

# 4<sup>th</sup> & 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.

# 4<sup>th</sup> & Stewart Ladies' Day

Saturday—November 4, 2017

*“Christian Interior Decorating”*

Speaker: Our Own Lasha Dennis

## Schedule

9:00-9:30	Registration/Refreshments
9:30-9:45	Prayer/Scripture/Singing
9:45-10:30	Lesson
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-11:00	Singing/Scripture
11:00-11:45	Lesson
11:45-12:00	Songs/Prayer
12:00	Lunch

Ladies—plan to be here and invite your friends!



For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.” For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.... **Rom. 1:16-18**

# Why I'm Not Ashamed of Different Gender Roles in the Church

## God doesn't make mistakes.

When He said, "It is not good that the man should be alone" (Gen. 2:18), He was not saying "Whoopsie daisy!" Instead, He was teaching that a **genderless world is not good**. To highlight this, God commanded Adam to name every creature in an effort to teach Adam that no animal had the capacity to worship God with him, serve God with him, or bring him the companionship that only an equal could.

Then God gave Adam a helper perfectly suited for Him. The KJV calls her a "**help meet.**" **She was equal to Adam, but different in role and function.** She perfectly complemented him in a way that mirrored both the equality and functional diversity of the three-in-oneness of God.

They were given a mission bigger than themselves: to be fruitful and fill the earth (Gen. 1:28). Adam named his wife "Eve," which means giver of life (Gen. 4:20). The act of naming someone is a demonstration of headship. Even after they both believed Satan's lies and sinned, thus losing rights to the Garden of Eden, Adam's headship over her remained (Gen. 3:16). Together they continued to model the equality and submission of the members of the Trinity.

**Just as aloneness wasn't good in the garden, it isn't good in the church.** A church without gender is just as incomplete as the Garden of Eden without gender. The church today is part of something bigger than itself; it is commanded to multiply and fill the earth with disciples (Matt. 28:19-20). The fact that women, in particular, are commanded to teach the younger women how to be givers of life in both the home and the church (Titus 2:4-5) makes this, in a way, woman-specific. Women can do things that no man can.

## Jesus Gave Legitimacy to Women During His Ministry

Jesus teaches us something in how He recognized the inherent equality of women and men, in how He ministered to women, and in the dignity with which He treated them in His ministry.

**He impartially addressed women directly when in public** (John 4:7-26; Luke 7:12-13; 8:48; 11:27-28; 13:12; 23:27-31), which was culturally unusual for a man to do (John 4:27).

As Jesus went through cities and villages proclaiming the good

news about the Kingdom, the disciples were with Him, "and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities [...] who provided for them out of their means" (Luke 8:2-3). **Women served alongside Jesus, even at the cross**, for "there were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him" (Matt. 27:55).

**God chose to give women crucial roles in the resurrection accounts**, despite the fact that in Christ's day, women were not considered reliable witnesses. Josephus warned, for example, "But let not the testimony of women be admitted, on account of the levity and boldness of their sex." Yet, it was the women who loved Jesus who came to the tomb to anoint and pay respects to His body, only to discover He was missing. They were the first to hear the good news, "He is risen!" (Matt. 28:5-8; Mark 16:5-8; Luke 24:2-12; John 20:1-2). Jesus then appeared to these women before anyone else, saying "Greetings!" and "Go and tell" (Matt. 28:9-10). They faithfully reported what they saw to the disciples, and no doubt continued to tell others for years to follow.

## Jesus Recognized Gender Role Distinctions

We should point out that Jesus was not afraid of breaking social customs when He felt it necessary. Against custom (to put it mildly), He publicly condemned many of the Jewish leaders (Matt. 23:13-36), healed on the Sabbath (Mark 1:21-27; Luke 13:14; John 5:8-10), and cleansed the temple (Matt. 21:12-13; John 2:14-17). Against custom, He spoke with women (John 4:7-9), ate with dishonorable people (Matt. 9:11), and even ate with unwashed hands (Mark 7:1-23). **Notice when moral issues were at stake, Jesus did not bend to societal pressure.**

**But Jesus did not appoint any women to be apostles, nor did He choose any women to pen the New Testament Scriptures.** Many of the apostles had wives (1 Cor. 9:5) – could not Jesus just have easily appointed them to the position alongside their husbands? It wouldn't have necessarily been culturally taboo to do so, as both Jewish and Gentile societies occasionally allowed for women leadership (Judges 4-5; 2 Kings 11:3; Acts 17:4, 12). **Yet Jesus still had role distinctions in mind when selecting His apostles, and the same is true today when selecting elders in His church.**

Not long after His church was established, a problem arose regarding the neglect of a select group of women (Acts 6:1).

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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 @ 10:00am 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. 29** Lam. 5; Ezek. 1; Rom. 16; 1 Cor. 1

**Oct. 30** Ezekiel 2-3; 1 Corinthians 2-3

**Oct. 31** Ezekiel 4-5; 1 Corinthians 4-5

**Nov. 1** Ezekiel 6-7; 1 Corinthians 6-7

**Nov. 2** Ezekiel 8-9; 1 Corinthians 8-9

**Nov. 3** Ezekiel 10-11; 1 Cor. 10-11

**Nov. 4** Ezekiel 12-13; 1 Cor. 12-13

**Nov. 5** Ezekiel 14-15; 1 Cor. 14-15

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



- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **44 contacts** were made.

### Announcements

- ◆ **Ladies' Day** this Saturday!
  - There will be a short meeting (ladies only) after services this morning concerning Ladies' Day.
  - See Cindy Fuller if you can help with soup for Ladies' Day.
- ◆ The sermons from our Fall Gospel Meeting with Dave Rogers are now available on our website.

### Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ March 25-28—Spring Gospel Meeting w/ Rick Brumback
- ◆ *Other Opportunities to Learn and Grow*
- ◆ Nov. 4-5—Gospel Radio Network Lectureship @ Mt. Vernon (online at TGRN.org). "The Gospel Is For All"
- ◆ Nov. 12-15—Gospel Meeting @ Bangs w/ Foy Forehand
- ◆ Nov. 12-15—Schertz Lectures. "Studies in the Psalms"

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Plenty of women were numbered among the Christians in that day (Acts 1:14; 5:1, 14). Yet the church was told to select seven qualified **men** (*andras*, Acts 6:3), which meant this choice of men to serve in this capacity (presumably deacons) was deliberate.

Regardless of gender, Jesus recognized the intrinsic equality of men and women. He valued their fellowship, prayers, worship, testimony, and financial support. There are no gender barriers between a believer and Jesus Christ. Yet we can also see in Christ's choice of apostles, writers of the New Testament, and other leadership roles a pattern of male leadership.

## The Church Needs Men & Women Who Treasure Their God-Given Gender Roles

**Women play such an important function within the body of Christ. There are hundreds and thousands of ways the strength of the church depends on the work and devotion of women.** But the devil's strategy remains the same: "Did God really say you cannot hold a leadership office in the church?" The enemy always downplays the bountiful forest of trees in the Garden to focus on just one. Eating what God has forbidden will never make us like God; it can only separate us from Him.

**The leadership of the church is to reflect the created order.** "For Adam was formed first, then Eve" (1 Tim. 2:13). **Walking with God by faith means submitting to the fact that the Bible only allows for men to hold authoritative leadership offices – preachers, elders, deacons – in the church** (1 Tim. 2:8-15; 1 Cor. 14:34-36; 11:2-16). In our day, this is culturally preposterous. But by the grace of God, we will trust God's commands and celebrate the God-given treasure of complementary gender roles.

It is tempting to give in to the world's pressure and wave a rebellious, "women can do anything men can do" fist at God. This attitude can only lead to spiritual death. However, the attitude of humble submission to God's plan of gender roles will lead to salvation (1 Tim. 2:15).

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## Celebrate

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

**November Birthdays:** Susan Bridges (1), Canyon Edwards (6), Linda Jimenez (8), Tammy Rudloff (8), Emilee Evetts (13), Randy Huckaby (15), Christy Edwards (24), Marcia Turnbull (24), Christine Rayon (30).

**November Anniversaries:** Gene & Barbara Bannister (6), Jack & Judie Turner (18).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



## Records

	Oct. 15, 2017	Oct. 22, 2017
Bible Class	54	51
AM Worship	72	62
PM Worship	65	48
Wednesday PM	63	40
Contribution	\$2,264	\$2,033



	This Week: 10/29/17	Next Week: 11/5/17		
<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>November 2017</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> John Barnum <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Churchwell Family <b>Clean Building:</b> John Barnum Family	
<b>Greeters</b>	Allen & Linda Griffith	Maninger Family		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Gene Bannister	James Fuller		
<b>Communion</b>	Randy Huckaby*, Jack Turner Hank Wheeler, Ryan Rudloff	Ken Maninger*, Chase Churchwell Joe Dennis, Caleb Dennis		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	James Fuller	Don Smith		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Jaceten Evetts	Aaron Smith		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: James Fuller	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Mike Bannister	Gene Bannister		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	John Barnum	Rafe Smith		
<b>Communion</b>	Randy Huckaby	Ken Maninger		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Tom Wilcox	Ryan Rudloff		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	November 1 Prayer Night	November 8 Rafe Smith	November 15 Don Smith	November 22 Joe Dennis

## 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 29, 2017

Sunday Class ..... **Romans 8:14**

Wed. Class ..... **Old Testament History: Genesis 3:16**

#### Grace & Law – Romans 3-6

- I. **Grace Is Dependent on Law.**
  - A. The "righteousness of God" and the "wrath of God" are contrasted (1:17-18).
  - B. Paul proceeds to show that all stand condemned because of sin (1:18-3:20).
  - C. All sin – thus, all equally deserve *the wrath of God* (cf. 1:18; 2:5, 8).
  - D. Here is how grace is dependent upon law.
    1. Grace is extended by God because of sin – a transgression of God's law.
    2. It is only through the law of Christ that God's grace is available to man.
- II. **God's Grace Is Seemingly Lawless.**
  - A. Paul anticipates and answers this charge in 3:21-31.
  - B. A just God can still be just when He saves by grace, apart from the law.
    1. The teaching of "the Law and the Prophets" is in harmony with grace.
    2. Only through the sacrifice of Christ and His offer of salvation by faith in Christ can a just God remain just in justifying sinners.
    3. Justification is by God's grace, through faith, not by the law.
    4. Jewish monotheism shows that salvation by God's grace is just.
- III. **Abraham Illustrates Righteousness by Grace.**
  - A. Abraham was justified by faith, not by works (4:1-8).
  - B. Abraham's justification took place *before* he did any works (4:9-12)
  - C. God's promise to Abraham was fulfilled, not through law, but through faith, which implies grace (4:13-25). Paul shows this in three stages.
    1. Initially, God's promise "was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith" (4:13-16).
    2. Abraham's faith was like believing in the resurrection from the dead.
    3. Abraham's faith anticipated the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and was fulfilled by it (4:23-25). The Christians belief imitates Abraham's.
- IV. **Applications of Grace to Law.**
  - A. Being justified by faith places one in a relationship of peace (5:1-5).
  - B. The reconciliation brought about by Christ's death guarantees future salvation and hope (5:6-11).
  - C. Third, for every negative brought about through Adam's sin, God's grace demonstrated in Christ provides a far more powerful answer (5:12-21).
  - D. Through baptism, people are freed from sin (6:2-23), "sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace" (6:14).

#### Paul's Hope in Death – 2 Timothy 4:6-13

- I. **The Triumphant End of a Faithful Life!** (4:6-8).
  - A. Paul knew his time was short – Timothy and other faithful Gospel preachers needed to do the things mentioned in v. 5 to continue Paul's (God's) work.
  - B. Paul saw himself as, "being poured out as a drink offering", i.e., as a sacrifice to the Lord.
  - C. Paul said that the time of his "departure" was at hand.
    1. He had been bound to the present world like a ship is to the dock.
    2. Dying was like release from the confinement of a dock, set free!
  - D. In v. 7, Paul gave a beautiful and moving summary of his life on earth.
    1. First, he said he had, "fought the good fight".
    2. Second, Paul said he had, "finished the race".
    3. Third, Paul said that he had, "kept the faith".
  - E. As a result of his faithful and loving efforts for the Lord, as well as the Lord's love, mercy and grace, he knew there was a crown laid up for him (8).
  - F. Jesus the righteous judge would give him the crown on "that day".
  - G. Paul was not the only one who would receive the crown of righteousness on the judgment day.
    1. A sharp contrast with what happens in earthly races – where there is only one winner who receives the victor's crown (1 Cor. 9:24).
    2. Jesus will give that winner's crown to "all" those who love His appearing.
- II. **Paul's Urgent Request** (4:9-13).
  - A. In v. 9, Paul requested Timothy to come to his Roman prison quickly.
  - B. In v. 10, we learn a very sad fact – that *Demas* had forsaken him.
  - C. Also in v. 10, Paul mentioned *Crescens* and *Titus*.
    1. We have no information, inspired or uninspired, about who *Crescens* was.
    2. *Titus* was a faithful companion of Paul's and a fellow evangelist.
  - D. In v. 11, Paul mentioned *Luke* as being the only one who was with him – in contrast with *Demas*, this dear friend was by Paul's side in his hour of need.
  - E. Paul asked Timothy to bring *Mark* – "for he is useful to me for ministry".
  - F. In v. 12, Paul mentioned *Tychicus* whom he had sent to Ephesus.
  - G. Paul asked Timothy to bring the cloak he had left with *Carpus* at Troas.
  - H. Paul also asked Timothy to bring the books, especially the parchments – thus, even up until his death, Paul was a student of God's Word!