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## Meeting Times:

### Sunday:

Bible Study .....9:45 AM  
Worship .....10:40 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  
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## What Does it Mean to Be a Christian Father?

### What the Bible really says about Christian fathers

The Bible tells us, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Tim. 3:16-17). A Christian father's first and greatest responsibility is to acquaint his children with God through Scripture. One of the reasons this is so important is because what children learn about God will put them in good standing throughout their lives, no matter what they do and where they go.

God uses the Christian father as an instrument for instruction and discipline, in which God commands and administers. Ephesians 6:4 is a summary of instructions to fathers. "Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." A wise father seeks to make obedience desirable and attainable by love and gentleness. We know from history that the father was to be diligent in instructing children in the ways and words of the Lord for their own spiritual development and well-being. The father who was obedient to the commands of Scripture did just that. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." To "train" indicates that the first teaching that a father and mother give a child. This training is created in a way to make clear to children the life they are intended for, a life of great importance.

The truth is, it isn't easy to be a good father. However, there are a few principles that can help. Successful Christian fathers have found that he and his family benefits when he follows the wisdom found in the Bible. Here are five principles Christian fathers live by:

### They Make Time for Their Family

A good Christian father makes time for his family and anchors his family in Christ. He provides the needs of his family. No other teacher can affect a child as much as their parents. For this reason, it's important that fathers teach their children both by their example and their words. A Christian father not only meets the physical needs of his family, but also the emotional needs of his family as well. The family turns to him as a support in all areas of need and he provides as best he can.

### They Love and Respect Their Wives

A Christian father loves and respects his wife. He serves as an example to his children of what a loving relationship looks like so that they may also reflect it in their lives, particularly when it comes to their marriages. When a man enters into a covenant relationship with his bride, he commits to the responsibilities of loving, honoring and cherishing her. The strength a Christian husband needs in order to carry out these responsibilities flows out of his relationship with God. This requires dependence on God's Spirit. The beautiful thing is we have the assurance that "with God nothing will be impossible" (Luke 1:37). A Christian father should ask God to help him so that they can give their children not just an inheritance, but a heritage. They ultimately give their wife what she needs most – to be loved, honored and cherished.

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

# To Whom Shall We Go?

There was an occasion during the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ when many of His disciples turned from Him (John 6:41-66). “Then Jesus said to the twelve, ‘Do you also want to go away?’ But Simon Peter answered Him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God’” (John 6:67-69). Within Peter’s response is the rhetorical question that should resonate with every child of God, “To whom shall we go?”

To whom shall Christians turn in the face of every adversity and life challenge, today? To whom shall we go? Mankind in Jesus’ day commonly viewed everything from a physical and a literal perspective, and people were reluctant to make spiritual applications or to appeal to spiritual solutions to their problems and needs. Things haven’t changed much from then to now!

To whom shall Christians turn when they face personal health crises and their own mortality? Yes, we can and should avail ourselves of medical treatments to help deal with physical challenges. Yet, ultimately, our bodies wear out, and we arrive at the stage of life when the expression “patch, patch, patch” appears to be the order of the day every day. None of us will get out of this world alive—unless Jesus returns before we expire. “Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day” (2 Cor. 4:16). To whom ought the child of God turn is obvious.

To whom shall Christians turn when they experience mistreatment by their taskmasters? There may be physical resources to which one can appeal, but there is always a superior resource to which every Christian can resort. “Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ” (Col. 3:22-24). To whom ought the child of God turn is obvious.

To whom shall Christians turn when they are buffeted by government? There may be legal recourses for which one can plea, but the child of God has divine, inspired instruction how to proceed (Rom. 13:1-7). “Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in

this matter” (1 Pet. 4:16). “But Peter and John answered and said to them, ‘Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard’” (Acts 4:19-20; cf., 5:29). To whom ought the child of God turn is obvious.

To whom shall Christians turn when unfair burdens are laid upon them? Will someone rescue them from oppression? Maybe. Nevertheless, the child of God is not left without divine instruction in these matters. “And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two” (Matt. 5:41). Jesus taught how to disarm oppressive intentions toward His disciples. To whom ought the child of God turn is obvious.

To whom shall Christians turn when they have hardship in this life (i.e., economically, family necessities, etc.)? Often, there are governmental and non-governmental benefactors who can offer some relief. Yet, the child of God has a Divine Benefactor to Whom he can always turn. “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” (Rom. 8:18). To whom ought the child of God turn is obvious.

To whom shall Christians turn when they personally know grief? Frequently, a dear one’s mere presence in silence is a more meaningful consolation than words anyone could say (Job 2:13). However, a superior Comforter awaits every child of God when those dire hours come. “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God” (2 Cor. 1:3-4). To whom ought the child of God turn is obvious.

To whom shall Christians turn when...? An infinite number of similar illustrations could be drawn from examination of the Scriptures. They all conclude with the rhetorical questions, “To whom ought the child of God turn?” To whom ought the child of God turn is obvious.

Christians could act like the rest of humankind and rely exclusively on physical remedies for whatever encounters befall them during their transit upon Earth. Unfortunately, that is exactly what many children of God do! In addition to physical solutions to life’s challenges, though, only Christians can enjoy the providential intervention of God (Matt. 6:25-34) and His eternal promises (Matt. 19:29). To whom ought the child of God turn is obvious.

Louis Rushmore (Gospel Gazette Online, June 2020, p. 2)

## 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/](http://video.wvbs.org/access/interactive-bible-reading-plan/)

**June 21** Numbers 29—30; Prov. 21

**June 22** Numbers 31—32; Prov. 22

**June 23** Numbers 33—34; Prov. 23

**June 24** Numbers 35—36; Prov. 24

**June 25** Deut. 1—2; Prov. 25 (video)

**June 26** Deuteronomy 3—4; Prov. 26

**June 27** Deuteronomy 5—6; Prov. 27

**June 28** Deut. 7—8; Prov. 28 (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 **47** contacts were made.

### Announcements

- ◆ It is great to be back to our normal schedule on Sunday and Wednesday evenings! **Please continue to practice smart precautions and respect other people's boundaries.**
- ◆ The evening we will be beginning a new series: **The Life of Christ**. This will be a chronological look at Jesus' life, combining the information from all four accounts of the gospel. Please join us!
- ◆ **Summer Youth Series** this week is at Meridian (Tuesday, 7:00pm). The lesson will be "King David."
- ◆ If you are visiting with us, please fill out the "visitor" side of an attendance card on the back of the pew in front of you. If you are a member, only you need only fill out a card if there is information you need to share.

### Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ July 28—We host Summer Youth Series
- ◆ October 11-14—Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Denny Wilson

### Other Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ July 12-17—Senior Camp

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### They Give Loving Discipline and Commendation

The Bible tells us, "*Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged*" (Col. 3:21). A Christian father doesn't just discipline. He disciplines lovingly and commends his children in the process. No matter how frustrated or angry he gets, he expresses loving concern for the welfare of his children. This includes advice, correction, education and chastisement when needed. In addition, he recognizes that discipline is way more effective when a father commends his children regularly. This enriches a child's character as they will know when they are acknowledged and appreciated.

### They Are Good Communicators

A Christian father should be a good communicator, not only communicating biblical principles to their children, but also being a careful listener. Instead of being a reaction waiting to happen, they have the ability to listen calmly without being judgmental. When a child knows their father will lose their temper quickly, they are less likely to communicate their inner feelings to him. But when they know their father listens calmly, they believe they are respected and that there is a genuine interest in what is being said. The Bible tells us, "*Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath*" (Jas. 1:19). We know from Scripture that fathers who apply this biblical principle communicate better with their children.

### They Apply God's Practical Wisdom

A Christian father will apply God's practical wisdom to their everyday life and guide their children in the same way. Deuteronomy 6:5-6 says, "*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words which I command you today shall be in your heart.*" Fathers who are in a committed relationship with God can guide their children in the greatest relationship they will ever have – an intimate relationship with their heavenly Father.

The greatest example of what a father should look like is God, Himself. The Bible reveals that there is only one perfect Father who is God. The pages of the New Testament give us an incredible glimpse of the marvelous relationship between God the Father and Christ the Son. On three separate occasions, the Bible records these words of the Father to His Son: "*This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased*" (Matt. 17:5). This is the kind of relationship fathers should strive for with their children. There is no greater source than God, the greatest Father of all.

Adapted from article on beliefnet.com

## Celebrate

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

**June Birthdays:** Mike Bannister (4), Loutrell Dobbins (8), John Ross (15), Donna Sublett (19), **David Greer (26)**, Ashley Kahlich (29).

**June Anniversaries:** Johnny & Cindy McCaghren (8), Wayne & Mileen Kahlich (19), David & Lisa Greer (28).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



## Records

	June 7, 2020	June 14, 2020
Bible Class	25	45
AM Worship	43 + [10]	44 + [9]
PM Worship	37	26
Wednesday PM	—	43
Contribution	\$1,975	\$2,324



	This Week: 6/21/20	Next Week: 6/28/20		
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<b>June 2020</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> Don Smith <b>Prepare Communion:</b> James & Cindy Fuller <b>Clean Building:</b> James & Cindy Fuller  <b>July 2020</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> Ken Maninger <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Mike & Patti Bannister <b>Clean Building:</b> Mike & Patti Bannister	
<b>Greeters</b>	_____	_____		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Kevin Ross	John Barnum		
<b>Communion</b>	Ken Maninger*, Chase Churchwell Vernon Zier, Rafe Smith	Ryan Rudloff, Don Smith James Fuller, Allen Griffith		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Tom Wilcox	Randy Huckaby		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	_____	_____		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Gene Bannister	Ken Maninger		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	James Fuller	Chase Churchwell		
<b>Communion</b>	Ken Maninger	Ryan Rudloff		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	John Barnum	Rafe Smith		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	June 24 Don Smith	July 1 Prayer Night	July 8 James Fuller	July 15 Rafe 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 June 21, 2020

Sunday Class ..... 1 Corinthians 10:21  
 Wed. Class ..... Exodus 14:15

#### Motivation for Becoming an Elder

"If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work" (1 Tim. 3:1). A Christian man who meets the qualifications for being an elder should, and is expected to, desire the position. However, there are more than one reason why someone might desire to be an elder.

- I. **The Motivation of Power** ("being lords over those entrusted to you"; 1 Pet. 5:2-3).
  - A. Some people want to become an elder because it is a position of authority.
  - B. Peter clearly condemns such an attitude.
- II. **The Motivation of Providing for Themselves** (Ezek. 34:1-6).
  - A. Some men seek to become elders because it benefits them personally.
    1. The shepherds of Israel used their position for their own gain.
    2. God promised punishment for those elders who did not do their job (7-10).
  - B. This motivation for leadership over God's flock is condemned by God!
    1. He would take it upon Himself to see that they were destroyed.
    2. Money is not a proper motivation for being an elder ("not for dishonest gain"; 1 Pet. 5:2-3).
- III. **The Motivation of Pressure** ("not by compulsion"; 1 Pet. 5:2-3). Some men only become an elder because they feel like they are being forced to do it.
- IV. **The Motivation of love for the souls of the congregation** (Heb. 13:17).
  - A. Those who seek the office of an elder must first recognize the need for leadership in the local congregation.
    1. First, elders are Scriptural (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9).
    2. Second, elders provide guidance to the congregation (1 Pet. 5:1-4).
    3. Third, elders provide spiritual food for the congregation (Acts 20:28).
    4. Fourth, elders watch for the souls of the congregation (Heb. 13:17).
  - B. When they see the need for leadership, they must then look to themselves.
    1. Are they the kind of person who would be effective in watching for the souls of the congregation?
    2. Are they ones who know the Scriptures and able to help others follow it?
    3. Do they have a love for the souls of the congregation?
    4. Are they seeking to serve willingly, for the benefit of the congregation?
    5. If the answer to these questions is an honest "yes," then that person has the proper motivation for becoming an elder.
  - C. Elders must truly love the souls of the congregation.

#### The Life of Christ – Introduction: The Four Gospel Accounts

- I. **Four Accounts of One Story.**
  - A. The Books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are often called "the four Gospels," but actually they are *four accounts* of the one gospel.
  - B. The first three books are generally called "the synoptic Gospels."
  - C. The Book of John is sometimes called "the autoptic [self-view] Gospel."
- II. **Why Four Accounts?**
  - A. Four accounts show *how important* the story of Jesus is.
  - B. Four accounts impress the need to *authenticate* the story of Jesus.
  - C. Four accounts reveal the multifaceted nature of Jesus.
- III. **Comparing the Four Accounts.**
  - A. All of the four accounts have the same basic purpose – to reveal Jesus.
    1. *Matthew* was apparently writing primarily for the *Jews*.
    2. *Mark* seems to have written for a *non-Jewish (Roman?) audience*.
    3. *Luke* apparently wrote for a *non-Jewish (Greek?) audience*.
    4. *John's* account was written to *Christians* showing Jesus' deity.
  - B. *Matthew's* purpose is to present Jesus as the *promised* Savior; *Mark*, the *powerful* Savior; *Luke*, the *perfect* Savior; and *John*, the *personal* Savior.
- IV. **What the Four Accounts Cover.**
  - A. They made no attempt to cover all of Jesus' life.
  - B. Chronology was not always important to the writers.
  - C. None of the writers described the physical appearance of Jesus.
  - D. The synoptic accounts present basically the same material, while John's account mainly presents additional material.
  - E. Only a few events are mentioned in all four accounts.
- V. **Variations in the Four Accounts.**
  - A. Variations do exist between accounts of the same event.
  - B. In most cases, one account simply supplements another account.
  - C. In some cases, the details are indeed different.
- VI. **Similarities in the Four Accounts.**
  - A. The so-called "synoptic problem."
  - B. The natural result of being inspired by a common Author, the Holy Spirit.
- VII. **The Four Accounts Can Be Trusted:** True accounts of the greatest life ever lived!