



December 26, 2021

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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 ..... N/A  
Bible Study.....7:00 PM

## Elders:

Gene Bannister..... Mike Bannister

Johnny McCaghren

## Deacons:

John Barnum..... Don Smith

## Preacher:

Johnny McCaghren

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Cherokee Home for Children  
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## Tell Me the Story of Jesus

The people of God in sacred assembly often sing the beautiful words penned by the blind hymnist, Fanny J. Crosby: "Tell me the story of Jesus, Write on my heart every word; Tell me the story most precious, Sweetest that ever was heard." The story of Jesus can be told in twelve succinct statements. Let me tell you this beautiful story.

1. **His eternal co-existence with God the Father.** Christ, as the pre-incarnate (pre-fleshly) Word dwelt with God from all eternity. Like the Father, Christ had no beginning and will have no ending. He possessed the very same nature of "Godness" as was possessed by the Father. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him (the Word), and without Him nothing was made that was made. ... And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth"* (John 1:1-3, 14). (See also 1 John 1:1-3; Col. 1:13-18, and many other related texts).
2. **His virgin birth.** *"And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. ... And the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. ...' Then Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I do not know a man' (am not a married woman and have never been with a man sexually, hf)? And the angel answered and said 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 of you will be called the Son of God'"* (Luke 1:26-35). (See also Matt. 1:18-25; Isa. 7:14; and other texts).
3. **His sinless life.** He *"was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin"* (Heb. 4:15). He *"committed no sin, nor was guile found in His mouth"* (1 Pet. 2:22, quoting Isa. 53:9).
4. **His matchless teaching.** *"No man ever spoke like this Man!"* (John 7:46). The teachings of Christ are the highest, most exalted of all teachings. He tells people how to be saved from their sins, and how to live so as to be saved eternally in heaven. *"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life"* (John 6:68).
5. **His atoning death.** *"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"* (Rom. 5:8). *"And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have received the reconciliation (atonement, KJV)"* (Rom. 5:11). *"And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world"* (1 John 2:2).
6. **His noble burial.** *"Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean*

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the Bible to know more about  
Christ and His Church.

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linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb and departed” (Matt. 27:57-60). “And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came; and he brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury” (John 19:39-40). This was all in fulfillment of divine prophecy (Isa. 53:9).

7. **His victorious resurrection.** An angel announced to the women who came to the tomb of Jesus early on the first day of the week, “He is not here! For He is risen as He said. ...go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead” (Matt. 28:6-7). Paul wrote that Christ was “declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead” (Rom. 1:4). The facts of the gospel are the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, all of them being “according to the Scriptures” (Old Testament prophecies) (1 Cor. 15:1-4).
8. **His glorious ascension.** “So then, after the Lord had spoken to them (the apostles), He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God” (Mark 16:19). “And it came to pass, while He blessed them (the apostles), that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven” (Luke 24:51). “And when He had spoken these things, while they (the apostles) watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight” (Acts 1:9).
9. **His magnificent coronation.** “I was watching in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of Man coming with the clouds of heaven. He came TO (not FROM, hf) the Ancient of Days (God). And they brought Him (Christ) near before Him (God). Then to Him (Christ) was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one that shall never be destroyed” (Dan. 7:13-14). This is a beautiful prophecy of the ascension and coronation of Christ in the courts of heaven! On the day the kingdom of Christ was set up, the day

the church was established, the apostle Peter declared, “Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36).

10. **His abiding intercession.** “It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us” (Rom. 8:34). “Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God by Him, seeing He ever lives to make intercession for them” (Heb. 7:25).
11. **His promised second coming.** At His ascension the angels announced, “This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11). “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first (i.e., before the living in Christ are changed from corruptible bodies into incorruptible bodies, hf). Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord” (1 Thess. 4:16-17).
12. **His righteous judgment.** “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. And all the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. ... And these (the goats, hf) will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous (the sheep, hf) into eternal life” (Matt. 25:31-33, 46). Paul declared that God “will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all, in that He has raised Him from the dead” (Acts 17:31).

The late Foy E. Wallace, Jr. used to preach a sermon titled “The Story That Never Grows Old.” It was the story of the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch recorded in Acts 8:26-40. The eunuch was converted to Christ be-

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

<b>Dec. 26</b>	<b>Zechariah 1-3; Proverbs 26</b>
<b>Dec. 27</b>	<b>Zechariah 4-6; Proverbs 27</b>
<b>Dec. 28</b>	<b>Zechariah 7-9; Proverbs 28</b>
<b>Dec. 29</b>	<b>Zechariah 10-12; Proverbs 29</b>
<b>Dec. 30</b>	<b>Zechariah 13-15; Proverbs 30</b>
<b>Dec. 31</b>	<b>Zechariah 16-17; Proverbs 31</b>
<b>Jan. 1</b>	<b>Matthew 1-4; Ps. 1 (videos)</b>
<b>Jan. 2</b>	<b>Matthew 5-7; Ps. 2 (video)</b>

“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 **29** contacts were made.

### Announcements

- ◆ New daily Bible reading schedule for 2022.

### Upcoming Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ March 13-16—**Spring Gospel Meeting** w/ Jon McCormack.

### Upcoming Area Events

- ◆ Feb. 24-27—**Arise** (and evangelize) @ Southwest in Austin.
- ◆ Mar. 3-6—**PTP Spark** @ Round Rock. Info on bulletin board. If you would like to go, it is recommended that you sign up soon.

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cause Philip the evangelist “*preached Jesus to him*” (v. 35). So, it is the story of Jesus that never grows old, and that is the story (as summarized above) that needs to be told over and over today.

Every Christian can know and tell the story of Jesus, and they should do so. Every Christian man should be able to take the twelve summation points presented above, make a beautiful sermon of them, and be prepared to preach it at any time in the congregation where he worships. All that is required is a little diligence, some study, some effort, setting the right priorities, and a never-failing love for Christ and what He has done and is doing for His people.

*Hugh Fulford*

## Things that Made Paul Mad

Paul’s defense before Festus and Herod Agrippa II was interrupted. Luke reports, “*Now as he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, ‘Paul, you are beside yourself! Much learning is driving you mad!’*” (Acts 26:24). The challenge was brought on by the message Paul preached.

The apostle to the Gentiles was considered mad because of the hope of the promise. “*And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers*” (Acts 26:6). The promise was repeated to Abraham when he submitted to God’s will, even preparing to sacrifice his only son. God declared, “*In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice*” (Gen. 22:18). Paul told the churches of Galatia the promise was specifically regarding the Christ (Gal. 3:16).

Paul was considered mad because he said the hope ultimately was in the resurrection of the dead (Acts 26:7-8). He reminded the saints at Corinth that resurrection took place in fields around the globe. He explained that each created thing had a body suited to its existence. The body inhabited by humans is natural and the resurrection body will be spiritual. Those living on earth have a body similar to Adam, while those in Heaven will have a body like Christ’s (1 Cor. 15:35-38, 42-44, 48-49).

Jesus assigned the preaching of hope to Paul, especially among the Gentiles. He began the work in Damascus immediately after his own conversion. He told the assembled dignitaries that the Jews seized him because he proclaimed Jesus as the first to rise from the dead (Acts 26:16-23).

“*Then Agrippa said to Paul, ‘You almost persuade me to become a Christian.’ And Paul said, ‘I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains.’*” God, like Paul, wants all believers to join in the so-called madness!

*Gary C. Hampton* (Gospel Gazette Online, Dec. 2021)

## Celebrate

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



## Records

	Dec. 12, 2021	Dec. 19, 2021
Bible Class	35	32
AM Worship	43 + [9]	35 + [13]
PM Worship	32 + [8]	32 + [8]
Wednesday PM	23 + [8]	27 + [10]
Contribution	\$1,883	\$1,946



	This Week: 12/26/21	Next Week: 1/2/22	<b>December 2021</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> Dex Dennard <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Fuller <b>Clean Building:</b> McCaghren  <b>January 2022</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> John Barnum <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Huckaby <b>Clean Building:</b> Dennard / Settles	
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Dex Dennard	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		
<b>Greeters</b>	_____	_____		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Tom Wilcox	James Fuller		
<b>Communion</b>	Don Smith, Ryan Settles Chase Churchwell, Coyce Reed	Dex Dennard*, John Barnum Daniel Edwards, Kyle Duaine		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Rafe Smith	Randy Huckaby		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	_____	_____		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: Dex Dennard	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	James Fuller	Chase Churchwell		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	_____	_____		
<b>Communion</b>	Don Smith	Dex Dennard		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	John Barnum	Ken Maninger		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	December 29 5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Video	January 5 Prayer Night	January 12 James Fuller	January 19 Johnny McCaghren

## 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 December 26, 2021

Sunday Class ..... 2 Corinthians 2:14  
Wed. Class ..... How to Read the Book: Paragraphs

<p><b>Jesus Christ – Lord and Savior</b></p> <p>In the midst of a discussion with the Pharisees, Jesus asked them, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" (Mt. 22:42). The questions are ones that every rational, sane person must answer eventually.</p> <p>I. <b>Jesus as a Historical Figure.</b> The evidence is so overwhelming that the man, Jesus of Nazareth, lived, that no rational person can deny the fact.</p> <p>II. <b>Christ in the OT.</b></p> <p>A. Isaiah declared that a virgin would conceive, bear a son, and name him "Immanuel" (fulfilled in the birth of Christ; Mt. 1:22-23).</p> <p>B. Later, Isaiah referred to this son as "Mighty God" (9:6).</p> <p>C. Isaiah urged God's people to sanctify "the LORD of hosts" (8:12-14; 1 Pet. 3:14-15).</p> <p>1. Isaiah's "LORD" was to become a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense (8:14; Rom. 9:33; 1 Pet. 2:8).</p> <p>2. Isaiah foretold that John the Baptist would prepare the way for the coming of "the LORD" (40:3; Mt. 3:3; Jn. 1:23).</p> <p>3. Isaiah pictured Christ as a silent "lamb" (53:7), and as a man Who "a bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench" (42:3; cf. Mt. 12:20).</p> <p>III. <b>Christ in the NT.</b> Every Old Testament prophecy concerning the Messiah/Christ was fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth.</p> <p>IV. <b>Christ as a Man.</b></p> <p>A. Christ was to be the seed of woman (Gen. 3:15), and a descendant of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and David (Gen. 22:18; 26:4; 28:14; 2 Sam. 7:12-13).</p> <p>B. John stated that He had become flesh and had dwelt among men (Jn. 1:14).</p> <p>C. If Christ had not been a mortal man, He could not have saved humanity.</p> <p>V. <b>Christ as God.</b></p> <p>A. At times, the name of God ("Yahweh") is used to refer to Christ.</p> <p>1. "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD: make straight in the desert a highway for our God'" (Isa. 40:3; cf. Mt. 3:3).</p> <p>2. "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands" (Heb. 1:10; cf. Ps. 102:25).</p> <p>B. Jesus spoke and acted like God.</p> <p>C. Jesus plainly is called "God" a number of times within the NT (Jn. 1:1; 20:28).</p>	<p><b>Teaching on Repentance</b> (Lk. 13:1-9) and <b>Another Sabbath Controversy</b> (Lk. 13:10-21)</p> <p>I. <b>Later Judean Ministry</b> (Lk. 10:1 – 13:21).</p> <p>F. <b>Jesus and the Multitude</b> (Lk. 12:1 – 13:9).</p> <p>5. <b>Teaching on Repentance</b> (Lk. 13:1-9).</p> <p>a. Jesus is again interrupted – this time to tell Him "about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices" (1b).</p> <p>b. Jesus turned the interruption into an opportunity to teach on repentance – "unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (3, 5).</p> <p>c. The Parable of the Fig Tree.</p> <p>1) God is longsuffering, but there is a limit to His mercy.</p> <p>2) The crowd wants to Him to retaliate for Pilate's blood-bath against their people.</p> <p>3) Jesus calls them to repent before their own time runs out.</p> <p>G. <b>Jesus and a Sick Woman: Another Sabbath Controversy</b> (Lk. 13:10-21).</p> <p>1. "A woman who had a spirit of infirmity" (12).</p> <p>2. Jesus later indicates that she has been "bound" by Satan (16).</p> <p>3. The ruler of the synagogue chastised the crowd: "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day" (14).</p> <p>4. Jesus, in turn, chastises him: "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" (15-16).</p> <p>a. "And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame" (13a).</p> <p>b. "...and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him" (13b).</p> <p>5. Both parable talk about something small growing big and having great effect.</p> <p>a. Luke 13:18-19 = Matthew 13:31-32; Mark 4:30-32.</p> <p>b. Luke 13:20-21 = Matthew 13:33.</p>
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