

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 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.

I'm a Missionary

She was bright-eyed and twenty years old, if she was a day. Her heart, I know, was in the right place. But her words jarred: "I'm a missionary," she was saying.

What she meant was that she had participated in several week or two week-long mission trips.

I thought of my uncle Reece Mitchell who spent 25 years in Buenos Aires, Argentina. I thought of another uncle, Dennis Mitchell who worked in Zambia 15 years. I thought of my father Loy Mitchell whose work in Zimbabwe traversed 40 years.

No, gentle student, you are not a missionary.

I acknowledge that good can be done by mission groups in short, sharp bursts, but can we please draw a distinction between that and real mission work?

Sure, twenty zealous Americans can provide a boost to local work. Short, intense service and teaching can do some good, though more good is done to the visitors than the local church.

If a young person decides he is not suited to mission work, better to learn that in two weeks than find out after making a ten-year commitment! If a young person decides this is his life's work, and returns to ensure the preparation he or she will need to do mission work, so much the better.

Please, however, think of the mission church the week after the zealous Americans return to the United States. Exhausted missionaries pick up the pieces. Curious locals disappear now that interesting Americans are gone. Cultural faux pas are explained, hopefully successfully so the local brother and sister returns to the church. The local members are reminded that they are still on an outpost of the brotherhood.

And I have a polite question to ask: How much does it cost to fly, feed and house 20 Americans? With tickets around \$1600 each and conservatively \$500 for each to live and eat, about \$42,000 for one trip was drawn from the offering.

How many long-term missionaries could be supported in place of, say, ten of these short mission trips?

What advantage does a long-term missionary have over this situation?

- He learns the language.
- He learns the culture.
- He convinces skittish locals that he's here for the long term (apparently foreigners desire long-term Christian relationships, too).
- He has the time to sharpen his talents and skills for God's glory.
- He models Christianity by his lifestyle.
- He sees congregations grow and mature, preachers in congregations, elders in churches.

Dear sweet reader, this, this is mission work.

I looked at this young lady. It was not her fault. I said, "That's nice."

"I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).

Stan Mitchell (forthright.net)



"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, **for I the Lord your God am a jealous God**, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments." **Exod. 20:4-6**

“The Christian Right” Did Not Cause the Orlando Terrorist Attack

It has now been one week since Muslim extremist, Ormar Mateen, unleashed an assault on the Orlando nightclub, Pulse, billed as “a gay bar and dance club.” 49 men and women were murdered and over 50 injured.

It is well documented that Mateen shouted “Allah Akbar” and even called 911 during the shooting to pledge allegiance to ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

It is also well-known that under Sharia law Muslims go beyond condemning homosexuality. They believe homosexuals must be punished by death.

So, the facts of the Orlando massacre should be easily understood. It is another example of jihad caused by a self-radicalized Muslim extremist. Case closed.

But not so quick, according to several new sources.

In the past 3-4 days Christians, preachers, and any source...that would dare advocate that marriage is between one man and one woman and condemn homosexual behavior is to be blamed for Mateen’s horrific crime.

ACLU attorney Chase Strangio mocked those who offered their “thoughts and prayers” for the victims and their families. “You know what is gross — your thoughts and prayers and Islamophobia after you created this anti-queer climate,” he tweeted.

He continued by lambasting “the Christian right” for pushing legislation to protect the conscience rights of individuals and business owners. “The Christian Right has introduced 200 anti-LGBT bills in the last six months and people blaming Islam for this.

Anderson Cooper interviewed Florida attorney general Pam Bondi, well-known for her defense of traditional marriage and accused her of hypocrisy. Why? Because

Bondi had expressed sympathy and support for the families of slain Floridians. Cooper continued to question how Bondi could offer any support, while she repeatedly tried to affirm that her job was to defend the Florida constitution, law and order, as all Floridians regardless of their beliefs.

The New York Times, the Washington Times, as well as other major media outlets are now blaming Christians for this ungodly assault. In fact, the editorial page of the NYT vilified Christians for their stand against same-sex marriage, and said the dead in Orlando were “casualties of a society where hate has deep roots.” The haters, of course, are preachers, bloggers, and believers like me who still believe in the Biblical view of marriage and morality.

While I don’t agree with all of his theology, Rick Warren was right when he wrote, “Our culture has accepted two huge lies. The first is that if you disagree with someone’s lifestyle, you must fear or hate them. The second is that to love someone means you agree with everything they believe or do. Both are nonsense. You don’t have to compromise convictions to be compassionate.”

Jesus taught his followers to “love your enemies” (Matt 5:44). That would include not only our literal, personal enemies, but enemies of God, goodness and Truth. And when we speak out regarding same-sex marriage and the sin of homosexuality, the Bible commands “speak the truth in love” (Eph. 4:16). Furthermore, it is not the duty of Christians to take vengeance on those who disobey God. “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” (Rom 12:19).

Let me be clear. Our staunch defense of God’s marriage laws and our condemnation of homosexual behavior did not produce the Orlando massacre. Nor does our views negate feelings of care, compassion and concern for the slain souls by a misguided gunman.

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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

June 19 2 Peter 1-3

June 20 1 John 1-3

June 21 1 John 4-5

June 22 2 John, 3 John, Jude

June 23 Revelation 1-3

June 24 Revelation 4-6

June 25 Revelation 7-9

June 26 Revelation 10-12

“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

- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **18 contacts** were made.

Announcements

- ◆ Summer Youth Series Tuesday evening at Gordon.
- ◆ We are trying to get the congregational directory up to date and reprinted. Please get with Cindy McCaghren ASAP to verify your information is correct.
- ◆ Ladies Bible Class will meet this Wednesday at 10:00am to finish up the material they were going over before Linda got sick. This will be the last class until fall. Dutch treat lunch at an area restaurant following.
- ◆ Registration for the Texas Ladies for Christ Retreat is now open. Information on the bulletin board.
- ◆ All teachers are encouraged to be make plans to attend the Teacher's Workshop in Cleburne Sept. 10th.

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ August 9—We host area Summer Youth Series.
- ◆ October 16-19—Fall Gospel Meeting with Jacob Rutledge.
- ◆ October 29—2nd Annual Ladies Day.

Other Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ June 26-30—Junior Camp
- ◆ July 17-22—Senior Camp
- ◆ August 5-7—Discipleship U.—Dripping Springs, TX.
- ◆ August 19-25—Polishing The Pulpit—Sevierville, TN.
- ◆ Sept. 10—Teacher's Workshop @ Cleburne.
- ◆ Sept. 16-18—5th & Grape Lectureship
- ◆ Oct. 1—Ladies Day @ Dublin.
- ◆ Oct. 6-8—Texas Ladies for Christ Retreat [Brady]
- ◆ Oct. 9-12—Lubbock Lectures
- ◆ Oct. 9-12—Homecoming Lectureship @ Rising Star
- ◆ Oct. 27-29—ACS Class: "The Bible and Archaeology" (Dewayne Bryant)—Dripping Springs, TX

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It is sad, sickening and contemptible that this horrendous attack would be politicized and blame would be placed on law-abiding citizens who sincerely believe in a God-revealed and time-honored morality. It is further evidence of ever-increasing anti-Christian bigotry gaining momentum in our country.

Let me also call out and condemn any religious leaders, writers, political pundits or other conservatives who've said or implied that the Orlando shooting was justified because of the victim's lifestyle. That is plain wrong. It is not a Christian's prerogative to execute sinners.

We are called by God to love sinners. Teach them. Seek to convert them. And show kindness and compassion, even toward those with whom we may disagree. We are guided by God's Word, not Sharia law.

More than ever in a sin-sick society filled with lawlessness, licentiousness, and bigotry toward believers, we are called to "walk in the light," live righteously, and share the love of God.

Ken Weliever (thepreachersword.com)

Celebrate

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

June Birthdays: Mike Bannister (4), Caleb Dennis (6), Loutrell Dobbins (8), Shannon Dennis (13), **Tiffany McCaghren (22)**, David Greer (26), Stormy Barnum (27), Ashley Kahlich (28).

June Anniversaries: James & Laverne Thomas (5), Johnny & Cindy McCaghren (8), **Wayne & Mileen Kahlich (19)**, David & Lisa Greer (28).



Records

| | June 5, 2016 | June 12, 2016 |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Bible Class | 43 | 42 |
| AM Worship | 69 | 54 |
| PM Worship | 41 | 41 |
| Wednesday PM | 39 | 44 |
| Contribution | \$1,915 | \$1,813 |

| This Week: 6/19/16 | | Next Week: 6/26/16 | | June 2016 Make Announcements: Ken Maninger Prepare Communion: James & Cindy Fuller Clean Building: Huckaby / Bland Hostess Committee: Jessica Stultz's group July 2016 Make Announcements: Gene Bannister Prepare Communion: Johnny & Cindy McCaghren Clean Building: Johnny & Cindy McCaghren Hostess Committee: Jessica Stultz's group |
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| Sunday AM: | Song Leader: Mike Bannister | Song Leader: Mike Bannister | | |
| Greeters | Mileen & Ashley Kahlich | John Barnum Family | | |
| Opening Prayer | Randy Huckaby | Joe Dennis | | |
| Communion | Don Smith*, Larry Petty Ken Maninger, James Fuller | Randy Huckaby*, Allen Bland Hank Wheeler, Caleb Dennis | | |
| Closing Prayer | James Thomas | James Fuller | | |
| Attendance Cards | Jaceten Evetts | Chase Churchwell | | |
| Sunday PM: | Song Leader: Tom Wilcox | Song Leader: Ken Maninger | | |
| Opening Prayer | John Barnum | Allen Griffith | | |
| Scripture Reading | Hank Wheeler | Tom Wilcox | | |
| Communion | Don Smith | Randy Huckaby | | |
| Closing Prayer | Allen Griffith | Gene Bannister | | |
| Wednesday Devotionals: | June 22 Allen Griffith | June 29 Tom Wilcox | July 6 Prayer Night | July 13 Don Smith |

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 June 19, 2016

Sunday Class **Romans 1:1ff**
 Wed. Class **What Church Did the 1st Century Converts "Join"?**

God Is Jealous

Jealous – fiercely protective or vigilant of one's rights or possessions.

I. Green-Eyed Monster?

- A. Jealousy is almost always described as a negative attribute – yet the Bible describes God as a jealous God (Exod. 20:5).
- B. The OT describes God's jealousy in fearsome terms.
 1. "...a consuming fire, a jealous God" (Deut. 4:24).
 2. "destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images (for you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God)" (Exod. 34:13-14).
- C. How can a jealous God be considered good, when Paul lists jealousy along with a number of other sins (Gal. 5:19-21)?
- D. God's jealousy is frequently misunderstood.
- E. Many of the references to God's jealousy occur in the context of
- F. Even man can have a godly jealousy (Num. 25; 2 Cor. 11:2)

II. A Covenant.

- A. God's jealousy is often spoken of in connection to the covenant (compared to a marriage covenant).
 1. This image is used in the book of Hosea – and earlier when God makes a covenant with His people after the exodus.
 2. In a sense, the Sinai covenant is like something of a marriage ceremony between God and Israel.
- B. We see jealousy in the language used for idolatry in the OT – usually labeled as adultery.

III. God's Honor.

- A. God occupies a unique place in the universe.
 1. He alone is responsible for creating and maintaining this universe.
 2. He explicitly states that everything He has done in creation has been for His own honor.
- B. Honor was a cherished possession in past times.
- C. A challenge to someone's honor was not taken lightly – God would agree, since His jealousy seeks to protect His own honor.
- D. God is worthy of praise – the true essence of worship.
- E. Like any of God's attributes – jealousy is multi-faceted – His jealousy is actually an expression of concern and care for His children.
- F. God wants his creation to enjoy the best that life has to offer.

Commonly Held False Doctrines Concerning Final Things:

The Rapture

- I. Too new to be true.
- II. The dispensational premillennial theory explained.
- III. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 as a proof text?
- IV. The rapture is contrary to Bible teaching.
 - A. The doctrine that the saved will be taken from the world – while the lost remain – violates clear Bible teaching.
 - B. Consider the parable of the tares (Matt. 13:24-30, 38-43).
 1. Good and bad are here until the great separation on that last day.
 - C. Separate resurrections of the good and evil – the Bible says one.
 - D. A secret coming – the Bible says "with a shout".
 - E. Two future comings of Christ are demanded by the dispensationalists – the Bible teaches one.
 - F. A great tribulation period as they teach it not found in the Bible.
 - G. The antichrist concept of premillennialism is foreign to the scriptures.
 - H. The battle of Armageddon – as a coming confrontation between the forces of the antichrist and those of Christ at His coming – is foreign to scriptures.
 - I. That the kingdom will begin when Christ comes again is a concept that is exactly opposite from the Bible teaching.
 - J. Several days of judgment are taught by the dispensationalists – the Bible teaches one.
- V. Bible emphasis on the last day.
 1. The second coming will be on the last day.
 - a. The premillennialists confuse the terms "last day" and "last days."
 - b. The "last days" began when the church began on the day of Pentecost (see Acts 2:16,17; Hebrews 1:1,2).
 - c. The second coming will be on the "last day" (John 12:48).
 2. All the dead shall be raised on the last day (John 5:28-29; 6:39-40,44,54; 11:24).
 3. The judgment will be on the last day (John 12:48).
 4. All humanity will be sent to their eternal destinies on the last day.
 5. The earth will be destroyed at the last day (2 Peter 3:10).