ben Giselbach (plainsimplefaith.com)

All people are acceptable to God

For around ten years after Jesus’ death and resurrection, the first Christians were active in telling others about Jesus, but only to Jews. On the Day of Pentecost Peter had stated quite plainly that the good news of Jesus was “*for you and your children, and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call to himself*” (Acts 2:39, NET). It was for the Jews (you and your children) and for the Gentiles (all who are far away). (In the Jewish way of thinking, they were near to God and everyone else, who were Gentiles, were far away from God.)

Although Samaritans had also been taught and had accepted the message of Jesus (see Acts 8), they were still partly of a Jewish background. Those who had no Jewish connection had yet to hear about forgiveness through Jesus.

For the Jew, spending time with a Gentile was forbidden. “*You know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile...*” (Acts 10:28). So how could this almost insurmountable barrier be broken down? God used three supernatural events to convince the Jewish Christians that Gentiles were acceptable to him, as well.

God began to put everything in motion with a devout, God-fearing Roman, who was wanting to follow the true God. To get his attention, he sent an angel to speak with him in a vision.

“*About three o’clock one afternoon he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God who came in and said to him, ‘Cornelius.’ Staring at him and becoming greatly afraid, Cornelius replied, ‘What is it, Lord?’ The angel said to him, ‘Your prayers and your acts of charity have gone up as a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa and summon a man named Simon, who is called Peter’*” (Acts 10:3-5).

Next, God needed to prepare Peter to be willing to speak to a Gentile. It was to be Peter because Jesus had given him the “*keys of the kingdom*” (Matt. 16:19), in essence to be the first to proclaim the good news of Jesus to the Jews (Acts 2)

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

Apr. 29 1 Chronicles 11—13

Apr. 30 1 Chronicles 14—16

May 1 1 Chronicles 17—19

May 2 1 Chronicles 20—22

May 3 1 Chronicles 23—25

May 4 1 Chronicles 26—29

May 5 2 Chronicles 1—4

May 6 2 Chronicles 5—8

“*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 **38 contacts** were made.

Announcements

- ◆ Today is the last day to make an additional gift to **Cherokee Home for Children**. Cherokee Day is this Saturday. Information on bulletin board.
- ◆ We will be having a **Graduation Celebration** for our graduating seniors (Mattison Churchwell, Shannon Dennis, Lunday Maninger, and Canyon Edwards) on **May 13**, following evening services. Please plan to attend and bring each a card with your best wishes.
- ◆ **Camp applications** are available. If you need one, see Johnny.

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ May 13—Graduation Celebration.
- ◆ August 14—Host Summer Youth Series.
- ◆ October 14-17—Fall Gospel Meeting with Jacob Rutledge.

Other Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ **April 29-May 2—Gospel Meeting at Windmill (Weatherford) w/ Wade Webster, "Tell Us Plainly"**
- ◆ May 5—Cherokee Day @ Cherokee Home for Children
- ◆ May 5-10—Focal Point @ University (San Marcos).
- ◆ May 12—Ladies' Day @ Dublin, "Generations Joined in Jesus"
- ◆ May 19-20—Lovely Lectures.
- ◆ May 23-28—Young Men's Development Conference @ College Station (BSC Church of Christ)
- ◆ June 17-21—Lakes Shore Drive Junior Camp (Grades 2-7)
- ◆ June 24-28—Junior Camp
- ◆ July 15-20—Senior Camp
- ◆ Aug. 3-5—Discipleship University (Dripping Springs)

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and to the Gentiles (Acts 10). God sent him a vision, as well. "He saw heaven opened and an object something like a large sheet descending, being let down to earth by its four corners. In it were all kinds of four-footed animals and reptiles of the earth and wild birds. Then a voice said to him, 'Get up, Peter; slaughter and eat!' But Peter said, 'Certainly not, Lord, for I have never eaten anything defiled and ritually unclean!' The voice spoke to him again, a second time, 'What God has made clean, you must not consider ritually unclean!' This happened three times, and immediately the object was taken up into heaven" (Acts 10:11-16).

Although Peter didn't immediately understand the vision, the Spirit told him to go with the men Cornelius sent without hesitation. By the time he arrived in Caesarea, Peter had worked out what God was trying to show him: "God has shown me that I should call no person defiled or ritually unclean" (Acts 10:28). And he proceeded to tell Cornelius and those with him about Jesus.

Finally, God sent the gift of the Holy Spirit on those who heard the message, causing Peter to conclude: "'No one can withhold the water for these people to be baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did, can he?' So he gave orders to have them baptized in the name of Jesus Christ" (Acts 10:47-48).

All people need to hear the good news of Jesus. It matters not who they are or where they are from, their economic status or their background. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female – for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:26).

Jon Galloway (forthright.net)

Celebrate

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

May Birthdays: Caroline Dennis (4/30), Aliyah Rayon (3), Ian Barnum (5), Rosa Fuller (6), Barbara Bannister (10), Pam Teague (14), Billy Chism (15), Caitlin Settles (15), Gracen Hardy (30).

May Anniversaries: Joe & Lasha Dennis (6), Ryan & Tammy Rudloff (7).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	Apr. 15, 2018	Apr. 22, 2018
Bible Class	42	50
AM Worship	52	67
PM Worship	46	48
Wednesday PM	45	43
Contribution	\$1,978	\$2,451

	This Week: 4/29/18	Next Week: 5/5/18		
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: James Fuller	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<p>April 2018 Make Announcements: John Barnum Prepare Communion: Dennis Family Clean Building: John Barnum Family</p> <p>May 2018 Make Announcements: James Fuller Prepare Communion: James & Cindy Fuller Clean Building: Mike & Patti Bannister</p>	
Greeters	John Barnum Family	Tom & Carol Wilcox		
Opening Prayer	Ken Maninger	Tom Wilcox		
Communion	Allen Griffith*, Ryan Settles Hank Wheeler, Tom Wilcox	Don Smith*, Larry Petty James Thomas, Jack Turner		
Closing Prayer	Gene Bannister	Randy Huckaby		
Attendance Cards	Ian Barnum	Jaceten Evetts		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: James Fuller	Song Leader: Joe Dennis		
Opening Prayer	Ryan Rudloff	Gene Bannister		
Scripture Reading	Don Smith	Allen Griffith		
Communion	Allen Griffith	Don Smith		
Closing Prayer	James Fuller	Ryan Rudloff		
Wednesday Devotionals:	May 2 Prayer Night	May 9 Joe Dennis	May 16 Rafe Smith	May 23 Don 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 April 29, 2018

Sunday Class **Romans 11:26**
 Wed. Class **Old Testament History: Genesis 24:11**

Responding to Our Culture: Not as a Monk

We can isolate ourselves and withdraw from an emerging pagan culture but, if we do, how will the light of the gospel ever illuminate a dark, perverse culture?

I. The Heart of the Message.

A. Moses was sent into a pagan culture.

1. Egypt was so pagan that the plagues are even described as a judgment against their gods (Ex. 12:12; cf. Num. 33:4; Jer. 46:25).
2. Even so, God commissioned Moses to step into this ungodly culture to prove that he was the only true and living God (Ex. 3:8-11; 14:4).

B. Jonah was sent into a pagan culture.

1. Nineveh was the capitol city of ancient Assyria who, according to F. W. Farrar, "tormented" their world.
2. The people of Nineveh were a vile, violent people but God wanted this heathen world to know of His moral expectations, and He commissioned Jonah to call for their repentance (Jonah 1:2, 3:1-4).

C. Jesus was sent into a pagan culture.

1. Words like "uncleanness," "vile," "shameful," "error" and "debased" were used to describe the "unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness" of the 1st century Roman empire (Rom. 1:20-32).
2. Still, God sent Jesus into this world not "to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved" (Jn. 3:17).

D. Paul was sent into a pagan culture.

II. Messages for Today.

A. We are to "season" our culture – "You are the salt of the earth" (Mt. 5:13).

1. We can influence our world by promoting peace (Mk. 9:50).
2. We can influence our world with a transparent commitment that loves Jesus more than anyone or anything else (Lk. 14:25-35).
3. We can influence our world by the gracious words we employ in responding to others (Col. 4:2-6).

B. We are to "shine" within our culture – "You are the light of the world" (Mt. 5:14-16).

1. We can take the message of Jesus to others (Lk. 1:76-79).
2. We can be pleasantly unique (2 Cor. 6:14-7:1).
3. We can be constructive instead of critical (Phil. 2:14-15).

Walking by the Spirit – Galatians 5:16-21

III. The Christian Walk (Chapters 5-6).

C. Walking by the Spirit (5:16-26).

To apply his teaching, Paul introduced literary devices that have come to be called "vice lists" and "virtue lists".

1. The Spirit Versus the Flesh (16-18).

- a. Paul had already warned against using "liberty as an opportunity for the flesh" (13) - now he instructs, *Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*
- b. Having been formed in the image of God, man is fundamentally a spiritual being – but as long as we inhabit the earth, we are beings of flesh and spirit.
 - 1) Since God had granted Christians His own Spirit (Acts 2:38), we can be victorious over the flesh.
 - 2) By God's grace, we can overcome in the daily battle between flesh and Spirit (Rom. 8:8-9).
- c. *For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another (17).*
 - 1) We must constantly fight against sinful passions.
 - 2) *So that you do not do the things that you wish.*
- d. *But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law (18).*

2. "The Works of the Flesh" (19-21). ["adultery" and "murders" are not in the better Greek manuscripts]

- a. *Now the works of the flesh are evident.*
- b. Sexual Sins (19b) – "fornication, uncleanness, lewdness".
- c. Pagan Ritual Sins (20a) – "idolatry, sorcery".
- d. Ungodliness in Interpersonal Relationships (20c-21a) – "hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy".
- e. Riotous Living (21b) "drunkenness, revelries".
- f. *And the like.*
- g. Paul prefaced his next statement with, *of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past.*
- h. *That those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*