

# 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.

“Stand your ground.”  
“Don’t back down.” “Hit him back.”  
“Teach him a lesson.”  
“Don’t cry.”  
“Be a man.”



To many boys, “being a man” is summed up in the rough and tough de-

scriptions above. Consequently, any sign of “softness” seems incompatible with manhood. But just when we think we have “manhood” all figured out, we read this: “*Now these are the last words of David. Thus says David the son of Jesse; Thus says the man raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel...* ” (2 Samuel 23:1).

Did you see that? Don’t miss it. David was described as the “*sweet psalmist of Israel.*” Well, that’s no way to describe a “real man,” is it? Maybe our view of what a “real man” is needs a bit of tweaking.

Oh, there’s no doubt about it; David was a real man! He killed a lion and a bear (1 Samuel 17:36). He defeated the giant, Goliath (1 Samuel 17:50). He engaged in hand-to-hand combat in time of war (2 Samuel 21:15). But coupled with all this strength and courage is the “*sweet psalmist of Israel.*”

Friends, we need more “sweet psalmists of Israel today.” We need a kinder and gentler brotherhood. We need men who can do more than “fight,” “stand their ground,” and “push and shove.” We need men who are “sweet.” Who can speak words of kindness and grace. Who can show compassion. Who will give ground. Who will step aside. Who will speak and write words of encouragement and edification. And who will “hold a punch.”

Oh, but I can hear objections already, “Are you saying we should just stand down and let evil and error prevail?” “What about Jude’s command to ‘earnestly contend for the faith?’” “Have you never read what Jesus said to the Pharisees?” “Have you forgotten that Jesus overturned the tables of the money changers in the temple?” etc.

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For I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and **you shall be holy; for I am holy.** Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth. For I am the Lord who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. **You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.**

Leviticus 11:44-45



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Friends, I'm not telling anyone to lay down their sword, what I am saying is to embrace balance. There's a time for "war" and a time for "peace" (Eccl. 3:8). We can be "defenders of the faith" while at the same time be "*sweet psalmists of Israel.*"

Balance is what we need, and listen carefully... **there is no counter-balance of "sweetness" to sinful behavior and speech.** While we need balance, no amount of "sweetness" provides balance...

- for unkind, unloving words.
- for gossip and half-truths.
- for taking public what should remain private.
- for enjoying conflict and arguments.
- for impatience and lack of forbearance.
- for being quarrelsome.
- for indiscriminate denunciations of brethren.
- for endless wranglings, tit-for-tat, and drive-by insults.
- for treating brethren as though they are a willful enemy.

Don't you think David would have been pleased with this description: "David – the son of Jesse, a man raised up on high, the anointed of God, and the sweet psalmist of Israel?" Friends, we'll always remember David for his strength, bravery, and manliness, but don't ever forget that he was also the "*sweet psalmist of Israel.*"

Personally, I long for such balance in my life. When I come to the end of my journey here on earth, I want my epitaph to read, "A faithful soldier of the cross, and one who possessed a sweet spirit."

Steve Higginbotham (preachinghelp.org)



The Mutual Admiration of Barton W. Stone and Alexander Campbell

The American Restoration Movement has a somewhat complex combination of origins, but it is with good reason that priority is often given to the contributions of Barton W. Stone and Alexander Campbell. Stone was chronologically prior to Campbell, but the latter eventually came to be the primary face, thinker, and influencer of the movement. Together, their accomplishments are so recognized that the movement itself is often called, "The Stone-Campbell Movement."

At the risk of oversimplification, both Stone and Campbell led religious movements in the early 19th century that were concerned with following the practices of the church as laid out in the pages of the New Testament, and doing so as a means of producing unity among the fragmented segments of Christendom. As a testament to that unity, their two movements united in 1832.

This union occurred despite significant theological disagreements between Stone and Campbell, but the nature of those disagreements is not my focus here. Rather, my emphasis is on the fact that, in the face of such disagreement, Stone and Campbell did not regard one another suspi-

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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

Feb. 18 Numbers 21—23

Feb. 19 Numbers 24:1—26:34

Feb. 20 Numbers 26:35—28:31

Feb. 21 Numbers 29:1—31:47

Feb. 22 Numbers 31:48—36:13

Feb. 23 Deuteronomy 1:1-15 (video)

Feb. 24 Deuteronomy 1:16—3:29

Feb. 25 Deuteronomy 4:1—6:15

*"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

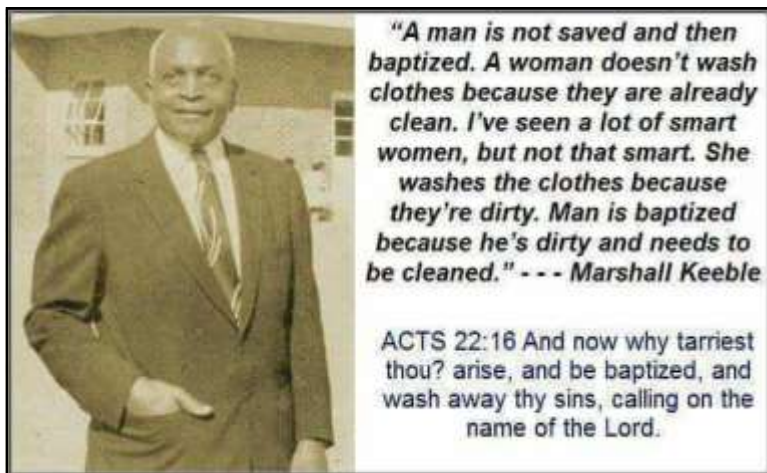
- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **31 contacts** were made.

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

- ◆ March, 2018—Spring Gospel Meeting. Details TBD.
- ◆ August 14—Host Summer Youth Series

#### Other Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ March 1-4—"Arise!: A Southwest Spiritual Growth Workshop" @ Southwest (Austin).
- ◆ March 3-4—Gospel Meeting @ 5<sup>th</sup> & Grape (Abilene) w/ Robert Dodson
- ◆ March 18-21—Gospel Meeting @ Bangs with Jason Rollo.
- ◆ April 1-4—Gospel Meeting @ Hamilton with Jason Rollo.
- ◆ May 5-10—Focal Point @ University (San Marcos).
- ◆ June 24-28—Junior Camp
- ◆ July 15-20—Senior Camp



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ciously or denigrate one another; instead, they possessed great admiration for one another, and did not fail to say so publicly. Consider the following quotations:

Stone, speaking of Campbell:

I will not say there are no faults in brother Campbell; but that there are fewer, perhaps, in him than any man I know on earth; and over these my love would throw a veil and hide them from view forever. I am constrained, and willingly constrained, to acknowledge him the greatest preacher of this reformation of any man living. (Barton W. Stone, 1843)<sup>1</sup>

Campbell, speaking of Stone:

In the heat of controversy he may, indeed, like most other men, have been carried too far on some points; still he was the honored instrument of bringing many out of the ranks of human tradition, and putting into their hands the Book of Books, as their only confession of faith and rule of life, and will no doubt, on this account, as well as others, long continue to be a blessing to those who, by his instrumentality, have already been, or may hereafter be, translated into the fullness of the blessings of the gospel of Christ. (Alexander Campbell, 1844)<sup>2</sup>

Again, I should emphasize that these are two men who had significant disagreements on a variety of issues, and historians of the movement are often quick to point this out. However, regardless of these disagreements, I find it incredibly significant and impressive that both regarded the legacies of the other so charitably.

What a sterling example both men set for us to follow!

Luke Dockery (ludedockery.com)

<sup>1</sup> B. W. Stone and John Rogers, *The Biography of Eld. Barton Warren Stone, Written By Himself: with Additions and Reflections by Elder John Rogers* (Cincinnati: J.A. & U.P. James, 1847), 76.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., 107.

## Celebrate

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

**February Birthdays:** Cindy McCaghren (2), Johnny McCaghren (2), Peggy Chism (3), Carol Wilcox (5), Sue McAnear (6), Lunday Maninger (8), Patti Bannister (14), **Larry Petty (18), Aaron Smith (21), Jack Turner (22).**

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

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



## Records

|              | Feb. 4, 2018 | Feb. 11, 2018 |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Bible Class  | 45           | 34            |
| AM Worship   | 67           | 49            |
| PM Worship   | 42           | 44            |
| Wednesday PM | 44           | 37            |
| Contribution | \$2,277      | \$1,851       |



|                               | This Week: 2/18/18  | Next Week: 2/25/18                                   |   |                        |
|-------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------------|
| <b>Sunday AM:</b>             | Song Leader: Mike Bannister                                 | Song Leader: Mike Bannister                          | <b>February 2018</b><br><b>Make Announcements:</b><br>Ken Maninger<br><b>Prepare Communion:</b><br>James & Cindy Fuller<br><b>Clean Building:</b><br>Dennis Family<br><br><b>March 2018</b><br><b>Make Announcements:</b><br>Gene Bannister<br><b>Prepare Communion:</b><br>Allen & Linda Griffith<br><b>Clean Building:</b><br>Fuller / Stultz |                        |
| <b>Greeters</b>               | John Barnum Family  | Tom & Carol Wilcox                                   |   |                        |
| <b>Opening Prayer</b>         | James Fuller  | Don Smith  |   |                        |
| <b>Communion</b>              | Allen Griffith*, Randy Huckaby<br>Hank Wheeler, Jack Turner | Rafe Smith*, Larry Petty<br>Joe Dennis, Caleb Dennis |   |                        |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b>         | Gene Bannister  | Allen Griffith                                       |   |                        |
| <b>Attendance Cards</b>       | Aaron Smith   | Ian Barnum   |   |                        |
| <b>Sunday PM:</b>             | Song Leader: Tom Wilcox                                     | Song Leader: Ken Maninger                            |   |                        |
| <b>Opening Prayer</b>         | James Thomas  | James Fuller   |   |                        |
| <b>Scripture Reading</b>      | Don Smith   | John Barnum  |   |                        |
| <b>Communion</b>              | Allen Griffith  | Rafe Smith   |   |                        |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b>         | Mike Bannister  | Gene Bannister                                       |   |                        |
| <b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b> | February 21<br>Rafe Smith                                   | February 28<br>Don Smith                             | March 7<br>Prayer Night   | March 14<br>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 February 18, 2018

Sunday Class ..... **Romans 10:1**  
 Wed. Class ..... **Old Testament History: Genesis 15:7**

| <u>Holiness as a Way of Life</u>   | <u>Paul's Gospel and Apostleship Confirmed and Maintained (Galatians 2:1-21)</u><br><u>Part 2 – The Rebuke by Paul in Antioch (2:11-21)</u>  |
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| <p><b>I. Holiness as a Central Feature in the Old Testament.</b></p> <p>A. The central organizing feature of OT ethics is holiness.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"For I am the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:45).</li> <li>"For I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44).</li> <li>The grounds for calling man to obedience and moral action are found in one simple statement: "I am the Lord your God" (42X in OT; 21X in Lev.).</li> </ol> <p>B. Holiness is the quality that describes the nature of God in all His fullness.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" (Isa. 6:3).</li> <li>"For I am God, and not man, the Holy One in your midst" (Hosea 11:9).</li> </ol> <p>C. God's holiness means that He is free from the frailties and moral imperfections common to mankind (Hos. 11:9), and therefore can be counted on to be consistent in His dealings with people (Hab. 1:12).</p> <p>D. Israel had been called to be a "holy nation", a "kingdom of priests" and a "special treasure" (Ex. 19:5-6). "A holy people" (Deut. 7:6; 14:2, 21; 26:19).</p> <p><b>II. Holiness in Worship.</b></p> <p>A. Worship to God was a holy meeting of God and His people – Israel's response in worship was, "The Lord our God is holy" (Ps. 99:9).</p> <p>B. Deuteronomy 6:4-5 connect the "Shema Israel" (Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!) and the 1<sup>st</sup> commandment (You shall have no other gods before Me) with obedience to God's law (6:6).</p> <p>C. The centrality of the law in all of life and worship is seen in the fact that the Decalogue was placed in the ark of the covenant in the Holy of Holies.</p> <p>D. Holiness, then, is integrally related to God's law – every law (civil, ceremonial, or moral) was concerned at its very root with holiness.</p> <p><b>III. Holiness in Work.</b></p> <p>A. Work is a holy calling from God given to mankind since the days of Adam.</p> <p>B. Work, in the biblical model of holiness, is a heavenly vocation, received as a gift, and performed not with an eye to pleasing men, but as unto the Lord. Holiness, then, permeated the whole tenor and fiber of Israel's life, whether it involved worship of the living God, or their day to day functioning in life.</p> | <p><b>I. Paul's Defense of His Apostleship and the Gospel (Chapters 1-2).</b></p> <p>A. <b>Introduction</b> (1:1-10).</p> <p>B. <b>Paul's Gospel and Apostleship Divinely Derived</b> (1:11-24).</p> <p>C. <b>Paul's Gospel and Apostleship Confirmed and Maintained</b> (2:1-21).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The Reception of Paul in Jerusalem</b> (1-10).</li> <li><b>The Rebuke by Paul in Antioch</b> (11-21).                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The need for Paul's rebuke</b> (11-13): Peter was refusing to fellowship with Christian, but uncircumcised, Gentiles.                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"He would eat with the Gentiles" – Lit: "he was eating with".                                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peter's table fellowship with Gentiles was disrupted when <i>certain men</i> – obviously Jewish Christians from Jerusalem who were zealous for the law – arrived in Antioch.</li> <li>Upon the Judaizer's arrival, Peter <i>withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision</i>.</li> <li>To make matters even worse, Peter's actions, as an apostle and church leader, influenced <i>the rest of the Jews</i> to do the was – <i>even Barnabas</i>.</li> </ol> </li> <li>"Played the hypocrite ... carried away with their hypocrisy".</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>The nature of Paul's rebuke</b> (14-21).                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The contents</b> (14-18): He reminded Peter that it is faith, not circumcision, that saves both Jews and Gentiles.                                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"They were not straight forward about the truth of the gospel".</li> <li>Paul reminded these men that "a man is not justified by works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ ... by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified". We can be saved only by faith and obedience.</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>The conclusion</b> (19-21).                                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All believers have been crucified with Christ (19-20).</li> <li>All believers are to live by the faith of the indwelling Christ (21).   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Christ...who loved me, and gave Himself for me".</li> <li>"If righteousness comes through law, then Christ died in vain".</li> <li>To rebuild the fabric of any law system is spiritual suicide!</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li></ol> |