

# 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

## So, Our Preaching Offends You?

Many people will tell those of us who preach the Truth that what we are preaching offends them. My reaction to a statement like this: Good! **Acts 20:27-29**

There are times that others will come to us and say that they are offended by something we proclaim concerning the scriptures. Today more often than not you will hear that we are not being "Christlike" or that we are "Unloving" in our speech because we tell people the truth based on God's word. When we preach the truth, many will be offended just as the Pharisees were in Jesus day. **Matthew 15:12-14**

Today the seeds of error have been planted deep and have spread throughout the world. The "love and mercy" crowd who preach a watered-down version of the Gospel have even invaded the Lord's church. These ear-tickling preachers are a real and present danger to all they teach. They will not preach the whole counsel of God, they either add to, or take away from God's Word. Many of them even re-define its meaning in order to deceive their listeners into believing the error they so boldly proclaim. These men are not following the teaching of Peter. **1 Peter 4:11**

The Christian can't have a compromising or unconcerned attitude toward truth and error. Every Christian must be at war against error. **2 Corinthians 10:4-6**

We have had our weapons and armor issued by God, we need to use them. **Ephesians 6:10-18**

When we engage false teachers, we can give no quarter. We do not compromise the Truth. We do not meet halfway. We don't agree to disagree. We don't go along with them in order to get along with them. **1 Timothy 1: 18-19**

Our preaching is only offensive to those in error. The plain truth of God's Word is like a two-edged sword that cuts to the heart. **Hebrews 4:12**

Stephen used this sword on his rebellious brethren. They were so offended by it that they put him to death. **Acts 7:54-60**

Paul used this sword on the brethren at Corinth who were in sin. **1 Corinthians 5**

Sometimes I hear someone say, "Well, your preaching offends me because of the way it is presented. Oh, it's not the truth that offends me," they will say, yet all the while they imply that there is a better way to preach than the way we do. "You are too hard, you are too harsh. You are not loving enough, kind enough, sweet tempered enough."

They tell us, "You are too quick to jump, too rash, too headstrong, too divisive."

How many times have you heard people say, "You are driving people away with your preaching; is it any wonder they do not want to come back?"

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You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **2 Peter 3:17-18**

Let us know if you want to study the Bible to know more about Christ and His Church.



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Those who say these things fail to realize one thing: it is not we who are offensive. Instead, it is the truth that offends them, just like it did the Pharisees of Jesus' day. When we stand firmly on the word and proclaim it so people can understand it, most of them are going to be offended. This is because deep down they know that they are living in sin and don't want to admit it. Preaching the Truth will always offend those in sin and error. The purpose of Gospel preaching is to bring people to the truth of God's word. The message of the cross to those in sin is "repent." **John 3:17**

Jesus told His disciples that even they would be offended by Him. **Mark 14:27**

There was no way Jesus could do the Father's will and not offend the Pharisees, or even his apostles.

False teachers do NOT like to be exposed and once they are, they will say anything to make their followers believe that the sound teacher is the one in error. When they find that they cannot use their twisted and vile doctrine to refute the truth of God's Word, they will then stoop to personal attacks. The followers of these false teachers are taught early on to become offended by the teaching of the truth.

What we see being taught today is a "better felt than obeyed" gospel of man, not the Gospel of Christ that saves souls. It has been said we have a heart problem. The real problem though, is an attitude problem on the part of those who refuse to submit to God. They have the attitude where they think they can worship and live and make up their own rules and that God will just have to accept it. This is the real problem. We should be bringing our lives into subjection to God's will, not trying to bring God's Will in subjection to our feelings.

Paul knew this was the attitude of the Corinthians. **1 Corinthians 9:19-27**

Sound Gospel preaching is preaching that exposes man's sin and brings them to repentance. It cuts to the very heart. It brings people to the understanding that the truth of God's word is what saves. The truth we preach is what men today do not want to comply with and therefore they twist and turn like torn sails in the wind with their

false doctrines and teachings.

When they are confronted with the truth, the wolves will then show their teeth and try to devour all around them. Sound preaching keeps these wolves out of the Lord's church. Sound men of God know not to fellowship these evil heretics. **2 John 1:7-11**

This is why the false accusations fly and the character of those who preach the word is attacked so vehemently. The false teacher—the wolf at the door—knows the truth will expose them for the liars that they are.

For those who want to complain that our preaching or any other sound brother's preaching is too harsh, too plain, or too offensive, I ask you this: Since you proclaim that you are preaching the same truth that we are, yet somehow we are faulty in our approach to the truth of God's Word, and since you believe you can do so much better, why don't you?

When will we see these false teachers and preachers start teaching the real Word of God and not some man-made series of lies? Where are the men who teach that fellowship with sin is wrong? Where are the sermons showing the error of man-made doctrines? Where are the sermons showing that denominationalism is false? Where are the sermons teaching the whole counsel of God, not just those that scratch the itching ears of people.

So my preaching offends you? GOOD! Come hear the truth.....

Jesus came into the world to show us that it is indeed possible for a human to live life in a Godly manner. He then died as the perfect sacrifice for us.

Do you believe? **John 3:16**

If you believe Him, have you obeyed Him? **John 3:36**

What did He command us to do? What must we obey? He gave several simple commands for true believers to follow if they desire to be saved from their sins and the wrath of God coming on Judgment Day for those who do not.

Have you repented of your sins? **Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30**  
If you haven't repented, you are not saved.

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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

**Mar. 4** Deuteronomy 27:11—28:68

**Mar. 5** Deuteronomy 29—34

**Mar. 6** Joshua 1:1-9 (video)

**Mar. 7** Joshua 1:10—4:24 (video)

**Mar. 8** Joshua 5:1—8:23

**Mar. 9** Joshua 8:24—11:9

**Mar. 10** Joshua 11:10—14:15

**Mar. 11** Joshua 15—17

*"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)



- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **30 contacts** were made.

### Announcements

- ◆ Mark your calendars for **March 23-25** (Friday—Sunday), for our **Christian Evidence/Apologetics Seminar**. Our speaker will be **Dr. Branyon May** (Ph.D. in Astrophysics), who is Assistant Manager at World Video Bible School and also works with Apologetics Press. There will be two sessions Friday and Saturday evenings each, and two sessions Sunday morning. More details to come.
- ◆ **First Sunday Fellowship Meal** following our morning worship service.

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

- ◆ March 23-25—Christian Evidences Seminar with Dr. Branyon May.
- ◆ August 14—Host Summer Youth Series

#### Other Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ 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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Have you made a public confession of your belief that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God? **Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:8-10** If you haven't made this confession of your faith, you are not saved.

Have you been immersed in water to have your sins washed away? **Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16** If you haven't been immersed in water to wash away your sins, you are not saved. It is in the waters of baptism where the Holy Spirit works His great cleansing, giving us His gift of salvation. **Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:11-13; Titus 3:4-7**

Baptism is the point of salvation. **1 Peter 3:21**

If you were baptized believing anything else, such as you were already saved before the baptism, or that you were being baptized to show an outward sign of an inward grace, you have not been baptized for the reason Jesus commanded. You are not saved. Baptism, as we have clearly shown through Scripture, is the point where our sins are washed away and we are saved.

After you have believed and obeyed, have you continued living a life of faithful service to Christ, following the teachings of the New Testament? **Revelation 2:10; Acts 2: 42**

When you do sin, do you repent and ask God in prayer to forgive you? **Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:8-10**

His Grace is sufficient to save us, but His Grace and the salvation it brings is offered only to those who obey. **Hebrews 5:9**

Do you believe Him? Have you obeyed Him by repenting of your sins, making a public confession of your belief, and being immersed in water to have your sins washed away? If not, why not? You are not promised another second. Don't delay.

If you have, and you have sinned again, pray to God, confess that sin to Him, and ask Him to forgive you. He will forgive you every single time as long as you remain a faithful disciple.

*Jim Crews (Facebook post)*

## Celebrate

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

**March Birthdays:** Ken Maninger (4), Wayne Kahlich (9), Ann Walker (10), 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. 18, 2018	Feb. 25, 2018
Bible Class	39	51
AM Worship	59	64
PM Worship	37	43
Wednesday PM	26	45
Contribution	\$1,945	\$1,556

	This Week: 3/4/18	Next Week: 3/11/18		
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<p><b>March 2018</b>  <b>Make Announcements:</b>                      Gene Bannister  <b>Prepare Communion:</b>                      Allen &amp; Linda Griffith  <b>Clean Building:</b>                      Fuller / Stultz</p> <p><b>April 2018</b>  <b>Make Announcements:</b>                      John Barnum  <b>Prepare Communion:</b>                      Dennis Family  <b>Clean Building:</b>                      Mike &amp; Patti Bannister</p>	
<b>Greeters</b>	Allen & Linda Griffith	Maninger Family		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Gene Bannister	James Fuller		
<b>Communion</b>	Don Smith*, James Thomas Ken Maninger, Chase Churchwell	John Barnum*, Ryan Settles Allen Griffith, Larry Petty		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	John Barnum	Gene Bannister		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Jaceten Evetts	Aaron Smith		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: Rafe Smith	Song Leader: Joe Dennis		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Tom Wilcox	Randy Huckaby		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	James Fuller	Don Smith		
<b>Communion</b>	Don Smith	John Barnum		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Allen Griffith	James Thomas		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	March 7 Prayer Night	March 14 Joe Dennis	March 21 Rafe Smith	March 28 Rafe 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 March 4, 2018

Sunday Class ..... **Romans 10:11**  
 Wed. Class ..... **Old Testament History: Genesis 17:15**

#### Grow

It is very evident that Christian growth is a Christian duty. A failure to grow is contrary to both the law of God and the law of nature.

**I. Requirements for Growth.**

**A. New Birth** (Jn. 3:3).

- No one can grow as a child of God unless he has been born again.
- It is impossible for one to be a new creature out of Christ (2 Cor. 5:17).

**B. Freedom from sin** – physical disease will stunt and, if not cured, kill a child – the same is true of sin.

**C. Food** (1 Pet. 2:2).

- The Bible is milk and meat – milk to the newborn babe and meat to the older Christian (Heb. 5:12-14).
- We are commanded to “*desire*” this food.

**D. Exercise** (1 Tim. 4:7).

- The Christian life is a life of “*faith working through love*” (Gal. 5:6).
- We learn to do by doing.
- Activity strengthens – inactivity weakens.
- We show our faith by our works (Jas. 2:18) – hence, little work is evidence of little faith.

**E. Climate or environment.**

- Climate may affect physical growth, and environment may retard spiritual growth.
- “*Do not be deceived: 'Evil company corrupts good habits'*” (1 Cor. 15:33).

**F. Time** – neither a baby nor a Christian is born full grown.

**II. Evidences of Growth.**

**A. “Precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little, there a little”** (Isa. 28:10).

- As we look back over our Christian lives, can we see that we have grown?

**B. When we act like men/women rather than children** (1 Cor. 13:11).

- There is a big difference in the behavior of a child and an adult.
- Did you once do things that you would not do now?

**C. When we begin to produce fruit.**

- Growing Christians bear fruit, “*some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty*” (Mt. 13:23).
- Are the fruits of Christianity evident in our lives?

#### Galatians 3:10-18 – Justification: Not by Law but by Faith in Christ (2)

**I. Justification: Not by Law but by Faith in Christ** (Chapters 3-4).

**A. The Holy Spirit Received by Faith** (3:1-5).

**B. Abraham’s Righteousness Achieved Through Faith** (3:6-9).

**C. The Curse of the Law Upon the Jews** (3:10-14).

- After holding up Abraham as the prototype of the faith principle in 6-9, Paul said, “*For as many as are the works of the law are under the curse*”.
  - “*The works of the law*” is a reference to the law of Moses (see 2:16).
  - Paul then quoted Dt. 27:26: “*Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them*”.
  - “*But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident*”.
- “*Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law*” (13).
  - He “*redeemed*” those condemned by their disobedience to God’s law.
  - Jesus accomplished our redemption, “*having become a curse for us*” – that is, by His substitutionary sacrifice on the cross.
  - This sacrifice was made on the cross “*that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith*” (14).

**D. The Promise to Abraham Made Prior to the Law** (3:15-18).

- Paul now gives “*an example from everyday life*” (NIV).
  - “*Though it is only a man’s covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it*”.
  - Paul emphasized that God’s blessings could not be earned, but are a result of His promises: “*Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, 'And to seeds', as of many, but as of one, 'And to your seed', who is Christ*” (16).
  - Paul applied his illustration from human relationships in v. 15 to the covenant God had made with Abraham: “*And this I say, that the law, which was 430 years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ*” (17).
- Paul concluded that God’s promise given to Abraham was sufficient on its own – the law of Moses could add nothing to it.
  - The inheritance of God’s people under the new covenant was (and is) dependent on His promise “*to Abraham*”, not on the law.
  - Faith has always been the essence of all that God has required.**