

# 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 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  
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## Distorted and Contrived Religious Terms #1

Over the centuries a number of Biblical words have been given distorted meanings making them conform to man-made teachings. Likewise, many contrived words, unknown to the Scriptures, have been used which also convey false religious ideas.

### Terms Found in the Bible But Given Distorted Meanings

**Pastor.** This word is widely misapplied to preachers throughout the denominational world. On church signs it is common to see the preacher billed as “pastor.” However, this is not a Biblical use of the word. The word pastor actually refers to an elder(s) (shepherds) of a local church. It is from the Greek term *poimen* and is translated ‘*pastor*’ only one time (Eph. 4:11). Elsewhere in the New Testament it is translated “shepherd,” sometimes referring to Christ as the “good” or “chief” shepherd (Heb. 3:20; 1 Pet. 5:4). It definitely does not refer to a preacher. Rather, in the New Testament, preachers are called: preachers (Rom. 10:14), ministers (Eph. 3:7) and/or evangelists (Acts 21:8).

**Reverend.** This is another title commonly given to priests and preachers of various denominations. It is used to identify those who are perceived to have special religious attributes worthy of adoration and reverence. At times, a more extended form of this title can be seen. For example, **Right Reverend** or **Most Reverend**. However, such titles are obvious corrupted uses of the word. The word reverend is to be used only with reference to God Himself. The Psalmist made this point clear. “*He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name*” (Psa. 111:9). No man is to be addressed in this way — such is blasphemy. And, anyone who accepts such a title should be ashamed.

**Priest.** Since the early days of Catholicism, leaders of local parishes (congregations) have been referred to as “priests.” However, this title was never a part of the teaching of the New Testament church. Rather, its use is merely a carryover from the priests of the Old Testament covenant. In the New Testament church no special people are so designated. Actually, the Scriptures teach that God considers all Christians as priests — being called a holy and royal priesthood. “*Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ ... But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people...*” (1 Pet. 2:5, 9). Actually, all Christians are spoken of as “kings and priests.” “*And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever*” (Rev. 1:6). The distorted use of this term is just another of the many false teachings found in Catholicism.

**Bishop.** This is a title given to an elevated head of the Catholic Church who serves under the “Pope” exercising control over a diocese, or a large area of land. Such a misuse of the word “bishop” is beyond comprehension! This demonstrates how far removed Catholicism is from the original church of Jesus Christ. The Greek term for bishop is *episkopos* and means one who “oversees” and is so translated in Acts 20. “*Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers (episkopos), to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood*” (Acts 20:28). This is simply one of the words which describes the elders who oversee a local congregation. It never refers to a high-ranking office such as seen in the Catholic church. That the word ‘bishop’

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Christ and His Church.

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is not to be used in this way is made clear by the apostle Paul. In his letter to the Philippians he spoke of the “bishops” — plural, not singular. *“Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the **bishops** and deacons”* (Phil. 1:1).

**Church.** People often use the word “church” when referring to a physical, religious structure, similar to the word “sanctuary.” People are heard speaking of a church building as their “church.” Yet, this view is completely erroneous. The word church is from the Greek *ekklesia* and simply means “the called out,” referring to the people who make up the church, the body of believers (Matt. 16:18). It is never used of an edifice. In New Testament terms, the church is made up of the saved, those who become a part of it when added to it by Jesus. The Scriptures are clear on this point. *“And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved”* (Acts 2:47).

**Kingdom.** For many years people have heard preachers speak of a coming spiritual “kingdom” on earth over which Jesus will reign for 1,000 years. Such a future kingdom is pure fantasy — nowhere taught in the Scriptures. The only kingdom found in the New Testament is the church of Jesus Christ. In Matthew 16:18-19 Jesus spoke of establishing His church and immediately referred to it as “the kingdom.” The kingdom existed in apostolic days (Col. 1:13) and the apostle John said that he and others were in that kingdom (Rev. 1:9). There is no such future kingdom. This teaching is part of the premillennial doctrine which separates the church from the kingdom. It says that when the kingdom Jesus came to establish was rejected, in its place He temporarily substituted the church. However, the church is not temporary, for it was purchased with Jesus blood (Acts 20:28).

**Witness.** People are sometimes heard to speak of being a “witness” for Christ. What they mean is that they want to tell someone about Jesus. Though well meaning, they are misusing the word “witness.” Many preachers are guilty of encouraging people to “witness” for Jesus. However, no one today can be a witness for Christ. Why? Because to be a witness one must be able to give first-hand evidence. The apostles were witnesses for Jesus and his resurrection, hence, they were actual eye witnesses. Jesus said to the apostles, *“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy*

*Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me ... Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection”* (Acts 1:8,22). No one today can “witness” for Jesus. This is a false belief.

**Father.** In the Catholic Church, priests are commonly called “Father.” This is another of the corrupted titles found in Catholicism. Sometimes priests have been known to become offended if someone failed to call them “father.” In Matthew 23 Jesus addressed the Jewish scribes and Pharisees, exposing their corruption. They were those who elevated themselves, desiring special recognition of the people. They wore special religious garments and prayer charms. They wanted to be called by exclusive titles, such a Rabbi. It is here that Jesus plainly taught the people that the word “father” was never to be used as a religious title. *“And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven”* (Matt. 23:9).

**Faith Only Salvation.** The idea of salvation by “faith only” is a doctrine widely held throughout the denominational world. This teaching began with the works of such men as John Calvin and Martin Luther and was their response to the extreme works found in Catholicism. With them the pendulum swung from extreme ‘works’ to extreme ‘faith,’ whereas the Bible teaches a mutual harmony of both faith and works. Yes, the lost are saved by faith, but not by faith alone. James plainly said that the lost are not justified by faith only. *“Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only”* (Jas. 2:24). Actually, the Scriptures include other steps in God’s plan of salvation: Repentance (Acts 17:30), Confession (Rom. 10:10), Baptism (Acts 22:16).

**Sanctify.** Holiness and Pentecostal Churches are known for emphasizing the word “sanctify.” They believe that in addition to being saved there is another level to reach in which one is truly “sanctified,” and is usually associated with being baptized with the Holy Spirit. However, such a belief is nowhere found in the Scriptures. The word “sanctify” (sanctification) simply means to be separated, that is, to be set apart from sin. The Bible clearly shows that being “washed” or “sanctified” or “justified” all refer to the same thing. *“And such were some of you: but ye are*

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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/)

**Mar. 14** Philemon; Psalm 74

**Mar. 15** 1 Thess. 1—2; Ps. 75 (video)

**Mar. 16** 1 Thess. 3—5; Psalm 76

**Mar. 17** 2 Thessalonians; Psalm 77

**Mar. 18** 1 Tim. 1—3; Ps. 78 (video)

**Mar. 19** 1 Timothy 4—6; Psalm 79

**Mar. 20** 2 Timothy; Psalm 80 (video)

**Mar. 21** Titus; Psalm 81

*“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)



### Announcements

- ◆ **Mike Bannister and Johnny McCaghren have been put before the congregation for your consideration to become elders.** If any member here has a scriptural objection to either of these men, contact Gene Bannister by phone (325-217-4056) or by mail (via CARE, Inc.)
- ◆ **Please continue to practice common sense prevention measures.**

#### *Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Grow*

- ◆ May 2-6—**Focal Point** at San Marcos
- ◆ May 9-12—**Gospel Meeting** at Bangs
- ◆ June 27—July 1—**Junior Camp**
- ◆ July 18-23—**Senior Camp**

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washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Cor. 6:11). Hence, of itself the word “sanctify” has no special meaning.

**Tongues.** Many Pentecostal Churches claim that people today can possess a power to speak in so-called mysterious “heavenly tongues.” When witnessing such “tongue speaking” it becomes obvious that this is nothing more than lip stammering. By contrast, in the first century those with the gift of speaking in tongues did not speak in mysterious “tongues.” Rather, they spoke in human languages in which they had not been educated. That was the miracle of it. On the day of Pentecost the apostles demonstrated this to be the case. “...Every man heard them speak in his own language ... how hear we every man in our own tongue ... we do hear them speak in our own tongue” (Acts 2:6,8,11). The Scriptures clearly teach that the age of miracles, including speaking in tongues, ceased long ago. “Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be **tongues, they shall cease**; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away” (1 Cor. 13:8-10).

**Holy Spirit Baptism.** Some Pentecostal type Churches claim that people today can have a “baptism of the Holy Spirit” like the apostles received. However, such a claim is foolishness. The baptismal measure of the Holy Spirit received by the apostles was exclusively for them. Jesus told the apostles that only they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5). This was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. “And there appeared unto them [apostles] cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:3-4). The baptismal measure of the Holy Spirit enabled the apostles to perform exceptional miracles, for example, raising the dead (Acts 9:49; 20:9-10). And notice that the apostle Paul spoke of the special “signs” of an apostle. “Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds” (2 Cor. 12:12). All miraculous manifestations, including the baptism of the Holy Spirit, came to an end before the close of the first century (1 Cor. 13:8-10). It is false to claim that people today can receive such a miraculous measure of the Spirit.

*To be continued next week.*

*Jon Gary Williams (Seek the Old Paths, Feb., 2021)*

## Celebrate

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

**March Birthdays:** Ken Maninger (4), Dex Dennard (7), Wayne Kahlich (9), Ann Walker (10), **Sylvia Cox (14)**, Daniel Edwards (21), Mileen Kahlich (21), Dru Wilson (29).

**March Anniversaries:** James & Cindy Fuller (2), Randy & Laura Huckaby (23), Tom & Carol Wilcox (23).

*Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...*



## Records

	Feb. 28, 2021	Mar. 7, 2021
Bible Class	32	48
AM Worship	42 + [20]	53 + [20]
PM Worship	38 + [15]	31 + [15]
Wednesday PM	34 + 12	33 + [13]
Contribution	\$2,391	\$1,820

# Privileged To Serve

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

	This Week: 3/14/21	Next Week: 3/21/21		
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<b>March 2021</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> John Barnum <b>Prepare Communion:</b> McCaghren <b>Clean Building:</b> McCaghren  <b>April 2021</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> James Fuller <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Bannister <b>Clean Building:</b> Bannister	
<b>Greeters</b>	_____	_____		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Randy Huckaby	James Fuller		
<b>Communion</b>	Don Smith, Daniel Edwards Rafe Smith, Chase Churchwell	Dex Dennard, Kyle Duaine Randy Huckaby, Coyce Reed		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	John Propst	Ryan Rudloff		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	_____	_____		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: James Fuller	Song Leader: Ken Maninger		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Tom Wilcox	John Barnum		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	_____	_____		
<b>Communion</b>	Don Smith	Dex Dennard		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	John Barnum	Chase Churchwell		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	March 17 Rafe Smith	March 24 Don Smith	March 31 5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Video	April 7 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 March 14, 2021

Sunday Class ..... 1 Corinthians 14:16  
 Wed. Class ..... Leviticus 8:1

<u>Offerings to God</u> (Leviticus 1-7)	<u>Christ's Ministry – 2<sup>nd</sup> Passover to 3<sup>rd</sup>: Jesus Teaching &amp; Healing</u>
<p><b>I. Israel's Offerings.</b></p> <p>A. The initial instructions about sacrifices, found in Leviticus 1-7 deal with five <i>kinds</i> of offerings.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Burnt offerings</i> (1:1-17; 6:8-13).</li> <li>2. <i>Grain offerings</i> (2:1-16; 6:14-23).</li> <li>3. <i>Peace offerings</i> (3:1-17; 7:11-36).</li> <li>4. <i>Sin offerings</i> (4:1 – 5:13; 6:24-30).</li> <li>5. <i>Guilt/Trespass offerings</i> (5:14 -6:7; 7:1-7).</li> </ol> <p>B. Now let us summarize the <i>principles</i> of the sacrificial system.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>All sacrifices were given to the Lord.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Offering sacrifices was essential.</i></li> <li>3. <i>Obeying God's instructions regarding sacrifices was also essential.</i></li> <li>4. <i>God required that the Israelites give Him their best.</i></li> <li>5. <i>Offerings served several purposes.</i></li> <li>6. <i>By laying their hands on the animals which were sacrificed, the Israelites identified themselves with those animals.</i></li> <li>7. <i>While some offerings were voluntary, offerings for sin were required to obtain forgiveness.</i></li> <li>8. <i>One who sought forgiveness for a specific sin had to confess that sin and make restitution before he could be forgiven.</i></li> <li>9. <i>Blood was shed for the forgiveness of sins under the Mosaic sacrificial system.</i></li> </ol> <p><b>II. Our Offerings Today.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. <i>Our bodies are to be a living sacrifice.</i></li> <li>B. <i>Our prayers are to be like incense.</i></li> <li>C. <i>Our songs are to be a sacrifice of praise.</i></li> <li>D. <i>Our good deeds are to be a sacrifice of service.</i></li> <li>E. <i>Our contributions are to be like a sweet-smelling aroma.</i></li> <li>F. <i>Our lives are to exhibit a faithfulness unto death.</i></li> </ol>	<p><b>I. Sign-Seekers</b> (Mt. 12:38-45; Lk. 11:24-26, 29-36).</p> <p>A. Jesus has just claimed to cast out demons by the power of God. It is only natural that the Pharisees ask for some heavenly verification of such a bold claim.</p> <p>B. The crowds increase because of this hot debate.</p> <p>C. "Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, 'Teacher we want to see a sign from You'" (Mt. 12:38a).</p> <p>D. Jesus replied, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Mt. 12:39-40).</p> <p>E. Jesus resumed His rebuke of the scribes and the Pharisees, saying that ungodly Nineveh was not as obstinate as they, and that the pagan Queen of Sheba was more open-minded (Mt. 12:41-42; Lk. 11:31-32).</p> <p>F. The striking illustration of an <i>unclean spirit</i> (demon) that left a man later returned with <i>seven other spirits more wicked than himself</i>.</p> <p><b>II. Jesus' Family</b> (Mt. 12:46-50; Mk. 3:31-35; Lk. 8:19-21; 11:27-28).</p> <p>A. Mark introduced the family of Jesus earlier (Mk. 3:20-21).</p> <p>B. The story of Jesus' family illustrates the need to hear and obey.</p> <p>C. The story is prefaced with the story of a woman in the crowd crying out, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!", to which Jesus replied, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" (Lk. 11:27-28).</p> <p>D. As Jesus continued to teach the multitudes (Mt. 12:46), His mother and brothers came [arrived] (Mk. 3:31).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The message came to Jesus, interrupting His teaching, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are outside seeking You" (Mk. 3:32).</li> <li>2. Jesus turned the interruption into a teaching opportunity by asking, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" (Mt. 12:48).             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Pointing to His disciples, He then said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother" (Mt. 12:49-50).</li> <li>b. Luke expressed Jesus' declaration in these words: "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it" (Lk. 8:21).</li> </ol> </li> </ol>