

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

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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
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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.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

“Guilty, vile, and helpless we; Spotless Lamb of God was He; ‘Full atonement!’ can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!” (Song by Philip P. Bliss - a 1875). This song communicates two truths about the sacrifice of our Lord that are important for us to realize, essential for us by which to live.

First, we must never forget the price that was paid for our forgiveness from sin to be achieved. The familiarity we have with the cross can sometimes minimize the estimate we hold for it. It is incredible to consider the Son of God coming to earth as the Son of Man, to take flesh and blood and live a human existence, so our sins might be pardoned. For Deity to be humbled and become part of creation is amazing to consider. *“Who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men”* (Philippians 2:6-7).

Not only is the incarnation amazing to consider, but also is the death that to which it led. Christ became human knowing it was to die for our sins, the most horrific, painful, shameful death conceivable. What greater act of love can be shown than God offering His Son for our sins? *“By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us”* (1 John 3:16). *“For one will scarcely die for a righteous person, though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die, but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”* (Romans 5:7-8). The enormity of all this should never be lost on us, those who would perish eternally without such a sacrifice being made on our behalf.

Another truth we must understand is that all Christ did for us in becoming human and dying on the cross, he did willingly, from love, and this should be a source of joy for us. It reminds us the value we have to the Father. *“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is”* (1 John 3:1-2). God wants fellowship with us, and He is willing to do everything necessary for it to be possible. *“What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor”* (Psalm 8:4-5). What an honor for God to so love us and provide so richly for us. We can rejoice that God so cares for us.

We should never take for granted what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. We should be humbled and in awe that God so loves us and that our Lord has done so much for us. We also should never forget how precious we are in God’s sight, our value and worth to him. We ought to commit ourselves wholly to loving and living for Him. *“We love because he first loved us”* (1 John 4:19). **“Lifted up was He to die; ‘It is finished!’ was His cry; Now in Heav’n exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior!”**

Robert Johnson ([Gospel Gazette Online](#), Vol. 19, Num. 2 [Feb. 2017], p. 3)

 “The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here.” **Matt. 12:41-42**

Women and the Bible

There is no question that women have made tremendous strides in the past 100 years as far as achieving certain rights which previously they have been denied. This article's purpose is not to examine these achievements or to look at both the positive and sometimes negative consequences of such achievements. Instead, this article is focusing on what the New Testament teaches about women and how some are attacking the very teachings of the Bible related to women. A common theme in today's religious world is that the Bible's view of women is outdated and not fit for today's culture. The Episcopalian bishop, John Spong, on page 117 of his book *Living in Sin? A Bishop Rethinks Human Sexuality* says, "There is no doubt about the fact that the Bible is biased against women... Both the religious and ethical directives of the Bible were formulated out of a patriarchal understanding of life, with the interests of men being primary. Are we willing to return to these destructive definitions of both men and women?"

Jesus Elevated Women

Jesus treated women much differently than the rabbis of His day. The traditions of the Jews in the time of Jesus forbade a rabbi to speak publicly with a woman. Throughout the Gospels we find Jesus speaking publicly to women. Many of us are familiar with the accounts of the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11), the woman begging for the life of her daughter (Matthew 15:21-28), the sinful woman at Simon's house (Luke 7:36-50) and many more. There is not even a hint in the Gospels that Jesus looked down upon or considered women inferior. In the famous story of Mary and Martha in Luke 10:38-42, Jesus told Martha that Mary has chosen "*the good part, which will not be taken away from her.*" Jesus thought it was important to teach spiritual truths to these two sisters.

Jesus was not ashamed to talk to a Samaritan woman and teach her about the Messiah (John 4:7-26). Even Jesus' own disciples "*marvel that he is talking to a*

woman" (John 4:27). Jesus appeared to have a rather large following of women during His ministry. In Luke 8:2,3 we read concerning those who were following Jesus, "*and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities—Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons, and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance.*" There is no question that Jesus broke through the traditions of His day to treat women with dignity and respect.

The New Testament Elevated Women

After the beginning of the church in Acts 2, we find women noticeably present in the activities of the church (Acts 9:36; 12:12; 16:14-15; 18:26; 21:8-9). Paul frequently referred to women in his letters. These women were important enough to address by name, and undoubtedly Paul was aware of their value and contributions to the cause of Christ. Not only does the New Testament show that women played a prominent role in the early church, it also teaches that women are to be treated fairly and equally. Husbands are to love their wives "*as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her*" (Ephesians 5:25). Husbands are further commanded to "*love their own wives as their own bodies*" (Ephesians 5:28). Peter said, "*Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered*" (1 Peter 3:7). Paul's famous passage that teaches male and female equality is Galatians 3:28, which reads, "*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*"

The parts of the New Testament that seem to trouble some are passages which teach the wife's submission to her husband (Ephesians 5:22), limit a woman's role as a leader in the church (1 Timothy 2:11-12) and give her a distinct role as a mother within the family (Titus 2:4-5; 1 Timothy 2:15). Submission does not mean inferiority or

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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

Mar. 12 Josh. 24; Judges 1-2; 1 Tim. 1-2

Mar. 13 Judges 3-5; 1 Timothy 3-4

Mar. 14 Judges 6-8; 1 Timothy 5-6

Mar. 15 Judges 9-11; 2 Timothy 1-2

Mar. 16 Judges 12-14; 2 Timothy 3-4

Mar. 17 Judges 15-17; Titus 1-2

Mar. 18 Jud. 18-20; Titus 3; Philemon

Mar. 19 Judges 21; Ruth 1-2; Heb. 1-2

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."



Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **32 contacts** were made.

Announcements

- ◆ **Flyers for the Gospel Meeting** are available at the two side exits. It is only two weeks away!
- ◆ The **“India Evangelism” insert** will tell you a little more about Russel’s ministry.
- ◆ **Gospel Meeting** this week at **Lake Shore Drive (Waco) w/ Jeff Jenkins**. *“The Christian Life: What Should It Look Like.”* See bulletin board for details.

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ March 26-29—Spring Gospel Meeting with Russell Bell.
- ◆ August 8—Summer Youth Series
- ◆ October 1-3—Fall Gospel Meeting with Dave Rogers

Other Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ March 26-29—75th Homecoming Lectures at Dripping Springs.
- ◆ March 26-30—Gospel Meeting at Colleyville w/ Cody Westbrook. *“Justified: An Overview of the Book of Romans.”*
- ◆ March 31-April 2—Gospel Meeting at Marlin w/ various speakers. *“In the Blood of Christ, There Is...”*
- ◆ April 1—Ladies’ Day @ Hwy. 36 (Abilene) w/ Amanda Kelly. *“Living on the Bright Side”*
- ◆ April 2-5—Gospel Meeting at Bangs w/ Ronnie Hayes.
- ◆ April 2-5—Gospel Meeting at Hamilton w/ Denny Wilson. *“I Stand in Awe.”*
- ◆ April 9-12—Gospel Meeting at 9th & Main (San Angelo) w/ Jason Rollo.
- ◆ April 9-12—Gospel Meeting at Windmill (Weatherford) w/ various speakers.
- ◆ April 29—Ladies’ Day at Colleyville w/ Erynn Sprouse & Denise Surles. *“Hope: Anchor of the Soul.”*
- ◆ April 30-May 3—Gospel Meeting at Gordon w/ Jessie Dickison.
- ◆ May 6-11—Focal Point (San Marcos).
- ◆ June 4-9—Preacher Training Camp (Ages 14-18) @ Oldham Lane (Abilene).
- ◆ June 6—Summer Youth Series begins
- ◆ June 25-29—Junior Camp
- ◆ July 16-21—Senior Camp
- ◆ August 18-24—Polishing the Pulpit

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suggest a second-class status. It is simply God’s plan. The fact that a woman is not authorized to preach or teach publicly to men does not suggest inferiority or a second-class status. It is simply God’s plan. The fact that God has ordained certain but differing roles for men and women within the family does not suggest inferiority or a second-class status for women. It is simply God’s plan.

We need to remember that equality is not the equivalent of sameness. Men and women are equal, but they are not the same. The fact that God has created us this way and has given us different roles does not diminish either’s worth or value. In our culture’s rush for egalitarianism in all relationships, we have bypassed some very important biblical truths. Let us remember that God’s ways are always right (Psalm 18:30; 1 John. 5:3).

Brent Gallagher ([Gospel Gazette Online](#), Vol. 19, Num. 2, p. 6)

Celebrate

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

March Birthdays: Ken Maninger (4), Wayne Kahlich (9), **Susan Ford (17)**, Allen Griffith (20), Mileen Kahlich (21), James Thomas (23), Jessica Stultz (28).

March Anniversaries: James & Cindy Fuller (2), Randy & Laura Huckaby (23), Tom & Carol Wilcox (23).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	Feb. 26, 2017	Mar. 5, 2017
Bible Class	52	43
AM Worship	63	63
PM Worship	44	38
Wednesday PM	43	41
Contribution	2,063	2,621

This Week: 3/12/17		Next Week: 3/17/17		March 2017	
Sunday AM:		Song Leader: Mike Bannister		Song Leader: Mike Bannister	
Greeters	Tom & Carol Wilcox		Allen & Linda Griffith		Make Announcements: Don Smith Prepare Communion: Randy & Laura Huckaby Clean Building: James & Cindy Fuller Jessica Stultz April 2017 Make Announcements: Ken Maninger Prepare Communion: Maninger Family Clean Building: Mike & Patti Bannister Lisa Greer
Opening Prayer	Gene Bannister		James Fuller		
Communion	Rafe Smith*, Hank Wheeler Ryan Rudloff, Samuel Hairston		James Thomas*, Allen Bland Allen Griffith, Tom Wilcox		
Closing Prayer	Allen Griffith		John Barnum		
Attendance Cards	Ian Barnum		Jaceten Evetts		
Sunday PM:		Song Leader: James Fuller		Song Leader: Joe Dennis	
Opening Prayer	Mike Bannister		Gene Bannister		
Scripture Reading	Willie Henderson		Hank Wheeler		
Communion	Rafe Smith		James Thomas		
Closing Prayer	Ken Maninger		Randy Huckaby		
Wednesday Devotionals:	March 15 Joe Dennis	March 22 Rafe Smith	March 29 Tom Wilcox	April 5 Prayer Night	

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 March 12, 2017

Sunday Class **Romans 5:4ff**
Wed. Class **After Baptism, Then What?**

Jesus' Teaching – "Condemned by Others" (Matt. 12:41-42)

We will all be judged by Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 5:10; John 12:48), but Jesus also spoke of some rising at the judgment and condemning others. Perhaps from Jesus' words we can glean some points that make us think soberly about our service to God, and whether we too will be "Condemned by Others".

I. The Generation of Jesus' Day.

A. To Be Condemned by The Men of Nineveh.

1. This refers to the Ninevites in Jonah's day.
 - a. To whom Jonah was sent with a message of destruction (Jonah 3:1-4).
 - b. They were quick to repent at the preaching of Jonah (3:5-10).
2. They will rise to condemn the Jews of Jesus' day.
 - a. Because the Ninevites repented.
 - b. Because the Jews had one greater than Jonah preach to them.
 - 1) Jonah was a reluctant prophet (Jonah 1:1-3; 3:10 – 4:3).
 - 2) Jesus was a compassionate prophet (Matt. 23:37-38; Lk. 19:41-44).

B. To Be Condemned by The Queen of the South.

1. This refers to the Queen of Sheba.
 - a. Who traveled a great distance to see Solomon (1 Kgs. 10:1).
 - b. She brought a great caravan of spices, gold, and precious stones (10:2).
 - c. Who praised God for the wisdom given to Solomon (10:3-9).
 - d. Who honored Solomon with great gifts (10:10).
2. She will rise to condemn the Jews of Jesus' day.
 - a. Because the Queen was willing to travel:
 - b. Because the Jews had one greater than Solomon teach them.
 - 1) Solomon certainly was the wisest man of his day (1 Kgs. 4:29-34).
 - 2) Jesus possessed "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:3).

II. How About Our Generation Today?

- A. Will the Men of Nineveh Condemn Us?
- B. Will the Queen of the South Condemn Us?
- C. Will Even More Recent Generations Condemn Us?

Indeed, we are richly blessed.

- We have the message of salvation offered by One greater than Jonah.
- We have the wisdom of God taught by One greater than Solomon.
- Don't you think those of old would have loved to have what we enjoy today?

Imprecatory Psalms – Psalm 35 – "Evil Returned for Good"

This psalm expresses tremendous feeling and an impassioned plea for help – a godly man who was ruthlessly mistreated by people around him, even people who had been the recipients of his kindness.

An expression of praise ends each of the psalm's three sections – these three phrases are among the most beautiful words in the Book of Psalms, reminding us that dark days can force us to think deeply about the greatness and love of God.

I. Threats to David's Life and Possessions (1-10).

A. A Divine Solution (1-8).

1. The psalmist is facing a severe, heart-rending experience, brought on by the people around him – he desires for God to come fight for him.
2. He asks God to speak to him and promise deliverance.
3. Imprecatorily, he pleads for God to humiliate those who would hurt him.

B. A Prayer for Deliverance (9-10).

II. The Opposition (11-18).

A. "Even Friends Are Against Me" (11-16).

1. Slanderous accusations are being made against him.
2. Made by people whom he has treated as friends by praying for them.
3. The ones who have been the object of his prayers receive the news of his adversity with gladness.
4. They have also joined with his adversaries.

B. "Come to My Aid Now" (17-18).

III. The False Accusations (19-28).

A. "Act in Righteousness for Me" (19-26).

1. He continues to ask God to rescue him from those who were unjustly condemning him.
2. One of the reasons he is praying this prayer is because of the dishonesty and deceit that have given rise to his trial.
3. He wants a solution to his dilemma that is in harmony with God's righteousness.
4. He urges God to act.
5. He prays for God to examine him and his enemies per His righteousness.
6. He prays for God's response to be a decisive victory in behalf of righteousness.

B. A Solution Over Which All Can Rejoice (27-28).