



SUGAR LAND BIBLE CHURCH
"BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE FOR 33 YEARS"



THE CORNERSTONE

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The preparations of the heart *belong* to man, But the answer of the tongue *is* from the Lord. Proverbs 16:1

New Fall Bible Classes for 2015

SUNDAY SCHOOL

IN ROOM 110/108—FROM GOD'S CREATION TO GOD'S NATION—TAUGHT BY : ED ALLSTEADT

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL—THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM AND THE NEW HEAVEN & NEW EARTH—TAUGHT BY BOB GRAPER

Ladies Bible Classes

Classes begin September 8, 2015

Debbie Fetter will be teaching a ladies' morning class on the **book of Philippians**, every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 am in room 110/108. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for those needing childcare.

Betty Cooke will be teaching a ladies' evening Bible class on the **book of Esther** every Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in room 110/108. There will be no childcare provided.

Men's Bible Study—Led by **David Sandlin** every Tuesday at 8:00 pm



Samuel Student Center Guatemala

Dear Sugar Land Bible Church,

I pray that God continues to bless you. Thank you again for your interest in our ministry with children. We don't have words to express our gratitude for the time you have spent, for your prayers, and for the financial help from Sugar Land Bible Church during these 10 years or so. We pray that God bless each family that has contributed in order to bless our children in both material and spiritual ways. Thank you so much!

Our ministry began in 1990. Since then we have witnessed the spiritual and physical growth of many children. After 25 years serving children, many of them are now professionals, others have their own families, and a large group are continuing their studies in the university. Of all of the children that have come through our doors, 80% of them are serving God in diverse ministries.

Recently we were invited by an alumnus, now 25 years old, to her college graduation. She obtained a degree in social work. The members of the staff were blessed to see her as a professional because as a child, she believed in Jesus at the Samuel Center. So the seed that was sown in her heart has blossomed; she's ready to go out and serve the world!

Our purpose is to reach children from needy families in order to share Christ as the only way to salvation so that they will grow up to be faithful men and women who can serve their country and their family through proclaiming the gospel.

Our current program has 65 children registered from ages 5-17. We are sustained by the contributions of our friends. We are especially grateful to Sugar Land Bible Church, United Missionary services, and some Guatemalan brothers and sisters who help us out. Because God has always been faithful, we are able to continue this beautiful ministry that He has placed in our hands.

Daily/weekly activities include:

- Every time that the children come to the center they have a devotional.
- They have a group Bible class each week.
- They receive school supplies and have the use of the library.
- They have access to a health program.
- They receive a nutritious snack three times a week.
- They have a recreation time in the playground.

Special yearly activities include:

- There is an annual sports week.
- There is an end of the year field trip in October.
- There are occasional spiritual retreats.
- There is Vacation Bible School in November.
- There is a week of camp in November.
- At the end of the year there is a Christmas party and special Christmas program in December where each child receives a gift.



Andy Woods—Pastor

The Rapture (Part 30)

My previous articles commenced a series on the rapture of the church. We began with the question, "What is the Rapture?" This question can best be answered by noting ten truths about the rapture from [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#) and [1 Corinthians 15:50-58](#). We then moved to a second main question, namely, when will the rapture take place relative to the coming seven-year Tribulation period? We offered the contention that believers can develop certainty that they will be raptured before the Tribulation period occurs for at least seven reasons. After dealing with these two questions, we began to explore some of the weaknesses associated with the other competing views that seek to answer the question, "When Will the Rapture Take Place Relative to the Coming Tribulation Period?" At least five differing perspectives exist. We noted at the onset that it is important to understand that all of the non-pretribulation positions have a difficult time handling the seven arguments favoring **pre-tribulationism** previously discussed in this series. We have already noted the problems associated with **mid-tribulationism**. In the last few articles we began to scrutinize the arguments claiming to favor **post-tribulationism**. In this article, we will continue to scrutinize **post-tribulationism**.

POST-TRIBULATIONAL RAPTURE

Post-tribulation rapture theory contends that the rapture will take place at the end of the coming Tribulation period. This view typically sees no distinction between the rapture and the Second Advent and thus seeks to harmonize all references to Christ's return as taking place at the end of the future Tribulation period. Those adhering to the **post-tribulation** rapture typically rely on at least one of *four* arguments to support their position. In past articles, we noted that **post-tribulationism** errs in superficially connecting Paul's depiction of the rapture (1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:50-58) with either the events of Matthew 24:30-31 or Revelation 20:4-6. Moreover, we noted that contrary to the assertion of **post-tribulationism**, although believers will be exempted from some of the judgments during the Tribulation period, they will still be subjected to many other judgments during this time period. Thus, **post-tribulationism** errs in failing to understand that the divine promise of Revelation 3:10 conveys a complete escape not only from coming Tribulation judgments but also from the very time of those judgments. We further observed that **post-tribulationism's** argument from antiquity errs in appealing to historical sources outside the Bible, failing to acknowledge that imminency was embraced by many Church Fathers, and failing to understand the notion of progressive illumination of prophetic truth.

Having responded to the *four* major arguments advanced by post-tribulationists, we then began to consider *five* major problems with post-tribulationism. An examination and exploration of the cumulated problems with this view should make unbiased interpreters highly reticent to adopt this perspective. These *five* problems include *the mortal population of the millennial kingdom*, *the Hebrew wedding sequence*, *the pointlessness of the preparation of the believers' heavenly dwellings* (John 14:2-3), *the lack of time for the Bema Seat Judgment*, and *the pointlessness of the church being caught up only to immediately return to the earth*. In the last article, we examined the *second* of these five problems, which pertains to the Hebrew wedding sequence. In this article we will briefly examine the *third* problem with **post-tribulationism**, which relates to the pointlessness of the preparation of the believers' heavenly dwellings (John 14:2-3).

3. *The Pointlessness of the Preparation of the Believers' Heavenly Dwelling Places*. In John 14:1-3, Jesus promised, "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's



house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also." Here, speaking of His ascension, Jesus told His disciples that He would soon return to heaven. While in heaven, He would prepare dwelling places for the disciples. One future day, He would secretly return for all of His disciples and take them out of the world to be with Him in heaven in an event otherwise known as the Rapture of the Church.

If the post-tribulation view is accurate, then the church will be removed from the earth toward the end of the Tribulation period only to immediately return with Christ to the earth at the conclusion of the seven years. Why then did Jesus tell His disciples that He would be preparing a dwelling place for them in heaven? According to the post-tribulation theory, the church will not spend any time with Christ in heaven. Rather, the church will be snatched up to be with Christ only to return a split second later with Him to the earth. Thus, Jesus would be preparing places in heaven for His disciples for no apparent reason. The only way Christ's statement in John 14:1-3 can make any logical sense is if the church is removed from the earth at a much earlier point in time. After spending an extended period of time with Christ in heaven and there enjoying the places that He prepared for His disciples, the church will then return with Christ to the earth at the end of the Tribulation period.

In sum, the post-tribulation view makes Christ's preparation of the heavenly dwellings (John 14:2-3) unnecessary. Hal Lindsey well explains:

Now if Jesus is building a dwelling place for us in the Father's house, and if we are to go there **when** He comes for the Church, how could He be speaking of an event that occurs simultaneously with the Second Advent? For at that time Jesus is specifically and personally coming to the earth (see Zechariah 14:4-9). If the post-tribulationists are right, then Jesus engaged in a futile building program. For when He comes to the earth in the second coming, He will rule out of the earthly Jerusalem for a thousand years. Since He says He is going to come in order that we may be with Him **where He is**, we would have to be with Him here on earth. Do you see the problem? The dwelling places in the Father's house would be unused. And worse by far, Jesus would be guilty of telling us a lie. For as we have seen, He is coming for the purpose of taking us to the Father's house at that time. Post-Tribulationist Robert Gundry doesn't keep this passage in context when he says, "Jesus does not promise that upon His return He will take believers to mansions in the Father's house. Instead, He promises, '*Where I am*, there you may be also.'" This makes Jesus' whole promise ridiculous. Why would He speak of preparing a place for us in the Father's house if He didn't mean that His return would take us there?

In sum, in this series, having previously answered the question, "What is the Rapture?" we noted at least *seven* reasons that affirm the pre-tribulation rapture view. We then began interacting with the other positions on the timing of the rapture. In prior articles, we have answered **post-tribulationism's** *four* major arguments. In this article, we examined the *third* of *five* weaknesses associated with the post-tribulation rapture position. That is, post-tribulationism, which has a tendency to merge the rapture and the Second Advent, has difficulty explaining the purpose of the heavenly dwellings (John 14:2-3) that Christ is presently preparing for His bride, the church.

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The Cornerstone Newsletter deadline for News articles is the 19th of each month. You can e-mail Patricia Chandler at:

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Bulletin Board



Home Fellowship Groups

First Colony East—Adults Only: Host: Eric and Veronica Wasek—Meets 2nd & 4th Fridays at 7 pm—2801 Hidden Knoll Court—281-980-3742— A study in Philippians—.Leader: Earl Chandler

First Colony West—Children Welcome: Hosts: Keith and Judy Kurrus- 2803 Pineleaf Drive—281-242-3031 Co-Hosts: Brooks and Elizabeth Sellers—281-313-0527 : Meets 2nd & 4th Fridays at 6:30

New— Young Couples Fellowship—Held at SLBC—7 pm. Coordinator: Andrea Merkin, 1-210-367-6452; Meets 2nd & 4th Friday They meet in the fellowship room.

Men's Weekly Bible Study— Tuesday, 8:00 pm David Sandlin—Teacher

August 26, 2015—Wednesday Activities Resume—6:00 pm

We will be back to our normal Wednesday evening schedule starting August 26th. If you are a regular attendee, you know that means good eats, fun, fellowship, sincere prayer time, and Bible Study. Activities for the Whole Family! On August 26th we will have a special event involving

Jon Scheptock, a special Young Man who has a special gift of singing .Jon has shared his testimony with thousands. His motto is "Making Life's challenges—God's Victories"



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Starting Wednesday evening September 2,2015 @ 7PM.

Subject: **Proverbs 16** – Resting or Trusting in God's Sovereignty.

Teacher: **Earl Chandler**. Room: Fellowship Room.

Though man is strongly encouraged in **Proverbs** to acquire wisdom, he is not released from dependence on the Lord.

We will see in this verse by verse teaching (13 weeks) the contrast of human limitations with the sovereignty of God. Man can plan, dream, and hope, but the final outcome is from the Lord. In all our plans, and motives, our trust needs to be in God. **Prov.3:5-6**.

Scripture for the Month: Proverbs 16:9,31-33

A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps.

The silver-haired head *is* a crown of glory, *If* it is found in the way of righteousness. *He who is* slow to anger *is* better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city. The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision *is* from the Lord.





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In January they receive a package of school supplies.

In May they receive clothing.

In August those that need one, receive a Bible.

In September, they receive shoes.

Each child is taught grade level computer skills. Some are taught music from 4th to 6th grades while others are taught keyboard/typing skills.

We are a needy group. We need more supporters in order to be able to meet our annual budget. This will be especially helpful for our Camp Week. We do thank the lord that for the past 2 years it has been possible to have Camp Week.

We need support to offer scholarships for the neediest children in order that they can go to school. (in Guatemala, parents must pay for K-12 education, including all books, supplies, and uniforms.) For this reason and others, many children do not have the privilege of getting an education. Because of a lack of funds, we have not been able to offer scholarships in the past couple of years.

We need funds to construct a multi-purpose hall that would also serve as a dining room. Our long term goal is to construct a room for the Music Academy and Compute Lab.

Our staff has been reduced to seven people, each of whom has a heart for ministry. Staff members receive an offering of \$54.00 a month while administrative staff receives \$100.00. God is faithful and has supplied our needs. However, we would like to reward our faithful workers for the tireless hours that they invest in our children and in the Samuel Center. We do not have a maintenance person so the parents help out each week along with the staff to keep our property clean and in order.

Brothers and sisters thank you for praying for us. We'd like to ask you to pray especially for our health. We thank God for sustaining this ministry. May God bless each one of you. We are praying for you.

Sincerely,

Enrique Ajquejay

Administrator

p.s. I hope with God's help to take some recent pictures of the children that are currently attending the Samuel Center

KHCB, Houston's Oldest Christian Radio Station

"Keeping Him Close By" is the motto for radio station KHCB, located at 105.7FM; it is Houston's oldest 24 hour Christian Radio station which began through the diligent efforts of a group of concerned Christians burdened to reach the growing Houston area with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The first radio transmissions started on March 9, 1962 at 10:30 PM.

The programming includes the teaching of gifted Bible scholars such as Chuck Swindoll, JV McGee, Charles Stanley, Adrian Rogers, Nancy Leigh DeMoss, David Jeremiah and others as well as inspirational music.

KHCB has never sold broadcast time or commercial spots, and has never charged programmers for use of airtime on the station. The Lord provides the necessary income for daily operation entirely from the gifts of listeners. Because of the Lord's provision, KHCB has been completely debt free since 1969.

Foreign Language Outreach

In February 1991 God provided the funds to purchase AM 1400 in Galveston to be added to the KHCB Radio Network as an outlet for broadcasting God's Word in other languages. The language outreach began with programming in Spanish Monday thru Friday on Friendship Radio (Radio Amistad) and in June of 1991 expanded to include Chinese programming on the weekend. In 2008, KHCB moved to a new transmitter site for AM 1400, twenty miles closer to Houston thus exponentially increasing the outreach fourfold.

Expansion

Thru the years, the Lord has provided the funds for the purchase and construction of other stations and translators and the ministry has grown to include 37 outlets. Six of these broadcast in Spanish and the Good News Network in Georgia uses the Spanish programming on seven of their stations. All English Network programming originates at KHCB-FM Houston. It is then relayed via satellite to stations all across Texas and into Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Florida. KHCB's Christian message extends to people all over the world via the Internet on KHCB's home page www.khcb.org and by way of KHCB's free app for mobile devices. KHCB's facebook page also reaches those who enjoy using social media.

Pray

Please pray for the expanding outreach of KHCB around the world. Pray that the Lord will do what He says in Isaiah 55:11, "So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding *in the matter* for which I sent it." (NASB)



School Supplies—Thank You



Sugar Land Bible Church was able to help supply 56 pre-k children who were in need in the Fort Bend County area. Supplies were distributed to the children of Ft. Bend County on August 15th at the University of Houston, Sugar Land.

Not only were school supplies handed out, but backpacks and shoes were also given.

Thanks to you and all the area ministries children in our area will have the things needed to begin the new school year.



SERIES — THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM AND THE NEW HEAVEN & NEW EARTH



Teacher: Bob Graper

If you asked most Christians, *“Where is your final destination as a Christian?”* Most would answer, *“Heaven.”* But is that scriptural? Without question, when Christians die, or are caught up in the Rapture, they will be with Jesus in heaven. *“Absent from the body, present with the Lord.”* (2 Cor. 5:8). But is that our final destination?

The answer is, *“No.”* We will return with Christ to this earth for His 1000 year Millennial Kingdom reign on David’s Throne in Jerusalem. Following the Millennium, God will create a New Heaven & New Earth where we will dwell with Him in the Eternal State. One pastor quipped that we are, *“Mud-Men & Mud-Women.”* By this he meant that since God created mankind from the dust of the ground (Gen. 2:7), so we are, and will always be, identified with the earth.

Since we will spend most of our existence in the Millennial Kingdom and in the New Heaven & New Earth, wouldn’t you like to know what God has revealed about these times and locations? That is what this series is all about. It is based primarily on Revelation Chapters 19 through 21, although many other scriptures will be used.

Series Chapter 1 will deal with Christ’s 2nd Coming (Armageddon; Judgment of Nations).

Series Chapters 2 & 3 will cover the Millennial Kingdom of Christ.

Series Chapter 4 will be devoted to the New Heaven & New Earth.

Come find out about where you will spend your most of your eternity!