

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)
Mission Printing
Rohan Jones, Africa
The Truth in Love
World Bible School



1. Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way, he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living.
2. When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. This will make him think he's cute.
3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is twenty-one and then let "him decide for himself."
4. Avoid the use of "wrong." He may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe, later, when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is against him and he is being persecuted.
5. Pick up everything he leaves lying around. Do everything for him so that he will be experienced in throwing all responsibility on others.
6. Let him read any printed material (or other forms of entertainment/information) he can get his hands on. Be careful that the silverware and drinking glasses are sterilized, but let his mind feast on garbage.
7. Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children. In this way, they won't be so shocked when the home is broken up later.
8. Give a child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own.
9. Satisfy every craving for food, drink, and comfort. See that his every sensual desire is gratified.
10. Take his part against neighbors, teachers, and policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child.
11. When he gets into real trouble, apologize for yourself by saying, "I could never do anything with him."
12. Prepare for a life of grief. You will be likely to have it.

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

Borrowed

Evolution

Decades ago the problem was more of a minor irritation. Evolution was mentioned in classrooms, but teachers often voiced their own beliefs in the Biblical account of Creation or they skipped the section entirely. Fast forward to the modern “no child left behind” era of standardized testing and atheistic lawsuits, and we find the pendulum has shifted to an environment that is predominantly teaching man’s origins from organic evolution.

The church sounded the alarm, and we occasionally hear sermons on the topic, but the fact remains that we are still years behind. While we are busy pointing out the lies of evolution in science books, textbook publishers have now shifted the topic into just about every academic field: math, English, home economics, history, etc.

Combine three decades of vigorous teaching in textbooks and spotlights from the mainstream media, and you begin to see why many have fallen prey to this godless theory. (And make no doubt about it, at its root is a theory that all creatures evolved from a common ancestor which itself came from a non-living source—without any plan or design from a Supernatural Creator.)

Having preached all over the United States, I have met literally hundreds of Christian parents whose children have left home with a belief in God, only to return months later with an allegiance to evolutionary “science.” This theory is so prevalent that many Christians today have tried to marry both evolution and the Creation account. Church leaders don’t want to feel ignorant, and so they allow Bible class teachers to indoctrinate members with concepts like the Day-Age Theory or the Gap Theory.

Here is what I intend to teach my children about evolution.

Evolution is true — that is, microevolution is true. We know today that things can change within limited parameters (e.g., dog breeds). This is a scientific fact. However, science has never observed a dog reproducing into a fern or giraffe or anything other than a dog.

Macro – or organic evolution, on the other hand, the

theory that everything evolved from a common ancestor, is unbiblical and unscientific. And while many teachers and professors will try their best to use intellectual intimidation to convince you that all knowledgeable people believe evolution, the fact remains that it is illogical and irrational.

When I first sat down to consider what I would tell you in a single short article regarding evolution, I laughed, as I could easily fill a book with solid evidence. However, if I were to try to distill it down, here are some key points I would expect you to know:

1. Evolution cannot explain the existence of matter.
2. Evolution cannot explain how nature progressed from gases and non-living rocks to living material.
3. Evolution cannot explain how the first cell self-assembled (especially in light of the fact that the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics states things are going to a state of increased disorder).
4. Evolution cannot explain the existence of separate male and female genders.
5. Evolution cannot explain human emotions (love, tears, etc.).
6. Evolution cannot explain the division between plants and animal (e.g., why can plants make their own energy through photosynthesis and animals can’t?).
7. Evolution cannot explain morality.
8. Evolution cannot explain the design found in nature and the human body. (Design always demands a designer).
9. Evolution cannot explain the sudden explosion and diversity of fossils that appear fully formed in the fossil record.
10. Evolution cannot explain polystrate fossils that completely undermine the geologic column.

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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/

Aug. 18 Job 12—15

Aug. 19 Job 16—19

Aug. 20 Job 20—23

Aug. 21 Job 24—27

Aug. 22 Job 28—31

Aug. 23 Job 32—34

Aug. 24 Job 35—37

Aug. 25 Job 38—42

“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 **48 contacts** were made.

Announcements

- ◆ **Dr. Charles Hall** will be teaching Bible class and preaching at both services today, while Johnny and Cindy attend Polishing the Pulpit. Please give him your kind attention and thank him for his service.

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ Oct. 19—Ladies Day w/ Denise Surles
- ◆ Oct. 27-30—Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Bryan Braswell. “*Evangelism in Word and Deed*”

Other Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ **August 16-22—Polishing the Pulpit (Sevierville, TN)**
- ◆ Sept. 22-25—Gospel Meeting at 9th & Main (San Angelo) w/ Brent Stubblefield
- ◆ Sept. 29—Oct. 2—Bangs Gospel Meeting w/ B. J. Clarke
- ◆ Oct. 3-5—Texas Ladies in Christ Retreat @ Brady
- ◆ Oct. 12-30—Lectureship @ Hico. “*My Favorite Sermon*”
- ◆ Oct. 19-20—Back to the Bible Lectures @ Hamilton. “*Doctrines/Attitudes Troubling the Church*”

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11. Evolution cannot explain soft-tissue in dinosaur fossils.
12. Evolution cannot explain the origin of language and consciousness.

The evolutionary theory provides those who have stiffened their necks against God a worldview that excludes a supernatural Creator. If Genesis 1-11 is tossed aside as merely a mythological story, then we must toss out the entire Bible because the one major theme that is taught throughout the Bible is redemption.

G. Richard Culp summed it up well when he wrote, “One who doubts the Genesis account will not be the same man he once was, for his attitude toward Holy Scripture has been eroded by false teaching. Genesis is repeatedly referred to in the New Testament, and it cannot be separated from the total Christian message.”

While men may occasionally grab 2 Peter 3:8 and claim that a day is a thousand years to God, they have done so by taking that passage out of context. As Guy N. Woods pointed out, this passage simply means that time does not affect the performance of God’s promises or threats. The context is when Jesus will return, not how long it took to create the heavens and earth.

Honest Bible scholars will admit that only four books in the Bible do not refer back to the opening chapters of Genesis as real and historic: Jude, Philemon, 2 and 3 John.

Does this fact mean all other books in the Bible should be cut out or not trusted? Should Christians place their allegiance in evolution? Absolutely not —indeed the two theories are at war with one another! A New Testament Christian realizes the two are incompatible.

(An excerpt from Dr. Brad Harrub’s new book, *Heart of the Matter 2: A Second Helping of Letters to my Children.*)

Celebrate

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

August Birthdays: Joe Dennis (9), Rafe Smith (11), Jessica Dennis (13), Don Smith (14), Royce Ford (16), **Ryan Rudloff (20)**, Roy Dodson (29), Coyce Reed (30).

August Anniversaries: Matthew and Kaci Churchwell (15), Don and Darlene Smith (29).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	Aug. 4, 2019	Aug. 11, 2019
Bible Class	53	
AM Worship	54	
PM Worship	38	
Wednesday PM	33	
Contribution	\$1,761	

	This Week: 8/18/19	Next Week: 8/25/19		
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Ken Maninger	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<p>August 2019 Make Announcements: Don Smith Prepare Communion: Mike & Patti Bannister Clean Building: Mike & Patti Bannister</p> <p>September 2019 Make Announcements: Ken Maninger Prepare Communion: John Barnum Family Clean Building: John Barnum Family</p>	
Greeters	James & Cindy Fuller	Joe & Lasha Dennis		
Opening Prayer	Allen Griffith	Gene Bannister		
Communion	Ryan Rudloff*, Coyce Reed James Fuller, Ken Maninger	Joe Dennis*, Caleb Dennis Randy Huckaby, Chase Churchwell		
Closing Prayer	Randy Huckaby	James Fuller		
Attendance Cards	Ian Barnum	Aaron Smith		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: Joe Dennis	Song Leader: Ken Maninger		
Opening Prayer	Tom Wilcox	John Barnum		
Scripture Reading	John Barnum	Vernon Zier		
Communion	Ryan Rudloff	Joe Dennis		
Closing Prayer	Gene Bannister	Kevin Ross		
Wednesday Devotionals:	August 21 Rafe Smith	August 28 Don Smith	September 4 Prayer Night	September 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 August 18, 2019

Sunday Class **Dr. Charles Hall**
 Wed. Class **TBA**

Who Is Your Life?

We are all seeking something. Some seek after affirmation, others after wealth, power, or prestige. Still others are seeking simpler things, such as daily food and clothing. Whatever we seek, it has the power to become our lives, to consume us entirely.

Knowing this, Jesus instructed those who would follow him to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness" (Matt. 6:33). If you are like me, you probably read that with an emphasis upon the word "first." We say we are to seek FIRST the reign and righteousness of God. Thus leaving the impression that God's reign and righteousness are first among almost equals.

But the emphasis is not found in the order but in the object. The seeking of God's reign and righteousness, in contrast to that of the Pharisees seeking their own (Matt. 5:20), should be stressed.

Might we even be misrepresenting Jesus when we say we must put God **first** before others? Consider the Holy Spirit's declaration in Colossians 3:4 "When Christ, who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

Christ is not a part of our life. In reality he cannot be but a part. He must be our life. Instead of seeing a list of priorities, where God is placed at the top, we ought to think of our lives more like a wheel, with God at the center and all

other aspects are the spokes. No matter what spoke is currently at the top of the circle, the hub is always at the center. God permeates into all aspects of our life, and in this way, he is our life.

Every word that we speak, every decision that we make, every action that we take, should be done with God's will at the center of it all (Col. 3:17, 23; 1 Cor. 10:31).

The key to making Christ our life is denying ourselves. Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23). Pride and selfishness seem to be at the root of all sin. Self-denial is not easy and we cannot accomplish it alone. In picturing the process of the new birth, Paul states that he had been "crucified with Christ" and that "Christ lives" in him (Gal. 2:20). That new birth is accomplished by God making us alive (Col. 2:12-13).

Yet, those who had already died to sin were told to "put to death therefore what is earthly in you" (Col. 3:5). Even though we have been born again, even though we have been crucified with Christ, we must continually decide to deny ourselves and follow Jesus.

There are many things which compete daily for your attention, any one of which could become your life. But only Jesus can give you life eternal. Who is your life?