

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
World Bible School

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

A Mother's Worth

A study reported that if the typical stay-at-home mom in the US were paid for her work, she would earn \$138,095 a year. The study listed 10 jobs as comprising a mother's main work, which were housekeeper, cook, day care center teacher, laundry machine operator, van driver, facilities manager, janitor, computer operator, chief executive officer and psychologist. A mother who holds a full-time job outside the home would earn an additional \$85,939 for the work she does at home, in addition to the salary she receives for her job.

In reality, what mothers are worth, whether she stays at home or also has an outside the home job as well, is beyond estimate. Hopefully mothers view the work they do in the home as more than just a "job" but as the greatest labor of love. The bond between a mother and her children is special indeed, in which she is willing to place their needs above her own, to provide for them not only when they are not able to provide for themselves, but to love and care for them throughout the number of her days. It is the highest calling, then, when Paul asks Titus to remind mothers to love their children and be workers at home (Titus 2:4-5).

In addition to the physical and emotional care they provide in the home, there is the spiritual influence mothers offer their children. Who can put a price tag on one's soul? Scripture reminds us of how important a mother's instruction is to her children. The writer of Proverbs spoke of the consequences that come from the child who refuses to obey his mother (Prov. 30:17). Paul exhorted children to "*obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right*" (Eph. 6:1), and he reminded Timothy of the faith that was instilled in him by his mother and grandmother (2 Tim. 1:5). Jesus was submissive to both Joseph and Mary (Luke 2:51), and He showed His love and appreciation for His mother in providing for her welfare while He was on the cross (John 19:26-27). A godly mother, like the virtuous woman of Proverbs, is "*far more precious than jewels*" (Prov. 31:10).

There are many demands placed upon mothers in our culture, which have to do with the needs of her family, as well as her own needs. It is not easy providing for other's needs, much less considering one's own needs. Thank God for mothers who love and care enough to see their children have what they need, especially for life in Christ. Salvation is a gift beyond measure, a gift that gives forever. May we, whether in memory or in their presence, accord our mothers the love and respect they are due. Through time, may we offer them the care they need and which we can offer. May we offer the greatest gift possible, which creates the greatest joy in a mother's heart, by loving God and being a faithful Christian, sharing in a mother's hope. "*Let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God*" (1 Tim. 5:4).

Robert Johnson (Gospel Gazette Online, May 2020, p. 3)

The Mother of Timothy

Solomon wrote, *“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it”* (Prov. 22:6). Do you know the name of Timothy’s father? Neither do I. In fact, all that the Bible tells us about him is that he was a Greek—a Gentile. If his father played any part in the rearing of Timothy, the Bible is silent on the subject. Who, then, was Timothy, and why should Christians today be interested in or concerned about him? Let us notice the following.

We first meet this young man in Acts 16. Here it is recorded, *“Then he [Paul] came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there named Timothy, a son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was a Greek.”* We are further told that this young man was well spoken of by the Christians at Lystra and Derbe.

Now, a question. From whom and by whom had this young man been trained or brought up, and what was the material used in his training? In his second epistle to Timothy, Paul wrote, *“...when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and you mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also”* (2 Tim. 1:5). Later on in his second epistle, he wrote, *“But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ”* (2 Tim. 3:14-15).

Again, the apostle wrote, *“But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel. Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me”* (Phil. 2:19-23).

There are many more references to the young man Timothy, but perhaps these are sufficient to allow us to ask a question. Why did the apostle Paul have such love for and put such trust in this young man? I believe there are at

least two things that come into play to cause such an attitude in Paul. First, Timothy had a grandmother and a mother who loved him enough to teach him the Holy Scriptures, and he evidently gladly learned them. Second, from the first time Timothy met Paul until the death of this great apostle, Timothy had an example to follow who was worthy of imitating. By this example which he could follow and imitate in his training and life, this young man learned to be dependable.

Mothers and fathers ought to embrace all of the passages in both Old and New testaments that command and encourage parents, to *“Bring up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it”* (Prov. 22:6). Yes, Proverbs 22:6 is a general statement of what will happen if one follows the stated action; however, it is also true that many, many parents, even in the Lord’s church, do precious little teaching their children the Word of God. Far too many times, the only time some sons and daughters receive any biblical instruction is in a 45-minute class at the church building on Sunday morning. Even then, many parents do not bring their children to the Bible study hour. Fathers and mothers, do you have a set time each day that you study with and teach those precious children that God gave you? A fair, and maybe a heart rendering question, might be, *“Where would our children spend eternity if, today, they were to meet their Maker?”*

Ernest S. Underwood (Gospel Gazette Online, May 2020, p. 7)



Television

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 10 Genesis 47—48; Psalm 129
May 11 Genesis 49—50; Psalm 130
May 12 Exodus 1—3; Ps. 131 (video)
May 13 Exodus 4—6; Ps. 132 (video)
May 14 Exodus 7—9; Psalm 133
May 15 Exodus 10—12; Psalm 134
May 16 Exodus 13—15; Psalm 135
May 17 Exod. 16—18; Ps. 136 (video)

“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

- ◆ Last week **40** contacts were made.

Announcements

- ◆ **We plan to resume our Sunday morning assembly at the building next Sunday.** This will be for Sunday morning worship only. No Bible class or evening worship.
 - ⇒ Wearing a mask is encouraged, but not required.
 - ⇒ Changes will be implemented to safeguard the dispensing of the Lord's Supper.
 - ⇒ Use common sense: avoid touching (handshakes, hugs, etc.); practice social distancing; wash you hands; don't use the water fountain; etc.
 - ⇒ If you are sick, high risk, etc., stay home—we will continue to live stream the service.
- ◆ We will continue to live-stream our Bible class on "The Holy Spirit" Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm.

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ October 11-14—Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Denny Wilson
- ◆ **Other Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Grow**
- ◆ June 21-25—Junior Camp
- ◆ July 12-17—Senior Camp

Hannah, a Woman Who Dedicated Her Son to God

Hannah grieved because she had no children. Her deep sorrow made her husband miserable (1 Sam. 1:2, 7-8). She took her grief to God in prayer (1 Sam. 1:10-11). Her request for a son was an acknowledgement that children are a blessing from God (Gen. 33:5; Psalm 127:3). Recognizing children as a blessing from the Father should cause us to realize the importance of bringing them up in the way He desires.

Hannah named the son God gave her, Samuel, meaning "heard of God." She gave him to God, committing herself to maintaining that gift for life (1 Sam. 1:20, 28). **Dedicating children to the Lord involves intentionally choosing throughout a child's life to put God first in every part of his or her life.** God blessed Hannah for making such choices in the rearing of Samuel (1 Sam. 2:10-21). Like Jesus, Samuel "*grew in stature, and in favor with the Lord and men*" (1 Sam. 2:26; Luke 2:52). Timothy's mother and grandmother taught him Scripture starting from infancy, just as we should (2 Tim. 3:14-15).

Eli's sons were to be cut off because they did not honor God. The Almighty said He would raise up for Himself a faithful priest who would do according to what was in God's heart (1 Sam. 2:27-35). Eli served Israel as both a priest and judge, and Samuel assumed that role after Eli died. His efforts resulted in Israel serving only the Lord (1 Sam. 7:3-4). Clearly, Hannah's dedication of her son to the Lord was used by the Almighty to bring forth good fruit among His people.

We should follow Hannah's example in taking our deepest concerns to God in prayer. We should realize children are a blessing from the Lord. Our children's lives ought to be dedicated to Him. Our commitment can result in our children being favored by God. Hannah teaches us to dedicate our children to God's glory.

Gary C. Hampton (Gospel Gazette Online, May 2020, p. 3)

Celebrate

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

May Birthdays: Ian Barnum (5), Rosa Fuller (6), David Milam (7), **Billy Chism (15)**, **Caitlin Settles (15)**, Gracen Hardy (30).

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

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	Apr. 26, 2020	May 2, 2020
Bible Class	—	—
AM Worship	[51]	[53]
PM Worship	—	—
Wednesday PM	[36]	[45]
Contribution	\$2,200	\$1,560

Privileged To Serve

"...be ready to every good work," (Titus 3:1)

	This Week: 5/10/20	Next Week: 5/17/20		
Sunday AM:	Online Only	Song Leader: Joe Dennis	<p>May 2020 Make Announcements: James Fuller Prepare Communion: Johnny & Cindy McCaghren Clean Building: Johnny & Cindy McCaghren</p> <p>June 2020 Make Announcements: Don Smith Prepare Communion: Tom & Carol Wilcox Clean Building: Dennis Family</p>	
Greeters		James & Cindy Fuller		
Opening Prayer		Gene Bannister		
Communion		John Barnum*, Vernon Zier Tom Wilcox, Ryan Rudloff		
Closing Prayer		James Fuller		
Attendance Cards		Aaron Smith		
Sunday PM:	Cancelled	Cancelled		
Opening Prayer				
Scripture Reading				
Communion				
Closing Prayer				
Wednesday Devotionals:	May 13 Cancelled	May 20 Cancelled	May 27 Cancelled	June 3 Prayer Night

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 10, 2020

Sunday Class **Cancelled**
 Wed. Class **The Holy Spirit: Lesson 2**

<p style="text-align: center;">Why Did My Savior Come to Earth? "That I Should Bear Witness to the Truth"</p> <p><i>"Pilate therefore said to Him, 'Are You a king then?' Jesus answered, 'You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice'" (Jn. 18:37).</i></p> <p>Jesus is now standing before the Roman procurator Pilate on trial for His life.</p> <p>I. The Attitudes of the Jews and Pilate.</p> <p>A. Even in the midst of murder, the Jews were worried about the ceremony of the Law (v. 28; cf. Mt. 23:23-24).</p> <p>B. Sidestep the issue – a common tactic (v. 30).</p> <p>C. "Where there is smoke, there is fire" (v. 35).</p> <p>D. Twice Pilate announced that he could find no fault in our Lord (18:38; 19:4).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> It was withing his power to crucify Jesus or to release Him (19:10). However, instead of acting on his convictions, he caved to the pressure of the situation. <p>II. The Nature of the Kingdom of Christ.</p> <p>A. Much of the discussion between Jesus and Pilate had to do with the nature of the kingdom of Christ and whether or not He claimed to be a king.</p> <p>B. Jesus made it clear that He is indeed a king, but His kingdom is not of this world.</p> <p>C. The timing of the kingdom.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> John the Baptist and Jesus both taught that the kingdom was "at hand" (Mt. 3:2; 4:17). Jesus taught that some who heard Him would see the kingdom "present" ["having come"] (Mk. 9:1). After Pentecost (Acts 2), the kingdom is spoke of as already being in existence (Col. 1:13-14). <p>D. Jesus' kingdom is different – having no military or political component.</p> <p>III. Jesus came to "bear witness to the truth."</p> <p>A. Is Jesus truth (Jn. 14:6), or does He "bear witness to the truth"?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus said John the Baptist "has borne witness to the truth" (Jn. 5:33). "John bore witness of Him" (Jn. 1:15); a person, not a concept. Jesus is the embodiment of truth. <p>B. Among other witnesses, Jesus bore witness of Himself (Jn. 5:31-39).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">What is the Work of the Holy Spirit in Conversion?</p> <p>I. The Work of the Holy Spirit in Conversion is to "Convict" the Sinner.</p> <p>A. There is no conversion without conviction (Acts 2:38-47; 8:26-40; 9:1-18).</p> <p>B. "Conviction" is the work the Holy Spirit does in the conversion process (Jn. 16:7-10).</p> <p>II. The Holy Spirit Operates Through God's Word in Convicting the Sinner.</p> <p>A. The Bible clearly teaches that the Holy Spirit operates through the word.</p> <p>B. The conversion of the Pentecostians affords a case study.</p> <p>C. The conversion of the eunuch affords another case study (Acts 8:26-40).</p> <p>D. The sermon of Stephen affords another case study (Acts 7:51-52).</p> <p>E. The parable of the sower affords another study (Acts 8:11).</p> <p>F. The production of faith in the human heart affords another study (Rom. 10:17).</p> <p>G. A deduction – conviction is produced by the Scriptures.</p> <p>III. The Holy Spirit Does Not Operate Directly Upon the Heart of the Sinner.</p> <p>A. To advocate that the Spirit operates directly upon the heart of the sinner, results in some serious deductions.</p> <p>B. This doctrine disregards the fact that there is not a single case of conversion in the book of Acts where there is a direct operation of the Holy Spirit; nor, where the word of God was not present.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">What is the Work of the Holy Spirit in the Christian?</p> <p>I. Does the Holy Spirit Indwell the Christian?</p> <p>A. The book of Acts affirms the indwelling of the Spirit in the Christian.</p> <p>B. The epistles of Paul are filled with references to the Holy Spirit indwelling the Christian.</p> <p>C. The epistles of John affirm the indwelling of the Spirit in the Christian.</p> <p>II. What Are the Purposes of the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the Christian?</p> <p>A. The Holy Spirit indwells the Christian as a prohibitive against sinning (1 Cor. 6:18-19).</p> <p>B. The Holy Spirit indwells the Christian as a down payment or guarantee of his inheritance (Eph. 1:13-14).</p> <p>C. The Holy Spirit indwells the Christian as a verification of his sonship (Eph. 4:30).</p> <p>III. What Are the Evidences of the Holy Spirit Indwelling the Christian?</p> <p>A. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is not sensory; i.e. perceptible to our senses.</p> <p>B. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is not miraculous (1 Cor. 13:8-10).</p> <p>IV. How Does the Holy Spirit Indwell the Christian?</p> <p>V. What Does the Holy Spirit Do for the Christian as He Indwells Him?</p>
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