

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



September 28, 2014

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Meeting Times:

Sunday:

Bible Study9:45 AM
Worship10:40 AM
Care, Inc. Service 2:30 PM
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class .10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

Elders:

Gene Bannister..... Billy Chism

Deacons:

Mike Bannister..... Don Smith

James Thomas

Preacher:

Johnny McCaghren

Works We Support:

Cherokee Home for Children
Gospel Broadcast Network
Heart of Texas Bible Camp (Bangs)
House to House, Heart to Heart
Mission Printing
Rohan Jones, Africa
The Truth in Love
World Bible School

Let us know if you want to study
the Bible to know more about
Christ and His Church.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US FOR OUR FALL

GOSPEL MEETING

WITH

JOHNNY MCCAGHREN

October 5-8, 2014

The Scheme of Redemption

From the Mind of God Through Eternity

4TH & STEWART CHURCH OF CHRIST
3201 4TH STREET
BROWNWOOD, TEXAS

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth." Ephesians 1:3-10

Service Times & Topics

Sunday	9:45am	God's Eternal Purpose
	10:40am	Spiritual Seed Promise
	6:00pm	The Law & Sacrifice
Monday	7:00pm	Nation/Land Promise Fulfilled
Tuesday	7:00pm	Spiritual Seed Promise Fulfilled
Wednesday	7:00pm	Consummation of the Purpose

Lunch will be provided after service Sunday morning
Snacks and fellowship after services Monday & Tuesday evenings



Johnny is the regular minister here at 4th & Stewart. He and his wife Cindy have been working with the congregation on a full-time basis since December of last year. Johnny holds a BS degree in Animal Science from Tarleton State University and a MS degree in Christian Ministry from Southern Christian University (now Amridge University). He has worked full-time with congregations in Christoval and Brownsville, Texas, as well as part-time work with several congregations in Kansas and Texas along with full-time secular work. He has done mission work in Mexico and campaign work in the United States.



"O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules... To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame... To us, O Lord, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you..."

Daniel 9:4-8

Do We Really Understand the Biblical Role of the Preacher?

Many people are pretty proud of the fact that they know the difference between a “pastor” and a “preacher.” However, just because you don’t call your preacher, “pastor,” doesn’t mean you really understand the biblical role of the preacher. Here are a few things we need to understand about the biblical role of the preacher.

1. He is a Spiritual Leader

Sometimes, when we understand the distinction between elders and preachers, we act as if one is a spiritual leader in the church and the other is not. We act as if our elders are leaders, but the preacher is simply a “hired hand.”

Consider the leadership instructions Paul gave to young Timothy and Titus. Obviously, Timothy and Titus were not dictators of congregations, or even “pastors” of congregations, but they were spiritual leaders.

Of course, we must understand that leadership in the church is much different than leadership in the world. In the church, we follow Jesus’ example of **leading through serving** (John 13). Preachers should not exalt themselves to a position of greater importance in the church (Matthew 23:6-12). In fact, if they want to lead as Jesus did, they must humble themselves and assume a servant’s role. They must NEVER take the attitude, “I can’t do that lowly job. I’m the preacher. Let someone less important do that.”

And we must understand that a title, or a position, does not make anyone a leader. Preachers do not become spiritual leaders simply because they are “preachers.” Leadership is about **character** and **spiritual maturity**. Paul sent Timothy and Titus to do the work of evangelists because he knew these men had the necessary qualities to lead people toward godliness.

“And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness” (2 Timothy 2:24-25).

Your preacher is not any more important than you. The work he does is not any more important than the work you do. But understand that he is a leader. Most likely, he is doing his best to help lead you to heaven.

2. He is Not “the Minister”

Often we call our preacher, “the minister.” The word minister means “servant,” so obviously a preacher should be a servant in the congregation, but not “the” servant. Often, we treat preachers as if they are “hired” to do the work no one else in the church has time to do, or the work no one else in the church wants to do.

We need to understand that a preacher does not work “for” a congregation. He works “for” God and he works “with” a congregation. A congregation should not think of the money they pay their preacher like an employer thinks of the money he pays his employees. When an employer hires someone, he does so because his time is worth more to him than the money he pays his employee. “I will give this man \$8 an hour to sweep the floors,” the employer says, “because I would rather spend \$8 than spend my time sweeping the floors.”

Sometimes we treat preachers like this. We act as if we hire them to do the preaching, evangelism, visitation, etc. that we would rather not do. “I’d rather put money in the collection plate,” we think, “than have to make hospital visits myself.” This is not the way we should think about the financial support we give the preacher.

Biblically, the preacher’s job is not to do the work “for” the congregation, but to equip the congregation to do the work. Instead of being “the” minister, he is supposed to help make everyone into ministers. Consider what Paul said in Ephesians 4:11-12:

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,”

Do you see? Paul said that the role of both evangelists and shepherds is to “equip the saints” (that’s all Christians) “for the work of ministry.”

Your preacher’s job is to equip you, through his teaching and example, to do “the work of ministry.” Obviously, if he is to equip you through his example, he needs to be working. If he is not working hard, he cannot equip others to work hard. But you also need to understand that if you find yourself saying, “Well, that’s not my job. That’s the preacher’s job. That’s why we pay him,” you probably don’t understand the biblical role of the preacher.

3. He is Not the “Pastor”

This may be the hardest of the three points to communicate. You see, many of us do not call our preachers, “pastors.” We understand that the elders of a congregation are actually the shepherds (Acts 20:28). And this is the way it should be. But as much as we understand the distinction in *titles*, I’m not sure we always understand the distinction in *roles*.

Who do we call when we’re sick? Do we call the elders, as Scripture instructs (James 5:14), or do we call the preacher? Do we ex-

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Television

The Truth In Love (Robert Dodson)

Sunday @ 7:00 am on KTAB

In Search of the Lord’s Way

Sunday @ 7:30 am on KTAB

Gospel Broadcasting Network

Sunday @ 6:30 am on Dish:267, DirectTV:376

Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)

Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

Internet

TheGospelRadioNetwork.org

Gospel Broadcasting Network

Gbntv.org and on Roku

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

Sept. 28

Nehemiah 8-10

Sept. 29

Nehemiah 11-13; Ps. 126

Sept. 30

Malachi 1-4

Oct. 1

Luke 1; John. 1:1-14

Oct. 2

Matt. 1; Luke 2:1-38

Oct. 3

Matt. 2; Luke 2:39-52

Oct. 4

Matt. 3; Mark 1; Luke 3

“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)



♦ **Oct. 5-8**—Fall Gospel Meeting Speaker: Johnny McCaghen, Theme: *“The Scheme of Redemption”*

In The Area

- ♦ **Today**—**Michael Shank** (Author of *“Muscle and a Shovel”*) @ **Hico**. Flyer on bulletin board.
- ♦ **Sept. 28a - Oct. 1 Gospel Meeting @ Granbury Street** (Cleburne) - *“Our God is an Awesome God”* with Wayne Jones
- ♦ Oct. 2-4 **Texas Ladies in Christ Retreat**.
- ♦ Oct. 5-8 **17th Annual Lubbock Lectureship**—*“Male and Female Created He Them”* Various speakers
- ♦ Oct. 11 **Ladies Day @ Dublin**
- ♦ Oct. 18-19 **5th Annual “Back to the Bible” Lectures @ Hamilton**—*“Moral Issues Facing Our Nation and the Lord’s Church”* Various speakers
- ♦ Oct. 25 **Ladies Day @ 9th & Main** (San Angelo) - *“Prov. 4:23: Footsteps of the heart, Leaving Footprints of Truth”* Gina Braswell
- ♦ Nov. 15-16 **1st Annual TheGospelRadioNetwork.org Lectureship @ Mt. Vernon & via Internet**—*“The Good News...”* Various speakers

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pect him to be the one to do most of the counseling, visiting, restoring, etc. in the congregation? Isn’t it funny that we don’t call our preacher, “pastor,” but we often treat him like that’s his job.

This is not to say, of course, that a preacher shouldn’t visit the sick, counsel, etc. Of course he should. He’s a Christian (all Christians should do these things) and he is a minister in the congregation. But the primary men doing these things should be the elders. Treat your shepherds like shepherds and your preacher like a preacher.

The Evangelist

Part of restoring New Testament Christianity is restoring the role of the evangelist. We cannot be content to restore only the name, we must restore the position. As the word “evangelist” implies, his primary duty is to proclaim the Good News. He is a communicator. He communicates the Good News to the lost, so they can be saved; and he communicates the Good News to the saved, so they remember to Whom they belong.

In 2 Timothy 4:2, we see that an evangelist...

- ♦ communicates, not from his own mind, but from the word of God.
- ♦ communicates in season and out of season.
- ♦ communicates reproof, rebuke, and exhortation.
- ♦ communicates with patience and teaching.

Please don’t think you’ve “hired a preacher” so you don’t have to work. After all, part of his job is to equip YOU to be a minister!

Wes McAdams, via www.radicallychristian.com

Visitation Meeting

- ♦ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **27 contacts** were made.

Special Announcements

- ♦ **Our Gospel Meeting is only a week away!** Be praying for the speaker and for receptive souls to hear. Invite your friends, neighbors, and anyone else you can grab!
- ♦ The ladies had a good time of bible study and fellowship yesterday. There were 12 in attendance. Thank you Jessica and Earlene for opening up your home!

Upcoming Events

- ♦ **Oct. 1** after services—quick final spit and polish of building for Gospel Meeting

Celebrate

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

October Birthdays: Matthew Howell (9/28), Jimmy Seale (9/29), Lisa Greer (5), Matthew Churchwell (7) Joe Maninger (12), Sarah Evetts (12), Hank Wheeler (13), Tina Barnum (14), Cassie Freeman (23), Lucille Stout (24), Phyllis Hooper (26).

October Anniversaries: Stormy & Juanita Barnum (25), Mike & Patti Bannister (27).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	Sept. 14, 2014	Sept. 21, 2014
Bible Class	38	46
AM Worship	54	61
PM Worship	36	44
Wednesday PM	44	48
Contribution	\$1,678	\$1,921

	This Week: 9/28/14	Next Week: 10/5/14	September 2014	
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Make Announcements: Ken Maninger	
Greeters	Allen and Linda Griffith	James & Cindy Fuller	Prepare Communion: McCaghren Family	
Opening Prayer	James Fuller	Gene Bannister	Clean Building: McCaghren Family	
Communion	Hank Wheeler*, James Thomas Ken Maninger, Chase Churchwell	Don Smith*, John McCaghren Joe Dennis, Caleb Dennis	Keep Grounds: James Fuller	
Closing Prayer	John McCaghren	Billy Chism	October 2014	
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell	Caleb Dennis	Make Announcements: Gene Bannister	
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: Joe Dennis	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Prepare Communion: Tom & Carol Wilcox	
Opening Prayer	James Thomas	James Fuller	Clean Building: Jack and Judie Turner	
Scripture Reading	Mike Bannister	Hank Wheeler	Keep Grounds: Tom Wilcox	
Communion	Hank Wheeler	Don Smith		
Closing Prayer	Billy Chism	John Barnum		
Wednesday Devotionals:	October 1 Don Smith	October 8 Gospel Meeting	October 15 Joe Dennis	October 22 Allen Griffith

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 28, 2014	Sunday Class Acts 1:2ff Wednesday Class Mark 16
<p>Repentance (Part 2 of 2)</p> <p>Review points from Part 1</p> <p>Fruits of Repentance (Mt. 3:8; Acts 26:20)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Restitution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ "If I rob Mr. X and God forgives me, how will that help Mr. X?" (Robert Ingersoll's indictment against teaching repentance) ◆ Required under the old law (Num. 5:5-10) ◆ Zacchaeus practice restitution (Lk. 19:1-10) ◆ "Being baptized a hundred times, or walking an aisle a dozen times, will not take care of this sin. You cannot walk an aisle, or be baptized, and keep a man's \$1,000 or his wife!" (Wendell Winkler) ◆ Reformation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ "Godly sorrow is a change of heart; repentance is a change of will; and reformation is a change of conduct; and, it always happens in that order." (Winkler) ◆ Examples: The obstinate son (Mt. 21:28-31); Saul of Tarsus (Gal. 1:23; The Ephesians (Acts 19:19) ◆ When one genuinely repents, he will not see how close he can walk by his old sins without sinning! <p>Examples of Repentance and Impenitence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Examples of Repentance: The Ninevites, The Prodigal Son, The Jews on Pentecost, Saul of Tarsus ◆ Examples of Impenitence: The Elder Brother, Felix (Acts 24:24-26), Agrippa (Acts 26:27-29), The Antediluvians <p>Repentance and Its Relationship to Salvation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The place of repentance in the plan of salvation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ It comes after belief ◆ It precedes baptism ◆ Repentance is essential to salvation—Repentance is not a one time thing, but a lifelong duty <p>We Must Repent—Now</p> <p>It is a horrible thing to sin—but much worse to sin and never repent!</p>	<p>Daniel 9—The Seventy Sevens: The Response to Daniel's Prayer (Part 1—9:1-23)</p> <p>Realization of Daniel (1,2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ "In the third year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus..." ◆ Daniel "perceived...the number of years" - by a study of Jeremiah. ◆ The period of "desolations of Jerusalem," 70 years, was almost expired. <p>Request of Daniel (3-19)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Determined in prayer (3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Daniel "turned (his) face to the Lord" ◆ He is truly grief stricken for his sins and his people's sins. ◆ His main concern is to plead for pardon—his and his people's. ◆ Deliverance through prayer (4-19) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Confession of sin and guilt (4-14) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Jehovah is faithful—"we have sinned": the awareness of guilt (4-10) ◆ Jehovah is just—"Therefore, the curse has been poured out upon us": the acknowledgement of justice (11-14) ◆ Call for mercy and forgiveness (15-19) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Daniel's petition continually increases in intensity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The ground of his call for mercy is the Exodus from Egypt (15) ◆ The grief and guilt aware Daniel earnestly pleads (16-19) ◆ Daniel's petition is interrupted by a heavenly visitor. <p>Response of Gabriel (20-23)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ This has rightly been called: "The Interrupted Prayer" (20,21) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Gabriel comes swiftly, arriving at the time of the evening sacrifice. ◆ This is Gabriel's second appearance to Daniel (see 8:15,16) ◆ This meeting and discussion result directly from Daniel's prayer (22,23) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Daniel's testimony (22a) ◆ Gabriel's reply (22b-23) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Daniel's answer was sent at the very beginning of his prayer! ◆ "Therefore consider the word and understand the vision..."