

# 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  
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.

## “A Gospel Meeting”

Our gospel meeting begins a week from today, **October 15<sup>th</sup>**, with **Dave Rogers** doing the preaching. I think it would do us all good to remind ourselves of the goals and aims of having a Gospel Meeting and the things that each one of us can do to help make this gospel meeting a success.

### Save The Lost

The only means in which God has of reaching the hearts of men is through the preaching of the gospel. The gospel is preached in Gospel Meetings for the purpose of creating, building, and strengthening the faith. None can be saved without believing in Jesus Christ (John 8:24; Mark 16:15-16). The gospel is preached in an effort to save the lost. Even though fewer and fewer non-Christian visitors are attending Gospel Meetings than in times past, still there are some non-Christians that attend the Gospel Meeting. There are teenagers, mates of Christians, and friends of Christians that attend the Gospel Meeting and therefore every effort must be made to reach these individuals so they can learn the truth of God's Word before it is everlastingly too late.

### Keep What We've Got

Gospel Meetings are good to have in order to strengthen all Christians. We want to hold on to all the individuals that have already become Christians. There's no better way to do this than to continue to teach our number the Word of God. When Paul departed from the elders of the church at Ephesus, he said: *"So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified"* (Acts 20:32). Families have had their marriage strengthened and received words of encouragement and hope through Gospel Meetings. Every Christian can always use more strengthening in their daily life!

### Making The Gospel Meeting A Success

Every Gospel Meeting can be a success if we want it to be. The first thing we can do and should have been doing for the past month or so is to **pray** about the meeting. Pray that each of us will not be slack in inviting our friends and neighbors. Pray that many souls will be able to attend so the gospel can be heard and that their hearts will be pricked so as to respond favorably to the Word of God.

Every member should strive to **meet and greet all those attending** the meeting, especially visitors from the local area. A special effort should be made to get the names and addresses of all visitors from the local community. This information will be invaluable for follow up after the meeting. Remember that a first impression is a lasting impression. This is a very friendly congregation and most visitors will recognize that immediately. You can make a special effort to ask the visitors to sit with you during the service.

Every single member should make a personal effort to **attend every assembly** of the meeting. The elders thought it was important for us to have a meeting and therefore each and every one of us should put forth every effort to be here. Re-

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member, we can't edify and encourage one another if we are not here. Anything worth doing is worth doing our best. If we will give this meeting our very best effort in prayer, inviting our friends and neighbors, singing, and attendance then it will be a success! Paul wrote in Romans 10:13-15: ***"For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!"***

Adapted from an article by Richard Thetford

## Two Choices, Two Victims, Two Destinations

The past two weeks have reminded us of the uncertainty of life, regardless of who we are or where we might choose to be at any particular moment in our daily activities. On Sunday morning, September 24, a lone gunman confronted members of the Burnett Chapel church of Christ near Nashville, Tennessee, evidently while the brethren were in the process of dismissing services that morning. Before his rampage was stopped by one of the members, he succeeded in killing one person on the church parking lot and inflicted injury on another half dozen inside the church building. One week and 12 hours later, another crazed gunman rained down bullets from his 32nd floor hotel window overlooking an open-air concert in Las Vegas, Nevada. Latest report is that 59 have now died from the rampage of a man who, for whatever reason, decided that he would take it upon himself to destroy the innocent lives of those within range of his insanity. The names of those two men do not deserve to be mentioned. Their actions bespeak an evil within that causes us to scratch our heads in bewilderment, and ask, "Why?" And then we listen in vain

for an answer! Speaking of those whose lives were snuffed out at the concert, one reporter echoed the popular refrain, "They were in the wrong place at the wrong time!"

Two choices, separated by seven days and twelve hours; choices that placed men and women in situations that ultimately led to the same outcome. There is no way we can judge the hearts of those who were killed by either one of those gunmen. Nor is it within our power to know the spiritual condition of any of any of them. But there is something significant in the choices every one of them made on the Sunday morning of their death. While at least one we know of chose to spend her Sunday in worship to God, thousands in that crowd in Las Vegas chose to attend a country and western concert. There may have been some in that open-air theater who had attended a worship service that morning; perhaps some who were members of the Lord's church, anxious to bow in praise to God prior to engaging in the activities of the evening. Still, the two choices represented by the two activities, both of which were separated by seven days and several hundred miles, is a stark reminder that the choices we make can, and often do, make a difference.

The victims of those two shooting sprees also represent two classes of humanity, separated spiritually in this life, and eternally in the life to come. Even if we grant that at least some of those in Las Vegas might have been faithful members of the Lord's church, that does not lessen the fact that so many of those who suffered at the hands of the gunman in that 'city of lights' were simply not ready to meet their maker that night. Therein is the real tragedy. Not that so many died at the hands of a crazed killer, but that all too many died unprepared to meet their Master. I would not lessen the horrible nature of any of those killings, whether in Tennessee, Las Vegas, or a thousand other towns and hamlets in our country, or the world for that matter. In one instant, each of

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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

**Oct. 8** Jeremiah 15-16; Acts 2-3

**Oct. 9** Jeremiah 17-18; Acts 4-5

**Oct. 10** Jeremiah 19-20; Acts 6-7

**Oct. 11** Jeremiah 21-22; Acts 8-9

**Oct. 12** Jeremiah 23-24; Acts 10-11

**Oct. 13** Jeremiah 25-26; Acts 12-13

**Oct. 14** Jeremiah 27-28; Acts 14-15

**Oct. 15** Jeremiah 29-30; Acts 16-17

*"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 **36 contacts** were made.

**Announcements**

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting Flyers**—available at both exit doors.
- ◆ **Ladies**—we need **5-6 more ladies to sign up to help with lunch for our Ladies’ Day**. See Cindy Fuller for details.
- ◆ Six of our ladies attended the Texas Ladies in Christ Retreat this week. Enjoyed by all.
- ◆ **Lubbock Lectureship**—today through Wednesday.
- ◆ **Back to the Bible Lectures at Hamilton**—Saturday.

**Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart**

- ◆ **October 15-18—Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Dave Rogers**
  - ◆ November 4—Ladies’ Day w/ Lasha Dennis
- Other Opportunities to Learn and Grow**
- ◆ **Oct. 8-11—Lubbock Lectureship (Southside). “Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth.”** See flyer on bulletin board.
  - ◆ **Oct. 14-15—Back to the Bible Lectures @ Hamilton**
  - ◆ Oct. 21—Ladies’ Day @ 9th & Main (San Angelo) w/ B. J. Rollo & Jennifer Webster. “Vessels of Honor and Sanctification”
  - ◆ Oct. 28—Ladies’ Day @ Goldthwaite w/ Casey Keith
  - ◆ Nov. 12-15—Gospel Meeting @ Bangs w/ Foy Forehand

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 those victims was thrust into eternity; no warning, no time to prepare; only the twinkling of an eye. Dr. Keith Ablow, columnist for Foxnews, stated it well: “No one is guaranteed another day. Not even another hour. Not a minute. We simply don’t know how many breaths we have left. And what’s more, we don’t know how many breaths those we cherish have left, including even those for whom we would readily die” (Keith Ablow, Foxnews Opinion page).

Finally, there are two destinations represented by the two tragedies of which we speak. In one instant, those precious souls were cast into the night of eternity to await the judgment. Forever gone are the opportunities to hear the gospel. There will be no second chance; no possibility to reverse the destination to which they have now committed their souls. I find myself asking, “Who will be next?” I do not consider myself a pessimist, but I see nothing on the horizon that would suggest these two tragedies will be the last. A nation cannot cast God out of the fiber of its very being and expect God to bless them as before. And so, I find myself asking, “Who will be next?” But in the final analysis, it makes no difference whether another crazed killer will end the life of any single one of the seven billion souls still living, or whether it will be by natural death, for *“it is appointed unto men once to die, and after that cometh the judgment”* (Heb. 9:27). Perhaps we need to remind ourselves of this reality, and then do all we can to help prepare men for that inevitable moment when they enter into eternity. It is to that end that we strive; it is to that end that we serve our Savior.

*Tom Wacaster*

**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), **Tre’ & Christine Rayon (12),** Rafe & Becky Smith (16), Mike & Patti Bannister (27).

*Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...*



**Records**

	Sept. 24, 2017	Oct. 1, 2017
Bible Class	42	48
AM Worship	57	69
PM Worship	44	45
Wednesday PM	38	43
Contribution	\$1,709	\$2,900

	This Week: 10/8/17	Next Week: 10/15/17		
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<b>October 2017</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> Gene Bannister <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Tom & Carol Wilcox <b>Clean Building:</b> M. & P. Bannister / Greer	
<b>Greeters</b>	Mileen & Ashley Kahlich	John Barnum Family		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	James Fuller	Gene Bannister		
<b>Communion</b>	Ken Maninger*, Chase Churchwell Jack Turner, Randy Huckaby	Joe Dennis*, Caleb Dennis Hank Wheeler, Ryan Rudloff		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Gene Bannister	Allen Griffith		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Jaceten Evetts	Aaron Smith		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox	Song Leader: Ken Maninger		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Rafe Smith	James Fuller		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Ryan Rudloff	NA		
<b>Communion</b>	Ken Maninger	Joe Dennis		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	John Barnum	Don Smith		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	October 11 Don Smith	October 18 Gospel Meeting	October 25 Joe Dennis	November 1 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 October 8, 2017

Sunday Class ..... **Romans 8:11**  
 Wed. Class ..... **Old Testament History: Genesis 2:16**

#### What Then Shall I Do with Jesus Who Is Called Christ? – Matthew 27:22

Pilate's question, "What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?", is one that every person must ask.

#### I. What Has Jesus Offered You?

##### A. Jesus Has Provided the Chance...

1. For an abundant life, filled with true peace (Jn. 10:10; 16:33).
2. To find salvation (Lk. 19:10).
3. To enjoy cleansing from sin through His blood (1 Jn. 1:7).

##### B. Jesus Has Proclaimed the Conditions.

1. We must believe in Him (Jn. 8:24).
2. We must repent of our sins (Lk. 13:3).
3. We must confess our faith before men (Mt. 10:32-33; Rom. 10:9-10).
4. We must be baptized for the remission of our sins (Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38).
5. We must remain faithful even to death (Rev. 2:10).

##### C. Jesus Has Predetermined the Alternatives.

1. Reject Him, and we will die in our sins to face the terrible consequences of sin (Jn. 8:24; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; Rev. 21:8).
2. Believe in Him, and we receive everlasting life (Jn. 5:24; Mt. 19:29).

#### II. What Will You Do with Jesus?

##### A. What Some Have Tried to Do.

1. Pilate tried to pass the choice on to others (Mt. 27:24).
2. Some in Athens simply mocked (Acts 17:32).
3. Felix tried to wait for a more convenient time (Acts 24:25).
4. But we cannot escape the fact that we will one day be judged by Him (Acts 17:30-31).

##### B. What We Should Do.

1. Accept His gracious offer of salvation by obeying Him (Heb. 5:9).
2. Become His disciples, committed to doing what He commanded (Mt. 28:19-20).
3. Grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 3:18).
4. Walk in Him, well-established in the faith (Col. 2:6-7).
5. Develop the mind of Christ, the attitude of sacrifice and service (Phil. 2:1-8).

Jesus has given us every reason to accept and obey Him as our Savior and Lord.

#### Timothy's Faithfulness and God's Word – 2 Timothy 3:10-17

#### I. Timothy Followed Paul, Including His Persecutions (10-13).

- A. A sharp contrast (*but*) is made between the false teachers and Timothy.  
 B. Paul said that Timothy had carefully followed several things about him.

1. First, his "doctrine" – teaching or instruction.
2. Second, his "manner of life".
3. Third, his "purpose".
4. Fourth, his "faith".
5. Fifth, his "longsuffering" – patient endurance.
6. Sixth, his "love".

7. Seventh, his "perseverance" – steadfastness and constancy.

8. Eighth, in v. 11, his "persecutions" and "afflictions".

- a. Paul said that he "endured" those persecutions.
- b. Paul gave great hope to those who endure such persecution for the Lord – "out of them all the Lord delivered me".

- C. V. 12 contains a promise from God which is more difficult to enjoy – "all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution".

1. Persecution of godly Christians will continue as long as this earth stands!
2. True because "evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse".

- a. A key tool of these false teachers is *deceit* (deceiving) (6).
- b. False teachers deceive others, "being deceived" themselves!

#### II. Exhortation to Continue in the Wonderful Word of God (14-17).

- A. Another sharp contrast (*but*) between these impostors and Timothy.

1. Timothy was to continue in the *good* things which he had learned.
2. Things taught by his mother and grandmother (1:5), as well as Paul (1:13).

- B. He was taught the Holy Scriptures, able to make us *wise for salvation!*

1. These Scriptures, all of them, are given by the inspiration of God.
2. Because the Scriptures are the words of *God*, they are, "profitable".
  - a. First, "for doctrine" – teaching or instruction.
  - b. Second, "for reproof" – proving, convincing, convicting.
  - c. Third, "for correction" – to make right again; to restore; to make
  - d. Fourth, "for instruction in righteousness".

- C. The result is "that the man of God" will "be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work".