

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



July 26, 2020

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Meeting Times:

Sunday:

Bible Study.....9:45 AM
Worship.....10:40 AM
Care, Inc. Service..... N/A
Worship..... 6:00 PM

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class N/A
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.



Summer Youth Series in the Park

Festival Park, Brownwood, Texas

(by Gordon Wood Stadium)

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

Hosted by 4th & Stewart church of Christ

Lesson: "King Jesus"; Speaker: Neil Stidolph

Burgers and fixins' to follow

Bring Your Lawn Chairs!!!



Directions

Enter "Festival Park, Brownwood, TX" into Google Maps and it should take you straight there.

From 4th & Stewart parking lot.

Go SW down Stewart street until it dead ends (1/2 mile). Turn right onto Steven F. Austin Dr. Follow 2/10 mile to 4-way stop. Turn left at 4-way stop. Follow FM2376 for 1.1 miles. The park will be on your left.

We will be at the north end of the park, inside the fenced in area. Turn in at the first drive.

There are restrooms available.



Those who linger long at the wine, those who go in search of mixed wine. Do not look on the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it swirls around smoothly; at the last it bites like a serpent, and stings like a viper. Your eyes will see strange things, and your heart will utter perverse things. Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea, or like one who lies at the top of the mast, saying: "They have struck me, but I was not hurt; they have beaten me, but I did not feel it. When shall I awake, that I may seek another drink?"

Proverbs 23:30-35

Significant “Markers” in the Life of Christ (Part 1)

His Eternal Co-Existence With God The Father. In His pre-incarnate (pre-fleshly) state, Christ existed with God the Father from all eternity, being “*that eternal life which was with the Father,*” and being designated as the Word (John 1:1-3, 14; 1 John 1:1-4). Though distinct from the Father, He was of the same divine essence as the Father, and was the agent through whom God created all things (John 1:3; Col. 1:15-18; Heb. 1:1-2). In Genesis 1:26 “*God*” is referred to in the plural (“*Us*” and “*Our*”). While I am aware of “the plural of majesty,” something beyond that seems to be going on in Genesis 1-2, as verified by the preceding New Testament references regarding the creation.

His Old Testament Manifestations. Christ was manifested in various ways in the Old Testament. Moses esteemed “*the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt*” (Heb. 11:24-26). To what extent Moses himself realized that he suffered reproach for Christ, the inspired writer of Hebrews certainly knew that he did. A spiritual Rock accompanied the Israelites in their wilderness wandering, and Paul says “*that Rock was Christ*” (1 Cor. 10:4). Numerous references are made in the Old Testament to the Angel of the Lord, and many scholars believe that this Angel was the pre-incarnate Word (Christ) (see Gen. 16:7-14; 22:11-18; 31:11-13; Num. 22:22-35; Judg. 6:11-23; 13:2-25; 1 Chron. 21:15-17; et. al.). In Joshua 5:13-15 the Commander of the Lord’s army stood before Joshua and said to him, “*Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy.*” This is reminiscent of what God had said to Moses when He appeared to him in the burning bush (Exod. 3:5), indicating that Joshua also was now standing in the presence of deity (Christ in His pre-fleshly state). Regardless of the significance of these references to the Angel of the Lord and the Commander of the Lord’s army, a study of Christ in the Old Testament is an interesting and enlightening study.

His Virgin Birth. Against the background of the above we are told, “*But when the fullness of the time had come, God went forth His Son, born of a woman...*” (Gal. 4:4).

The angel Gabriel appeared to a virgin by the name of Mary and told her that she would give birth to the Son of God (Luke 1:26-33). Mary was baffled as to how that could be since, in her words, “*I do not know a man,*” meaning, “since I am not a married woman and have never had sexual intercourse with a man” (Luke 1:34). Gabriel explained to her, “*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God*” (Luke 1:35).

An angel likewise appeared to Joseph, the espoused husband of Mary, and said that Mary’s pregnancy was not as a result of her being unfaithful to him, but rather “*that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit*” (Matt. 1:20). The inspired apostle Matthew goes on to state: “*Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ‘Behold, the virgin will be with child, and will bring forth a Son, and they will call His name Immanuel,’ which is translated, ‘God with us.’*” (Matt. 1:22-23; see Isa. 7:14). A fundamental of the true Christian faith is a firm, unfaltering faith in the virgin birth of Christ!

His Sinless Life. Peter said of Christ, “*Who committed no sin, nor was guile found in His mouth*” (1 Pet. 2:22), an allusion to another prophecy about Christ (see Isa. 53:9). Christ was “*in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin*” (Heb. 4:15). Descriptive of Christ is the succinct summary of His life given by the apostle Peter at the household of Cornelius: “*...who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him*” (Acts 10:38). Jesus was a man of immense love, kindness, compassion, empathy, sympathy, patience, tenderheartedness, courage, boldness, and backbone. At His trials His accusers could prove nothing against Him. The Jewish religious authorities sought false testimony against Him and many false witnesses came forward, but nothing could be proved against Him (Matt. 26:59-61). Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, was forced to admit, “*I find no fault in this Man*” (Luke 23:4). Christ, the Christian’s High Priest, is “*holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens*” (Heb. 7:26).

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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/

July 26	Judges 19—21; Psalm 25
July 27	Ruth; Psalm 26
July 28	1 Sam. 1—3; Psalm 27 (video)
July 29	1 Samuel 4—6; Psalm 28
July 30	1 Samuel 7—9; Psalm 29
July 31	1 Sam. 10—12; Ps. 30 (video)
Aug. 1	1 Samuel 13—15; Psalm 31
Aug. 2	1 Samuel 16—18; Psalm 32

“*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 **39** contacts were made.

Announcements

- ◆ **We host the Summer Youth Series this week** (Tuesday evening at 7:00). It will be at **Festival Park**, beside Gordon Wood Stadium. **Neil Stidolph** (student at Brown Trail School of Preaching) will be our speaker, and **Foy Forehand** will lead the singing. As always, we would like as many of our own members there as possible.
- ◆ **We will be putting together the food containers for SYS this afternoon at 4:30.** We will be putting chips, cookies, and condiments in the containers, so they are ready to just stick a “hot off the grill” burger in Tuesday evening.
- ◆ **Wednesday evening is a 5th Wednesday**, so we will have a special guest speaker, by video, instead of our normal Bible class and devotional.
- ◆ If you are visiting with us, welcome! Please fill out the “visitor” side of an attendance card on the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the collection plate.

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ October 11-14—Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Denny Wilson

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His Matchless Teaching. On one occasion the Pharisees and chief priests of the Jews sent officers to arrest Christ and they returned without Him. When asked why, they said, “*No man ever spoke like this Man!*” (John 7:32, 45-46). How true! Christ affirmed: “*The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life*” (John 6:63). Christ had the words of eternal life (John 6:68). He did not speak on His own authority, but declared, “*The Father who sent Me, gave me a command, what I should say and what I should speak*” (John 12:49). Luke spoke of “*all that Jesus began both to do and teach*” (Acts 1:1). While being far from all that He said and taught, His Sermon on the Mount is a beautiful compendium of the teaching of our Savior (Matt. 5-7). At the conclusion of that sermon “*the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes*” (Matt. 7:28-29). His teaching was such that “*the common people heard Him gladly*” (Mark 12:37).

His Atoning Death. Paul wrote, “*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.... For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life*” (Rom. 5:8-10). Christ shed His blood for the remission of the sins of all mankind (Matt. 26:28; Rev. 1:5b), “*and without shedding of blood there is no remission*” (Heb. 9:22). God made Christ “*who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might come to the righteousness of God in Him*” (2 Cor. 5:21). Christ “*bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed*” (1 Pet. 2:24). As the inspired penman wrote, “*But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone*” (Heb. 2:9). At the heart of the gospel is the fact that “*Christ died for our sins*” (1 Cor. 15:1-5). Hallelujah! What a Savior!

His Noble Burial. After Christ expired on the cross, Joseph, a rich man from the town of Arimathea, a secret disciple of Jesus, along with Nicodemus, took the body of the Lord and lovingly and tenderly buried it in Joseph’s own tomb (Matt. 27:57-60; John 19:38-42). In being crucified between two thieves and then buried by a rich man in the rich man’s grave, Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: “*And they made His grave with the wicked—But with the rich at His death*” (Isa. 53:9). Truly, Christ’s burial was a noble one. His burial also is a part of the gospel message and does not need to be passed over glibly since it fore-shadows a burial that all must experience who would be raised again to new life in Christ (1 Cor. 15:4; Rom. 6:1-8).

(To be continued next week)

Hugh Fulford

Celebrate

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

July Birthdays: Laura Huckaby (6), Jason Warman (6), Chase Churchwell (11), Cindy Fuller (12), **John Barnum (26), Jack Hill (26), Jaye Dennard (27).**

July Anniversaries: John & Tammie Ross (1).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...

Records

	July 12, 2020	July 19, 2020
Bible Class	35	35
AM Worship	40 + [10]	36 + [15]
PM Worship	27 + [11]	32
Wednesday PM	32	28
Contribution	\$1,396	\$2,027

	This Week: 7/26/20	Next Week: 8/2/20			
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: James Fuller	Song Leader: Ken Maninger	<p align="center">July 2020</p> <p>Make Announcements: Ken Maninger</p> <p>Prepare Communion: Mike & Patti Bannister</p> <p>Clean Building: Mike & Patti Bannister</p> <p align="center">August 2020</p> <p>Make Announcements: John Barnum</p> <p>Prepare Communion: Maninger Family</p> <p>Clean Building: Randy & Laura Huckaby</p>		
Greeters	—	—			
Opening Prayer	Tom Wilcox	Gene Bannister			
Communion	Don Smith*, Ken Maninger Chase Churchwell, John Barnum	James Fuller*, Randy Huckaby Dex Dennard, Ryan Rudloff			
Closing Prayer	Rafe Smith	Chase Churchwell			
Attendance Cards	—	—			
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: James Fuller	Song Leader: Ken Maninger			
Opening Prayer	Dex Dennard	John Barnum			
Scripture Reading	—	—			
Communion	Don Smith	James Fuller			
Closing Prayer	Randy Huckaby	Tom Wilcox			
Wednesday Devotionals:	July 29 5 th Wednesday Video	August 5 Prayer Night	August 12 Ryan Rudloff	August 19 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 July 26, 2020

Sunday Class *1 Corinthians 11:4*
Wed. Class *Exodus 19:6*

<p>Qualifications of Elders: "Not Given to Wine" (1 Tim. 3:3; Tit. 1:7)</p> <p>I. What Does "Given To Wine" Mean Here?</p> <p>A. Other translations: "not addicted to wine" (NASB), "not a drunkard" (ESV), "not given to drunkenness" (NIV), "not a brawler" (ASV); all of which represent a degree of "interpretation," rather than true "translation."</p> <p>B. The phrase comes from one Greek word, <i>πάροικος</i>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A compound word: <i>παρά</i> (near, beside, at, the vicinity of, proximity with) and <i>οἶνος</i> (wine). 2. Literally, the phrase means "not near, beside, or in the vicinity of, wine." <p>C. This word appears only twice in the Bible, both of qualifications of elders.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since there is no reference to cause us to do otherwise, there is no reason to assign a meaning to the word other than what it literally means. 2. An elder is one who refuses to be near, beside, in the vicinity of, alcohol. <p>D. An elder is to be "blameless" (no charges stick to him, unarrestable).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thus, an elder must be one that no one could say he is "around" alcohol. 2. If an elder drinks "socially" can charges that he is "next to wine" stick? 3. Can he use Nyquil or cough medicines, which have alcohol in them? <p>II. Can Other Christians Drink Alcohol?</p> <p>A. Older women are commanded "that they be ... not given (<i>δουλώω</i> – enslave, bind) to much wine" (Tit. 2:3).</p> <p>B. Deacons are commanded that they must be "not given (<i>προσέχω</i> – take care, pay attention to) to much wine" (1 Tim. 3:8). Deacons are not to even be thinking about the "much wine" which exist.</p> <p>C. All Christians are commanded to "be sober" (1 Thess. 5:8).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To be "sober-minded" (1 Tim. 3:2) means to be clear-headed. You cannot allow anything to cloud your mind and judgment, including alcohol. 2. The word translated "be drunk" in Ephesians 5:18 is a progressive verb – it describes the process of getting drunk. Getting drunk is indeed a process. <p>III. The Influence of a Christian.</p> <p>A. Alcohol is a potent and deadly weapon of Satan.</p> <p>B. Alcohol damages the body irreparably.</p> <p>C. Alcohol damages your influence with those around you.</p> <p><i>"Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler, And whoever is led astray by it is not wise" (Prov. 20:1).</i></p>	<p>Christ's Life Prior to His Ministry: Birth Announcements (Luke 1:5-38)</p> <p>Luke's birth announcements follow a classic Greco-Roman form (<i>How do we account for such a life as this?</i>), immersed into a Hebrew setting. The skillful historian is not concerned with the past, but instead is laying the foundation for the future – what we are about to encounter in the life and ministry of Jesus.</p> <p>I. The Angel's Announcement to Zacharias Regarding the Birth of John the Baptist (1:5-25).</p> <p>A. <i>Zacharias</i> and his wife <i>Elizabeth</i> were both descendants of Aaron.</p> <p>B. As the story begins, it was Zacharias' week to serve in the temple – and he had the privilege of offering incense.</p> <p>C. As Zacharias performed his duties in the temple, an angel appeared to him.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gabriel told Zacharias that he and Elizabeth would have a son (13). 2. This son, who was to be named <i>John</i>, would come in the spirit and power of <i>Elijah</i> as the forerunner of the Messiah (17). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. John would drink neither wine nor strong drink (15); a Nazarite. b. Zacharias asks for a sign (proof), and is given one; he would "be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place" (20). <p>D. When Zacharias returned home, Elizabeth soon became pregnant (23-24).</p> <p>II. The Angel's Announcement to Mary Regarding the Birth of Jesus (1:26-38).</p> <p>A. Six months later (26, 36), Gabriel appeared to a young woman in Nazareth.</p> <p>B. The young woman was a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was <i>Joseph</i>... The virgin's name was <i>Mary</i> (27).</p> <p>C. The angel told Mary, "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name <i>JESUS</i>" (31).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "JESUS," the Greek of the Hebrew "Joshua," means "Jehovah saves." 2. It was chosen because of its appropriateness ("you shall call His name <i>JESUS</i>, for He will save His people from their sins" [Mt. 1:21]). <p>D. Gabriel's description of Jesus is astounding in light of OT prophecy.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "The Son of the Highest" – the Son of the Very God. 2. "God will give Him the throne of His father David" – the royal lineage. 3. "He will reign over house of Jacob" – all Israel/the entire Jewish nation. <p>E. Mary's only question: "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gabriel gives her a sign: Her aged/barren relative Elizabeth was pregnant. 2. Her faith drove her to say, "Let it be to me according to your word" (38).
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