

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



October 24, 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

Billy Chism... Johnny McCaghren

Deacons:

John Barnum..... Don Smith

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

You Are Worthy: Revelation 5

Revelation 4 pictures God on His throne. The four living creatures cry out, "*Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come.*" Revelation 5:1-7 occur in the same setting.

And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the back, close sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a great voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no one in the heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the book, or to look thereon. And I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open the book, or to look thereon: and one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not; behold, the Lion that is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath overcome to open the book and the seven seals thereof. And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, having seven horns, and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent forth into all the earth. And he came, and he taketh it out of the right hand of him that sat on the throne.

This scroll is sealed because God is transcendent (Jn. 1:18, 1 Jn. 4:12). No person in created existence could read the scroll because no one was worthy, but "*the Lion that is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath overcome to open the book and the seven seals thereof.*" This is Jesus, "*the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world!*" (Jn. 1:29). This Lamb, like the Passover lamb (Ex. 12), has been slain.

The Lamb takes the scroll "*out of the right hand of him that sat on the throne*" (Rev. 5:7). The Lamb is God in the person of Jesus, the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Gen. 49:9), the root of David (Isa. 11:1, 10), the only One who can reveal God's story of salvation.

The Lamb is Worthy Because of His Sacrifice. The Lamb is worthy to open the scroll for He was slain. The sins of humanity separate people from God (Isa. 59:1-2), and merit the wages of sin (Rom. 6:23). How can God punish sin and forgive sinners? "*God set forth [Jesus Christ] to be a propitiation, through faith, in his blood... that he might himself be just, and the justifier of him that hath faith in Jesus*" (Rom. 3:25-26). Jesus as God paid the penalty for sin. If God had left the penalty unpaid, He would not be just. If God had exacted the penalty that was due, humanity would be lost. God paid the price Himself to justify those who had committed sin so that they would no longer be held guilty. The Lamb was the price and He is worthy.

The Lamb is Worthy Because He Gives Salvation. He redeemed humanity by His blood. Redemption means to save from another. Jesus saved from the wages of sin (Rom. 6:23), a conquering tyrant and a horrible taskmaster. Jesus frees from the slavery of sin (Jn. 8:34). Every person serves something, either sin and Satan or Jesus and righteousness. Serving Jesus makes a person free. "*If therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed*" (Jn. 8:36). The Lamb is worthy because He brings salvation.

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the Bible to know more about
Christ and His Church.

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The Lamb is Worthy Because He Has Given Us His Station. The Lamb makes Christians kings and priests who reign on the earth (Rev. 5:10). Conquering kings generally did not bestow nobility on the conquered, but Jesus made the redeemed part of his royal family. Peter says, "... ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" (1 Pet. 2:9). Christians are royalty, elevated from being slaves to being heirs (Gal. 4:4-7). Adopted children are full members of the family. Christians are fully children of God. Jesus, the King of kings, is royal family. God sent the Spirit of His Son into their heart, crying Abba Father, the same relationship as Jesus Christ.

The Lamb is Worthy to be Praised. Revelation 5:11-14 is praise for the Lamb.

And I saw, and I heard a voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a great voice, Worthy is the Lamb that hath been slain to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom, and might, and honor, and glory, and blessing. And every created thing which is in the heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and on the sea, and all things that are in them, heard I saying, Unto him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb, be the blessing, and the honor, and the glory, and the dominion, for ever and ever. And the four living creatures said, Amen. And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Millions praise the Lamb as worthy to receive power, riches, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing. Nothing is held back. Every created thing blesses, honors, and glorifies Him forever. This fulfills Paul's prophecy in Philippians 2:10-11, "that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures also worship. The Lamb is worthy.

Kevin Cauley (Christian Worker, Oct. 2021)

We Preach Christ

What a glorious work and high responsibility—to preach Christ Jesus! We proclaim the good news of the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord (1 Cor. 15:1-5). We announce the message of the gospel, God's power to salvation (Rom. 1:16). Sadly, many reject the preaching of Jesus Christ. Paul recorded how preaching Christ presented a stumbling block for the Jews and appeared to be foolishness to the Greeks (1 Cor. 1:22-24). The Jews only wanted signs and often asked for them (Mt. 16:1; Jn. 6:30). They were offended at the confirmed Messiah because He was not the physical conqueror they desired. The Greeks only wanted earthly wisdom and philosophy, loving to hear new thoughts from men (Acts 17:21; Col. 2:8). They denounced the idea of a crucified Savior because they could discern only the physical (1 Cor. 2:13-14). In similar fashion, many today claim to preach Christ, but they omit the deeper spiritual truths included in preaching Him.

Preaching Christ includes His identity and accomplishments. Jesus is the Son of God, who shares Divine nature with the Father and the Spirit (Jn. 10:30; Col. 2:9). He was born of a virgin, taking the form of a servant (Mt. 1:23; Phil. 2:7). Numerous details of His time among mankind were prophesied hundreds of years before they occurred (Ps. 16:10; 22:18; 41:9; Isa. 7:14; 53:9; Hos. 11:1; Mic. 5:2). He spent His life doing the will of the Father (Lk. 2:49; Jn. 4:34; 8:29). He lived a sinless life (Heb. 4:15; 1 Pet. 2:21-24). He suffered and died on the cross for the sins of mankind (Heb. 12:2; 1 Jn. 2:2). He rose on the third day by the power of God (Acts 2:22-24; 10:36-41). He ascended to the Father in Heaven (Acts 1:6-11). These are all essential elements of preaching Christ, fundamentals which we don't normally see missed by those who claim Christianity. However, the gospel of Christ must contain more than these facts because the gospel has something for mankind to obey (Rom. 6:17; 2 Thess. 1:8; 1 Pet. 4:17).

Preaching Christ includes His commands and doctrine. Jesus did more than live as a man and die as a sacrifice; as the Master Teacher, He presented to mankind the words of life (Mk. 1:22; Jn. 6:68; 7:46). If we love Him and hope to receive His blessings, then we must obey those words (Mt. 7:21; Jn. 14:15). The Father has spoken to us and presented what we require for eternal life through the Son (Jn. 7:15-17; Heb. 1:1-2; 5:9). Preaching the richness of Christ must involve His teaching on salvation (Eph. 1:7; 3:8). Therefore, if we preach Christ properly, we must labor to instruct and warn every person in God's wisdom (Col. 1:27-29). This principle extends to the word of the inspired apostles; theirs is Christ's doctrine (Jn. 14:26; 1 Thess. 2:13; 4:1-2). Remember, when Philip "preached Jesus" to the eunuch, he spoke the same as the Lord and His apostles regarding baptism (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 8:34-38). Confessing Christ requires total agreement and submission—we uphold not just His identity and His works, but also every point of His doctrine (Mt. 10:32; Col. 3:17).

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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/

Oct. 24 Isaiah 29-32; Psalm 115
Oct. 25 Isaiah 33-36; Psalm 116
Oct. 26 Isaiah 37-41; Psalm 117
Oct. 27 Isaiah 42-46; Psalm 118
Oct. 28 Isaiah 47-53; Psalm 119:1-60
Oct. 29 Isaiah 54-58; Ps. 119:61-120
Oct. 30 Isaiah 59-62; Ps. 119:121-176
Oct. 31 Isaiah 63-66; Psalm 120

"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 **23** contacts were made.

Announcements

- ◆ Our **Gospel Meeting** was wonderful spiritual feast! Our thanks to **Ross Haffner**, who did a wonderful job presenting God's Word, to everyone who worked in various ways to make the meeting a success, and to all who attended. We had several online at each session, as well as those present in person.
- ◆ **MP3 audio files of the gospel meeting lessons**, as well as **Ross' notes**, are available. There is a signup sheet on the back table. Also, the videos will remain available on our Facebook group.
- ◆ Cindy McCaghren will be taking **pictures for the directory** again today. This is the last Sunday before the directory is updated.
- ◆ Please keep the **afternoon worship at CARE, Inc.** in your prayers, and encourage through your **attendance**. We still are in need of some additional helpers.

Upcoming Events at 4th & Stewart

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

Upcoming Area Events

- ◆ Nov. 5-7—**Colleyville Lectures**. "They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love." See flyer on bulletin board.

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Preaching Christ includes a denial of self. Jesus must remain the focus of our lives and our teaching. Our motivation should never be impressing others or gaining a following for ourselves. The apostle Paul has shown this truth repeatedly in the New Testament. There is danger in trying to please mankind (Gal. 1:10). We don't want to be known, to impress with excellent speech, or to present our good points. We preach Christ Jesus so that the Lord and His will would be known (1 Cor. 2:1-5; 2 Cor. 4:5). We have human mentors and good examples, but above all, we follow Christ (1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 3:17). If or when others fail us, we will continue to be true to Him! Even if we suffer for righteousness' sake at the misdeeds of others, we rejoice that Christ is preached (Phil. 1:15-18). We align with His will such that our lives can now be described as "Christ living in" us (Gal. 2:20). We have no place for pride or boasting except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Gal. 6:14). Christ Himself taught the importance of denying self (Luke 9:23). And no wonder, for salvation is only in Him—we cannot save ourselves (Acts 4:12; Rom. 5:6; Tit. 3:3-5).

When it comes to the glorious gospel of our Lord, accept no imitations (Gal. 1:6-10). Feel-good pep talks, entertaining stories, or charismatic performances can never replace what we need to hear in Christian preaching! Preaching designed to please the masses or promote man's reasoning is vanity and foolishness and provides a poor defense against Satan (1 Cor. 10:12; 2 Tim. 4:2-4; 1 Pet. 5:8). We will never be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might until we do things His way (Ps. 119:92; Eph. 6:10-11). Take care what messages you are receiving and delivering. From our pulpits and in our personal lives, we need to see Christ preached—the truth of His identity and accomplishments, the commands and doctrine He has given for our good, and denial of self for the sake of His kingdom. Truly preaching Christ is the only thing which will result in bringing glory to our God and the salvation of souls!

John Haffner (Christian Worker, Oct. 2021)

Celebrate

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

October Birthdays: Lisa Greer (5), Matthew Churchwell (7), Jo Maninger (12), Hank Wheeler (13), Tina Barnum (14).

October Anniversaries: Ryan & Caitlin Settles (7), Rafe & Becky Smith (16), **Mike & Patti Bannister (27)**.

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	Oct. 10, 2021	Oct. 17, 2021
Bible Class	43	42
AM Worship	49 + [8]	50
PM Worship	42 + [5]	41
Wednesday PM	27 + [6]	39
Contribution	\$1,873	\$1,911

	This Week: 10/24/21	Next Week: 10/31/21		
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<p>October 2021 Make Announcements: Don Smith Prepare Communion: Bannister Clean Building: Bannister</p> <p>November 2021 Make Announcements: Ken Maninger Prepare Communion: Barnum Clean Building: Reed</p>	
Greeters	_____	_____		
Opening Prayer	Randy Huckaby	Dex Dennard		
Communion	Ken Maninger*, John Barnum Ryan Settles, Dex Dennard	Randy Huckaby*, Coyce Reed Don Smith, Daniel Edwards		
Closing Prayer	Kyle Duaine	Tom Wilcox		
Attendance Cards	_____	_____		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: James Fuller	Song Leader: Ken Maninger		
Opening Prayer	Chase Churchwell	John Barnum		
Scripture Reading	_____	_____		
Communion	Ken Maninger	Randy Huckaby		
Closing Prayer	Tom Wilcox	Don Smith		
Wednesday Devotionals:	October 27 Don Smith	November 3 Prayer Night	November 10 James Fuller	November 17 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 October 24, 2021

Sunday Class 2 Corinthians 1:1
 Wed. Class Leviticus 26:44

The Water of Life (John 7:37-39)	Teaching on Light and Darkness (John 8:12-30)																		
<p>Medical authorities insist that we must put away our coffee, tea, and sodas, and drink plenty of water. Our physical health depends on it! Even as our bodies need physical water, so our souls require spiritual water.</p> <p>I. Jesus' Interruption of Time-honored Rituals.</p> <p>A. To appreciate Jesus' words in the text, we need to understand something about the feast referred to and the water ritual observed during the festival.</p> <p>B. The Feast of Booths or Tabernacles.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It had <i>historical</i> significance. 2. It had <i>agricultural</i> significance. 3. A central feature of the feast: the daily water ritual. <p>C. In the midst of this celebration, <i>Jesus stood and cried out</i> (37a): "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water" (37b-38).</p> <p>II. Jesus' Promises of Flowing Rivers. "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water" (38).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Jesus has promised <u>water</u>, spiritual water. B. Jesus has promised <u>living</u> water. C. Jesus has promised <u>rivers</u> of living water. <p>III. Jesus' Requirements for Those Thirsting for Him.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. We must acknowledge our need. "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me..." (37). B. We must accept Christ as the One, the only One, who can quench that thirst. "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, ... out of his heart will flow rivers of living water" (37-38). C. We must act on our belief. "Come" / "drink." <p>Many of us have been running through life – and the farther we have traveled the thirstier we have become. Jesus is urging us to stop running. He is telling us we can never quench our spiritual thirst apart from Him. Any who are tired of running and tired of being thirsty can come to Him.</p>	<p>We are beginning a study of John 8:12 – 10:21. This section centers on the accelerating conflict between Jesus and the religious hierarchy. From this point on, in addition to revealing Himself, He would expose His enemies. He drew many contrasts – stated or implied – between Himself and them.</p> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <h3>Jesus vs. His Enemies</h3> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">Jesus</th> <th style="width: 50%;">His Enemies</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>· Light of the world (8:12)</td> <td>· In darkness (8:12)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>· True judgment (8:16)</td> <td>· Fleshly judgment (8:15)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>· From above (8:23)</td> <td>· From below (8:23)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>· Not of the world (8:23)</td> <td>· Of the world (8:23)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>· Father: God (8:38)</td> <td>· Father: the devil (8:44)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>· Knew God (8:55)</td> <td>· Did not know God (8:55)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>· Truthful (8:14, 40, 45-46)</td> <td>· Liars (8:44, 55)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>· Good shepherd (10:11, 14)</td> <td>· Hirelings (10:12-13)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div> <p>Jesus was becoming bolder in His claims regarding Himself. Three of the seven "I AM" statements recorded by John are included in 8:12 – 10:21.</p> <p>I. I Am the Light of the World (8:12-20).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life" (12). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Light is used to represent truth and purity. 2. There is a fierce conflict between light and darkness. B. When Jesus applies to Himself the metaphor of "light," the Pharisees can hardly miss its Messianic implication. <p>II. I Am Returning to My Father (8:21-30).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. "I am going away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sins. Where I go you cannot come" (21). B. "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world" (23). C. "Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning. I have many things to say and to judge concerning you" (25-26). D. "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He" (28). E. "As He spoke these words, many believed in Him" (30). 	Jesus	His Enemies	· Light of the world (8:12)	· In darkness (8:12)	· True judgment (8:16)	· Fleshly judgment (8:15)	· From above (8:23)	· From below (8:23)	· Not of the world (8:23)	· Of the world (8:23)	· Father: God (8:38)	· Father: the devil (8:44)	· Knew God (8:55)	· Did not know God (8:55)	· Truthful (8:14, 40, 45-46)	· Liars (8:44, 55)	· Good shepherd (10:11, 14)	· Hirelings (10:12-13)
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