

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

John Barnum

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.

Happy Mother's Day

It is that time of year again. One day in 365 that all who are living should observe — **Mother's Day**. Why not? Do not our mothers deserve a day in her honor? I believe so. I know so. In this mixed up world in which we live, a lot of people probably think there is nothing so special about Mother's Day. But — all living human beings owe their earthly existence to mother. Many Christians owe their Christian life to their mothers.

A Mother's Impact. A mother, human as she is, is that wonderful creature whose love knows no bounds, is never wavering, never waning. A mother, perhaps, is the rarest of all of God's creation. A University of Michigan survey reported 80% of 11-18 year-old girls desired to be just like their mothers. This suggests that one's mother is a very strong force in a child's life.

The Scriptures recognize the power of a mother's influence. Paul reminded Timothy of the vital role his mother Eunice had on his life and faith. *"I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure dwells in you as well"* (2 Tim. 1:5, ESV). Timothy's faith was genuine and unwavering. While Timothy's biblical faith came from the Word of God (Rom. 10:17), his faith was deeply influenced by his mother Lois. That is the way it ought to be.

What Great Men Have Said about Their Mothers. Paul's testimony of Eunice on Timothy's faith is apparent. Famous men have spoken highly of their mothers. Consider.

- Napoleon said, "the future destiny of the child is always the work of the mother."
- Theodore Roosevelt said, "She (mother) is more important by far than the successful statesman, businessman, artist, or scientist."
- Jewish Talmud asks, "Who is best taught?" and then answers, "He that is taught by his mother."
- Emerson said, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."
- Abraham Lincoln said, "All that I am, or can be, I owe to my mother."

Why Is a Mother's Influence so Powerful? The more we learn about life the more we understand the importance of mothers and fathers. Mothers ought to *encourage*. Who does not remember their mother saying, "Go ahead, you can do it?" Mothers expect their children to do the right thing. The recent episode of the Baltimore mother who removed her son from rioting and protesting and brought him home is an example. Mothers ought to

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She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness. She watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all."
Proverbs 31:26-29

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give independence and self-confidence. Good mothers help as much as needed, but expects her child to learn to stand on his own two feet. Mothers ought to give us emotional stability. While life is a struggle in so many ways, and for so many, our mothers really ought to be a pattern of emotional stability.

A Mother's Lasting Influence of Their Children.

Most know of Sir Walter Scott's great poetry and literature, many do not know of his mother's deep love for poetry and literature. A good influence.

Lord Byron was greatly influenced by his mother. Byron's mother had a horrible temper. She influenced Byron wrongly. Byron's parents were morally unrestrained, unfaithful to their marriage vows, and devoid of spiritual values. Byron learned to indulge in the sins of his parents. He left great poetry, but he left us an example of what happens to children when parents are careless and sinful.

A young mother was reading the Bible to her baby. A friend asked, "Surely you do not think your baby understands what you are reading?" Mother replied, "No, he does not understand now. But I want his earliest memory to be that of seeing and hearing the Bible." God bless good mothers.

W. Terry Varner (harmarhillchurchofchrist.org)

Magnificent Mothers

TEXT: John 19:27 – "Behold thy mother!"

Intro: One of the greatest blessings is a godly mother!

1. Magnificent Mothers implant within their children an authentic (i.e., without hypocrisy) faith (2 Tim. 1:5)!
2. Magnificent Mothers develop within their children a desire to serve (Phil. 2:20; Acts 16:1-3)! *1 Cor. 15:58.
3. Magnificent Mothers instill within their children a craving for spiritual growth (2 Tim. 3:14-15)! *2 Pet. 3:18.

Con: "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle Is the Hand That Rules the World" (William Ross Wallace).

SERMON STARTERS
- Mark Nichols Posey

A Role for Us All

"There were also some women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the Less and Joses, and Salome. When He was in Galilee, they used to follow Him and minister to Him; and there were many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem" (Mk. 15:40-41). It is true, when you examine the pages of Scripture, that Jesus did not appoint any woman to serve in the capacity of an apostle during His earthly ministry. Spiritual headship in the kingdom of God has been assigned to males (1 Cor. 14:33-35; 1 Tim. 2:8, 11-15). This doesn't mean, however, that the role God has given women is unimportant or unnecessary. What a needed part the women mentioned in the above Scripture had to play in Christ being able to fulfill His work as Savior! The term in the Greek translated "minister" means to do anyone a service, care for someone's needs and is an inferred service rendered, bringing advantage to others, to help. They offered real benefit to Christ.

What are some of the ways they ministered to Jesus? Luke pointed out, "...and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means" (Lk. 8:3). Those who had financial means helped support Jesus that He could be free to fully carry out the will of God. There were no doubt other tasks they did to His benefit. Mark mentions the concern certain of them had with His crucifixion and of making sure His body was properly prepared for burial (Mk. 15:47-16:1). They had stayed with Him during the entirety of His death and were the first witnesses to His resurrection (Lk. 24:1-10; Jn. 20:11-18), as well as reporting it first to the apostles.

The women who followed Christ exemplify what true service is. In ancient society, women did not occupy a place of importance to many. They were considered weak, both physically and emotionally. Yet, Jesus elevated them as worthy followers of Him. Paul emphasized how the forgiveness of Christ was as applicable to them

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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

video.wvbs.org/access/interactive-bible-reading-plan/

May 12 Numbers 25—26

May 13 Numbers 27—29

May 14 Numbers 30—32

May 15 Numbers 33—34

May 16 Numbers 35—36

May 17 Deuteronomy 1—3

May 18 Deuteronomy 4—6

May 19 Deuteronomy 7—9

"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 **42 contacts** were made.

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ August 6—We host Summer Youth Series
- ◆ Oct. 27-30—Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Bryan Braswell

Other Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ May 18-19—Lovely Lectures
- ◆ May 28-31—Gospel Meeting @ Meridian w/ Ross Haffner
- ◆ June 5-9—Men's Development Conference (College Station)
- ◆ June 23-27—Junior Camp.
- ◆ July 14-19—Senior Camp.
- ◆ August 16-22—Polishing the Pulpit (Sevierville, TN)
- ◆ Oct. 4-6—Texas Ladies in Christ Retreat @ Brady

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as to anyone else. *“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus”* (Gal. 3:28). Peter spoke of women as *“fellow heirs of the grace of life”* (1 Pet. 3:7). We can point to the example of Priscilla, along with her husband Aquila, who took Apollos and explained to him *“the way of God more accurately”* (Acts 18:26). Paul said they also risked their lives for his life (Rom. 16:4). Consider Lydia, who obeyed the Gospel in Philippi and opened her home to her fellow Christians (Acts 16:40). Remember Phoebe, of whom Paul said, using the same terminology that was used to speak of those women who followed Jesus, was a servant of the church (Rom. 16:1).

God has a place of service for each of us in His kingdom. It is not the specific role that He has given us that matters but having a heart for ministry and a willingness to do one's best for Him, whatever that role may be, is what really matters. Both the apostles and the women who followed had a part to play in God's will through Christ, and everyone has something to offer today as well. May we all be as Paul commended in Ephesians 5:1-2. *“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.”* Like Christ, be His servant and find the abundant life He offers (Jn. 10:10).

Robert Johnson (Gospel Gazette Online, May 2019, p. 3)

Celebrate

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

May Birthdays: Ian Barnum (5), Rosa Fuller (6), David Milam (7), Barbara Bannister (10), **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. 28, 2019 | May 5, 2019 |
|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| Bible Class | 51 | 47 |
| AM Worship | 55 | 53 |
| PM Worship | 41 | 37 |
| Wednesday PM | 38 | 32 |
| Contribution | \$2,100 | \$1,790 |

| | This Week: 5/12/19 | Next Week: 5/19/19 | | |
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| Sunday AM: | Song Leader: Mike Bannister | Song Leader: Mike Bannister | <p>May 2019 Make Announcements: Ken Maninger Prepare Communion: Johnny & Cindy McCaghren Clean Building: Johnny & Cindy McCaghren</p> <p>June 2019 Make Announcements: John Barnum Prepare Communion: Maninger Family Clean Building: Dennis Family</p> | |
| Greeters | Tom & Carol Wilcox | Allen & Linda Griffith | | |
| Opening Prayer | James Fuller | Allen Griffith | | |
| Communion | Rafe Smith*, Don Smith Hank Wheeler, Vernon Zier | James Fuller*, Coyce Reed Randy Huckaby, Kevin Ross | | |
| Closing Prayer | Randy Huckaby | Rafe Smith | | |
| Attendance Cards | Aaron Smith | Ian Barnum | | |
| Sunday PM: | Song Leader: Tom Wilcox | Song Leader: Ken Maninger | | |
| Opening Prayer | John Barnum | Don Smith | | |
| Scripture Reading | Kevin Ross | Ryan Rudloff | | |
| Communion | Rafe Smith | James Fuller | | |
| Closing Prayer | Ken Maninger | John Barnum | | |
| Wednesday Devotionals: | May 15 Rafe Smith | May 22 Don Smith | May 29 5 th Wednesday Video | June 5 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 May 12, 2019

Sunday Class 1 Corinthians 4:1
 Wed. Class . **Servant Training: What Does the Lord Require of You?**

Forgiving God

The Peace of Living with Our Broken Past

Have you ever been disappointed with God?

Have you ever been disappointed with life?

These two questions are often strung together. Life doesn't turn out the way we thought, so we turn on God because He didn't do what we thought He should.

We need to forgive, or not blame, God for our problems. Rather, we should try to understand why He allows us to suffer.

Think about 3 three-letter words: **man**, **God**, and **joy**. These 3 words can help us understand the place suffering plays in making us all we can be for God's glory.

I. Man.

- A. **Man is Fragile.**
- B. **Man is Volitional.**
- C. **Man is Social.**
- D. **Man is Pliable.**

II. God.

- A. **God is Exceptional.**
 1. **God is everywhere at the same time** (Ps. 139:1-7).
 2. **God sees everything that goes on** (Ps. 33:13-15; 15:3).
 3. **God knows everything there is to know** (Ps. 147:5).

- B. **God is Eternal.**
- C. **God is Powerful.**
- D. **God is Helpful.**

III. Joy – God is willing to let us hurt because He knows it is the secret to our happiness.

- A. **Problems help us stay focused** (Rom. 12:12).
- B. **Problems remind us of how blessed we are to have friends** (2 Cor. 7:4-7).
- C. **Problems help us work on our faith** (Jas. 1:2-5).
- D. **Problems help us strengthen our fellowship with Jesus** (1 Pet. 4:12-13).

There is no way to escape it. We are "born to trouble" (Job 5:7; 14:1). We are going to suffer. We have no say in the matter. But what we do when we suffer is another matter. We can blame God and get **bitter**, or we can praise God and do **better**.

Paul's Admonition to Hold Fast to the Head (Col. 2:16-23)

Dying with Christ to the World's Principles (20-23)

- I. "If you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world" (20a).
 - A. The Colossians had **died with Christ**.
 - B. Paul reminded them that their dying with Christ should result in their being dead to the **basic principles of the world**.
 - C. The use of *if* here does not mean that Paul was questioning their death with Christ; he was showing what was to result from their sharing in His death.
- II. "Why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations..." (20b).
 - A. We are in the world, with all its temptations to sin, but are not part of it.
 - B. Those who depart from God's laws usually do so in search of **freedom**; they think His laws are too restrictive.
 - C. They fail to realize that their rules for freedom do not bring freedom but actually enslave them (2 Pet. 2:19; see also Jn. 8:34; Rom. 6:16).
- III. "[Such as] **Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle**" (21).
 - A. The false teacher had a list of "do not" rules.
 - B. Avoiding a list of negatives does not necessarily produce positive living.
- IV. "Which all concern things which perish with using" (22a).
 - A. These regulations do not concern eternal things; but rather, temporary things, perishable things that are used and then are no longer useful.
 - B. Certain items are essential for physical life, but these have little to do with producing godliness in the lives of Christians.
- V. "According to the commandments and doctrines of men" (22b).
 - A. Such rules are not binding because they originated with men.
 - B. Only one Lawgiver has all authority in heaven and on earth (Mt. 28:18).
- VI. "These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom" (23a).
 - A. The idea is of an "appearance" of wisdom in contrast to the **reality** of it.
 - B. If rules could control society, then police forces would not be needed.
- VII. "In self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body" (23b).
- VIII. "But are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh" (23).
 - A. The regulations mentioned in v. 20 are unable to prevent fleshly indulgence.
 - B. Bodily discipline is of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things (1 Tim. 4:8).