

# 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

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## 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.

## Help Wanted!

From coast to coast throughout our nation hang signs from the doors and windows of businesses reading "help wanted." A vast labor shortage exists in our country and businesses of every kind and size are struggling to manage. The culprit behind this phenomenon is COVID-19 and its gargantuan ripple effects. Some are still afraid to leave their homes and go back to work, lest they catch the virus. Others have seen their industries crumble or their previous employer shutdown. But many, it seems, prefer not to return to work because they don't have to. Government programs throughout the last year have prevented foreclosures and evictions and provided financial assistance and other forms of welfare to the extent that many are able to make more money staying at home than they would by going back to work. Several economic concerns could be raised concerning this problem, but the real concern is moral. Scripture is not silent on this problem—far from it. As far as God is concerned, those who are able must work to provide for themselves and their families.

God's expectation for human work-ethic is found throughout the entirety of scripture. When the Lord placed man in the garden He also placed responsibility for the garden into his hand. Genesis 2:15 says, "*And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.*" This responsibility intensified after the fall. Jehovah said to Adam, "*In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground...*" (Gen. 3:19). The Law of Moses commanded "*Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest...*" (Ex. 23:12). Though dealing specifically with the Sabbath, the implication of the passage is clear. How can a man rest if he has nothing to rest from? If he does not work? Referencing Leviticus 19:13 and Deuteronomy 24:14 the apostle Paul remarked, "*...the laborer is worthy of his reward*" (1 Tim. 5:18). First Thessalonians 4:11 reminds the Thessalonian saints of the command to "*work with your own hands.*" Ephesians 4:28 commands, "*Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.*" In passage after passage God's will is clear—"*If any would not work, neither should he eat*" (2 Thess. 3:10).

Though COVID-19 deserves a good portion of blame for the current employment and overall economic problems, the true culprit is more dangerous and pervasive. For years, influencers have worked diligently to inoculate American culture with an entitlement mentality. The fruit of their labors grows larger by the day. The over-emphasis on recreation and self-actualization, the failure to emphasize the importance of a good work ethic to each generation, and a number of other factors have produced a situation in which many feel it is their right to demand more for doing less, and in some cases, nothing. Many are able but unwilling to do an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. Scripture condemns this sort of behavior. A similar mentality existed in Thessalonica. Paul said that those who refused to work displayed a lack of brotherly love (1 Thess. 4:9-12) and were "*disorderly*" and should be withdrawn from (2 Thess. 3:10).

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3:6-15). First Timothy 5:8 further emphasizes how God views this mindset by saying, *“But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.”*

As Christians we must learn to view work in a biblical way and teach our children to do the same. Scripture says *“In all labor there is profit”* (Prov. 14:23) and *“the sleep of the laboring man is sweet”* (Eccl. 5:13). The ability to work to earn a living is a blessing, not a curse. It produces happiness (Ps. 128:2) and fulfillment (Eccl. 2:24). What a man earns through hard work is precious (Prov. 12:27) and the laborer is worthy of his hire (1 Tim. 5:18). Christians should be employers and employees who are fair, honest, and hard-working (Eph. 6:5-8; Col. 3:23-24). When the call for laborers rings out, Christians should be the first in line to answer. The ability to work to earn a living, then to enjoy the blessings that God provides through hard work, is a great thing and we should thank Him for it daily. Though it is true that God makes allowances for the willing but unable and commands His people to be generous and ready to meet the needs of their fellow man (cf. Eph. 4:28; 1 Tim. 6:17ff), it is also true that God expects all who are able to be willing to work hard to provide for themselves and their families.

Cody Westbrook (Christian Worker, Aug. 2021)

## The Lord’s Anger

Jesus became angry (Mark 3:5). We usually think of anger as a vice and not a virtue, and yet Jesus became angry. We usually regard anger as littleness and not bigness, but Jesus became angry. The angry man is the likely man to sin. Anger is strictly forbidden in God’s Word. In Psalm 37:8 the writer says, *“Cease from anger, and forsake wrath.”* The teacher of old said, *“He that is slow to anger appeaseth wrath,”* and we are exhorted, *“Make no friendship with the man that is given to anger.”* In Ecclesiastes 7:9 we read, *“Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.”* Jesus said, *“whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judg-*

*ment”* (Matt. 5:22). One of the qualifications of an elder is that he be not soon angry (Tit. 1:7).

Why then is anger so severely condemned and yet we read the startling statement that Jesus became angry? There is a difference between the anger manifested by man and that which Jesus possessed. There is a difference between the anger that is condemned by the Holy Spirit and the anger by Jesus our Lord.

The anger that is ours is often produced by a selfish motive. Criticism against others does not make us angry; however, we let out howls of rage when criticism is directed against us. We become indignant when we are not selected as the leader or make the head of a committee. If for some reason we are not invited to the party we feel insulted. Too, if we fail to get the glory or the credit for a deed, we become angry. This indicates that our motive is not proper and right. When Jonah went down to Nineveh and prophesied, *“Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown,”* the people repented and Jonah became angry. He should have rejoiced that they corrected their lives. He really did not care for the people; he cared for himself. He was utterly selfish, and nursing his wounded pride, he went out and sat down under a booth that he had made. In the shade of the booth he nursed his injured pride and was angry because he could not have his way. He was not angry because men were sinful and the heart of man was corrupted.

Such anger as we often have and that which was manifested by Jonah is wrong in its objective. The anger that we have, prompts us to destroy, to hurt, to give pain. Sometimes we are like Samson when we give vent to our feelings. We destroy not only the building we pull down, but ourselves. If we see ourselves slighted, we break off diplomatic relations with the church. We resign the Lord’s work; and like the elder brother, we stay out and pout. The elder brother refused to go in and have a part in the feast prepared for his wayward brother. He was trying to hurt someone. He did hurt his father and himself.

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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/)

**Sept. 26** Nehemiah 5-8; Psalm 87  
**Sept. 27** Nehemiah 9-11; Psalm 88  
**Sept. 28** Nehemiah 12-13; Psalm 89  
**Sept. 29** Esther 1-5; Psalm 90  
**Sept. 30** Esther 6-10; Psalm 91  
**Oct. 1** Job 1-4; Psalm 92 (video)  
**Oct. 2** Job 5-8; Psalm 93 (video)  
**Oct. 3** Job 9-11; Psalm 94

*“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 **24** contacts were made.

### Announcements

- ◆ **Marvin Whitt** from **Cherokee Home for Children** will be with us this morning. He will give a presentation on the work of the home during our Bible class time, and will also bring the morning sermon.
- ◆ **Gospel Meeting** this week at **9<sup>th</sup> & Main** in San Angelo, with Matthew Gibson. See flyer on bulletin board for more information.
- ◆ **We will be resuming our afternoon worship service at CARE, Inc. next Sunday.** We need four men/ couples/families who are willing to go one Sunday each month as a helper (no teaching required). This is great training for families with children.
- ◆ Next week, plans are for Johnny and Cindy to be at the Lubbock Lectureship. **Dr. Charles Hall** will be teaching all three lessons Sunday.
- ◆ **Covid numbers** are at record highs. We are not changing anything, but please be mindful of personal space and physical contact.

### Upcoming Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ October 17-20—**Fall Gospel Meeting** w/ Ross Haffner. *“Teach me about Forgiveness.”* Flyers available.

### Upcoming Area Events

- ◆ Oct. 3-6—**Gospel Meeting @ Rising Star** w/ Tom Moore. *“The Church Moving Forward”*
- ◆ Oct. 3-6—**Annual Lubbock Lectureship.** *“A New Heaven and a New Earth”*
- ◆ Oct. 7-9—**Texas Ladies in Christ Retreat**
- ◆ Oct. 10-13—**Gospel Meeting @ Bangs** w/ John Hall

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Often the type of anger that we manifest is ridiculous and silly. I have seen men who when playing golf become angry and throw away a golf club. I have seen mechanics beat an engine and swear when the engine would not respond as they wanted it to do. Jesus was not angry after any such fashion. The anger of Jesus was born of love, and not of hate. He became angry with the people because they were unwilling to help a man with a withered hand. Jesus did not become angry when he was mocked, spat upon, and even when he was crucified. His anger had the right objective. He desired to help someone and not to hurt. He opposed the sin of the people who were making laws to govern the Sabbath that God did not make, but he loved the sinner. His anger was righteous indignation. His condemnation of those people was not born in a fit of madness. His emotion was a holy indignation.

From this we see that any selfish anger must be destroyed. Too, we have an example of righteous anger which needs to be stirred. One of the signs that a church is running down spiritually is the fact that it has lost its power to become indignant about wrongdoing. Some congregations are very indifferent about the work of the Lord. Many members of the church are too indifferent about Sunday evening and Wednesday night and a vast majority of brethren would know nothing at all about it. If Jesus were here, He would do as He did in time of old, *“when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts.”* We need the type of anger manifested by our Lord.

G. K. Wallace (Christian Worker, Aug. 2021)

## Celebrate

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

## Records

	Sept. 12, 2021	Sept. 19, 2021
Bible Class	28	36
AM Worship	37 + [10]	42 + [10]
PM Worship	29 + [7]	31 + [5]
Wednesday PM	31 + [5]	31 + [4]
Contribution	\$1,460	\$2,254





	This Week: 9/26/21	Next Week: 10/3/21			
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<b>September 2021</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> James Fuller <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Wilcox <b>Clean Building:</b> Fuller  <b>October 2021</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> Don Smith <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Bannister <b>Clean Building:</b> Reed		
<b>Greeters</b>	—	—			
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Ken Maninger	Don Smith			
<b>Communion</b>	Don Smith*, Ryan Settles Dex Dennard, Rafe Smith	Tom Wilcox*, Kyle Duaine Daniel Edwards, Chase Churchwell			
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	John Barnum	Randy Huckaby			
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	—	—			
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: James Fuller	Song Leader: Ken Maninger			
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Mike Bannister	John Barnum			
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	—	—			
<b>Communion</b>	Don Smith	Tom Wilcox			
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Chase Churchwell	James Fuller			
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	September 29 Prayer Night	October 6 Video Night	October 13 James Fuller	October 20 Dex Dennard	

## 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 September 26, 2021

Sunday Class ... Cherokee Home for Children Presentation  
 Wed. Class ... Leviticus 26:1

### Are We Devoted to the Breaking of Bread?

Luke summarized the first church of Christ, established in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost following the resurrection of Christ. "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). The term, "continued steadfastly" means to be devoted (Acts 1:14; 2:46; 6:4; Rom. 12:12). There are four specific areas, all spiritual in nature, to which these early Christians were devoted. In this article, we will examine the third of these. They were devoted to "the breaking of bread." The term "breaking of bread" can refer simply to a common meal, as it does in Acts 2:46. However, in the context of Acts 2:42, the term refers to a special "breaking of bread," which is the Lord's Supper (cf. Matt. 26:26-29). In Acts 2:42, the original language has two definite articles that do not come across in most English translations. The term literally reads, "the breaking of the bread," which clearly distinguishes this from "breaking bread [from house to house]" (Acts 2:46). The day and frequency with which the Lord's Supper was to be taken is not given here, but we find elsewhere that it was taken on the first day of every week (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20). The Lord's Supper is communion with Christ (Matt. 26:29; 1 Cor. 10:16-17), as worshipers remember His death (1 Cor. 11:23-29). "The breaking of bread" likely serves as a synecdoche (a part used for the whole) to indicate all worship. Spiritual obligations were a matter of devotion for the early church (Acts 20:6). How important is worship and "the breaking of bread" to us?

Brian R. Kenyon (Gospel Gazette Online, Sept. 2021)

#### In the Middle of the Feast: Jesus Teaching in the Temple (Jn. 7:11-36)

The Feast of Tabernacles drew crowds from all over the Roman world. Within each group there are mixed opinions about Jesus. By and large, the religious leaders hate Him, the Jerusalemites are skeptical, while the pilgrims love Him.

- I. "The Jews sought Him at the feast ... 'Where is He?'" (11).
- II. "There was much complaining among the people concerning Him" (12a).
- III. "Some said, 'He is good'; others said, 'No, on the contrary, He deceives the people'" (12b).
- IV. Jesus suddenly appeared on the scene in "the middle of the feast" (14a).
- V. He "went up into the temple and taught" (14b).
- VI. "The Jews marveled" at His teaching (15a).
- VII. "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?" (15b).
- VIII. "If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority" (17).
- IX. "He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him" (18).
- X. "Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?" (19).
- XI. "The people answered and said, 'You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?'" (20).
- XII. "Are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath?" (23).
- XIII. "Some of them from Jerusalem said, 'Is this not He whom they seek to kill? But look! He speaks boldly...'" (25-26a).
- XIV. "Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ?" (26b).
- XV. "We know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from" (27).
- XVI. "You both know Me and you know where I am from" (28).
- XVII. "I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me. You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come" (33-34).
- XVIII. "Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?" (35).