

# 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 .... 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

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House to House, Heart to Heart

Mission Printing

Rohan Jones, Africa

The Truth in Love

World Bible School

## Kernels of Knowledge From our Daily Bible Reading

### What About The Ten Commandments?

It seems a constant source of confusion among Christians to determine our relationship to the Ten Commandments. How do we sort all this out?

On the one hand, Paul said, *"For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace"* (Ephesians 2:14-15).

On the other hand, churches today often aggressively bind things, like tithing, out of the Old Testament. Yes, it is confusing. We must not overlook the obvious, *"Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written, 'That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged'"* (Romans 3:4).

We may learn from the Old Testament, *"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope"* (Romans 15:4). But, our practice, and our faith, is driven by the New Testament not the old. *"Then he added, 'Behold, I have come to do your will.' He does away with the first in order to establish the second"* (Hebrews 10:9).

Distinguishing (or failing to distinguish) between the Old and New Testaments is one of the telltale differences between what we might describe as Christianity indeed and Denominational Christianity. *"So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, 'If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples'"* (John 8:31). Paul describes such as, *"So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus"* (Romans 6:11). The significance of the term *"truly"* is the fact that there is often a disconnect between rhetoric and reality. Today, in common usage, Christian means many things. In scripture, it means a baptized believer in Jesus Christ.

So, what of the Ten Commandments? It is okay to violate them? With the exception of the Sabbath Day provision, they each have a New Testament counterpart. Submitting to Christ's teaching in the New Testament means submitting to nine of the Ten Commandments **because they are in the New Testament.**

#### #1 You shall have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:3

*"You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?"* (I Corinthians 10:21-22).

#### #2 You shall not make for yourself a carved image. Exodus 20:4

*"Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God"* (I Corinthians 6:9-10).

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*"Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, 'All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.' ... Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, 'All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.'"*

Genesis 22:16-18

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

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**#3 You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. Exodus 20:7**

“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, **nor revilers**, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God” (I Corinthians 6:9-10).

**#4 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Exodus 20:8**

**The Sabbath is nowhere to be found. What is found?**

“Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ” (Colossians 2:16-17).

**The Lords Day replacement**

“I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day...” (Revelation 1:10).

“On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight” (Acts 20:7).

**#5 Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long. Exodus 20:12**

“‘Honor your father and mother’ (this is the first commandment with a promise), ‘that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land’” (Ephesians 6:2-3).

**#6 You shall not murder. Exodus 20:13**

“For the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery, **You shall not murder**, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,’ and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’” (Romans 13:9).

**#7 You shall not commit adultery. Exodus 20:14**

“For the commandments, ‘**You shall not commit adultery**, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,’ and any other commandment, are

summed up in this word: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’”

**#8 You shall not steal. Exodus 20:15**

“For the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, **You shall not steal**, You shall not covet,’ and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’”

**#9 You shall not bear false witness. Exodus 20:16**

“...the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, **liars, perjurers**, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine...” (1 Timothy 1:10).

**#10 You shall not covet. Exodus 20:17**

“For the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, **You shall not covet**,’ and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’”

Jesus pretty much summed up the ground rules of Christianity when asked, “‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?’ And he said to him, ‘**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets**’” (Matthew 22:36-40).

The Father let His attitude be known publicly, “**And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, ‘This is my beloved Son; listen to him**’” (Mark 9:7).

Today, in a church that believes in Jesus, you will not hear admonitions to tithe, or to follow the Ten Commandments. You will not hear phrases like “the Christian Sabbath”, etc. Each of these, were a part of the old law. Jesus told his disciples, “**I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me**” (John 14:6).

We cannot claim to believe in Jesus, if we do not also believe in what He said. We believe Him!

Adapted from an article by **Jerry Blount** (www.lavistachurchofchrist.org)

**Television**

The Truth In Love (Robert Dodson)

Sunday @ 7:00am on KTAB

In Search of the Lord’s Way (Phil Sanders)

Sunday @ 7:30am on KTAB

Life In The Light (Chris McCurley)

Sunday @ 10:30am 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**

**Feb. 8 Exodus 28-29**

**Feb. 9 Exodus 30-32**

**Feb. 10 Exodus 33-35**

**Feb. 11 Exodus 36-38**

**Feb. 12 Exodus 39-40**

**Feb. 13 Leviticus 1-4**

**Feb. 14 Leviticus 5-7**

**Feb. 15 Leviticus 8-10**

“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)



## Covenant Living

Marshal Keeble, a much beloved preacher of an earlier generation, was asked why he called all men “Brother”. Keeble’s replied that all men are his brothers, “If I miss ‘em in Christ, I’ll hit ‘em in Adam.”

In Genesis 1:27 we learn that mankind is created in God’s image: “*And God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*” (ASV)

As God-imagers, everyone has an inherent right to be treated with justice, respect and dignity. Descended from the first Father and Mother, all mankind are brothers and sisters. Both the Creation and Family aspects call for the proper and ethical treatment of people.

In the Covenant renewal of Deuteronomy 30:15-20, God says, “*See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; in that I command thee this day to love Jehovah thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his ordinances, that thou mayest live and multiply, ... therefore choose life, that thou mayest live, thou and thy seed; to love Jehovah thy God, to obey his voice, and to cleave unto him; for he is thy life, and the length of thy days; that thou mayest dwell in the land which Jehovah sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them*” (ASV).

God intends for man to have life, and according to Jesus, he “*came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly*” (John 10:10). Both God the Father, and God the Son promote life. Not mere existence, but full and fulfilling life.

Covenant living before God shapes the nature and quality of that life. It’s not just salvation and heaven after death that is offered. God offers a life with both himself and one another – life lived in the image of God.

Notice in the Covenant renewal above, that life was shaped by love of God, walking in his ways, keeping his commandments, statutes and ordinances, obeying his voice, and cleaving unto him; “*for he is thy life*”.

Looking at the commandments and ordinances of the Old Covenant, we see love, joy, kindness, justice, holiness, and mercy being promoted. We see that God promoted the ethical treatment of people. Those commands and ordinances were not God being bossy and arbitrary; it was God’s shaping of the character of both the nation and the individuals into a moral and ethical example for good.

Israel was to stand out among the nations as a “Holy Nation” and a “Priestly Nation.” “*You will be for me a Kingdom of Priests*” (Exodus 19:6). Their national role as a priest was mediatorial, to draw the surrounding nations’ attention to God. To be a nation who pointed to a just God by practicing justice and mercy in his name. [For Israel’s mission to the Gentiles, meditate on Isaiah 42:5-7; 49:6.] While the covenant was made with Israel particularly, it was to be a blessing to the nations as well.

What about covenant living under the New Covenant of Christ? Neither Jesus nor his Bible writers anywhere in Scripture give grounds for thinking life with God has no ethical or moral substance.

When I look upon that person who has done me wrong, I see one made in the image of God and still worthy of ethical treatment. I see one who, as Keeble has said, is my brother, if not in Christ, then in Adam. And I see one to whom I am to demonstrate what Covenant living before God is all about.

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## Celebrate

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

**February Birthdays:** Cindy McCaghren (2), Johnny McCaghren (2), Peggy Chism (3), Carol Wilcox (5), **Lunday Maninger (8)**, **Aaron Stewart (11)**, **Patti Bannister (14)**, Jack Turner (22), Jonathan Fuller (28).

**February Anniversaries:** Billy & Peggy Chism (26).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



## Records

	Jan. 25, 2015	Feb. 1, 2015
Bible Class	46	45
AM Worship	61	62
PM Worship	36	42
Wednesday PM	43	43
Contribution	\$1,760	\$1,823



# Privileged To Serve

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

This Week: 2/8/15		Next Week: 2/15/15		February 2015	
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister		<b>Make Announcements:</b> Joe Dennis	
<b>Greeters</b>	John Barnum Family	Tom & Carol Wilcox		<b>Prepare Communion:</b> Peggy Moore	
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Don Smith	James Thomas		<b>Clean Building:</b> Johnny & Cindy McCaghren	
<b>Communion</b>	James Fuller*, John McCaghren Hank Wheeler, Gene Bannister	Don Smith*, John Barnum Joe Dennis, Caleb Dennis		<b>Keep Grounds:</b> Tom Wilcox	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Allen Griffith	John McCaghren		<b>March 2015</b>	
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Chase Churchwell	Caleb Dennis		<b>Make Announcements:</b> Ken Maninger	
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: Ken Maninger	Song Leader: Joe Dennis		<b>Prepare Communion:</b> Don & Darlene Smith	
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Mike Bannister	Tom Wilcox		<b>Clean Building:</b> John Barnum Family	
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	John Barnum	Hank Wheeler		<b>Keep Grounds:</b> James Fuller	
<b>Communion</b>	James Fuller	Don Smith			
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Gene Bannister	Ken Maninger			
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	February 11 Prayer	February 18 Don Smith	February 25 Joe Dennis	March 4 Tom Wilcox	

## 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)*

<b>Studies for the week of February 8, 2015</b>		Sunday Class ..... Acts 2:38ff
		Wednesday Class ..... Personal Evangelism
<b>Restoration During the Days of King Josiah (2 Kgs. 22:23; 2 Chr. 34:35)</b>		<b>3 John</b>
<p>I. Condition of Judah at the Beginning of Josiah's Reign. A. Saturated with paganism and immorality brought in by Manasseh.</p> <p>II. Josiah's Reign Begins (22:1,2). A. "He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and walked in all the way of David his father, and he did not turn aside to the right or to the left" (22:2).</p> <p>III. Rebuilding of the Temple (22:3-7). A. Began when Josiah was 18 years old. B. Not just repairing a building – restoring a correct relationship w/ God.</p> <p>IV. The Book of the Law Is Found (22:8).</p> <p>V. Josiah's Reaction to the Reading of the Book (22:11-13). A. "When the king heard the words... he tore his clothes." B. "Go, inquire of the Lord..."</p> <p>VI. God's Message Delivered Through Huldah the Prophetess (22:14-20). A. Destruction would come, but Josiah would not see it. B. God's patience and longsuffering had come to an end.</p> <p>VII. The Book Is Read and a Covenant Is Made (23:1-3).</p> <p>VIII. Josiah Begins the Cleansing of Judah (23:4-20). A. For the true to be restored, the false would have to be given up.</p> <p>IX. Observance of the Passover Is Restored (23:21-23).</p> <p>X. The Cleansing Is Completed (in 18<sup>th</sup> year of Josiah's reign).</p> <p>XI. Josiah's Reign Described. A. "Before him there was no king like him, who turned to the Lord with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses, nor did any like him arise after him" (25). B. Yet, God's anger was still kindled against Judah (26,27).</p> <p>XII. Application. A. Restoration is a continuing process. 1. Our lives as Christians must continually be restored. 2. The church is in continual restoration as Christians reinforce the worship and practice as Christ set it in order. B. We should learn from the past (Rom. 15:4). 1. Not to turn aside to the right or to the left. 2. To have no greater desire than to know and do the will of God. 3. Not to be ashamed of the Gospel, of the church, of the restoration plea, nor of our Lord and Savior. C. The farther the world drifts from God – the closer we must draw to Him.</p>		<p>I. Address and Salutation ..... 1-4 1. <i>The elder.</i> The same writer as 2nd John - the apostle John. <i>To the beloved Gaius.</i> A common name and occurs often in the NT. <i>Whom I love in truth.</i> This is John's specific "stamp of approval." 2. <i>That all may go well with you [you may prosper].</i> <i>And that you may be in good health.</i> To prosper physically. <i>As it goes well with your soul.</i> The standard of comparison. 3. <i>When the brethren came and testified.</i> <i>As indeed you are walking in the truth.</i> 4. <i>No greater joy that to hear.</i></p> <p>II. New Testament Law On Missions ..... 5-8 5. <i>It is a faithful thing you do.</i> <i>For these brothers, strangers as they are.</i> 6. <i>Before the church.</i> Gaius' example is set before others. <i>Send them on their journey.</i> Accompany them, supply their needs. <i>You will do well.</i> 7. <i>For they have gone out for the sake of the name.</i> The name of Christ. <i>Taking nothing from the Gentiles.</i> Not preaching for a profit. 8. <i>That we may become fellow workers for the truth.</i></p> <p>III. John's Apostolic Approval ..... 9 9. <i>I have written...but Diotrephes... does not acknowledge our authority.</i> <i>Who likes to put himself first.</i> A lover of the "first place."</p> <p>IV. Domination of Diotrephes ..... 10 10. <i>If I come.</i> John wants to help these brethren. <i>Talking wicked nonsense against us.</i></p> <p>V. Faithfulness of Demetrius ..... 11,12 11. <i>Do not imitate [follow not].</i> "Keep on imitating not!" <i>Do not imitate evil – Diotrephes.</i> <i>But imitate good – Demetrius.</i> <i>Whoever does good is from God... does evil has not seen God.</i> 12. <i>Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone... from the truth... we also add our testimony.</i></p> <p>VI. Conclusion ..... 13-15 13. <i>I would rather not write with pen and ink.</i> 14. <i>I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face.</i> 15. <i>Peace be to you.</i> A normal greeting. <i>Our friends greet you.</i> Others know Gaius and wish to greet him also. <i>Greet the friends, each by name.</i></p>