

# 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

John Barnum

## 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.

## Youth Ministry

Turn in your Bible to any passage of Scripture that mentions the "Trinity." Are you there yet? I'll wait, but how long must I wait? Have you turned to even one verse of Scripture that uses the word "Trinity"? Why not? **Don't you know your Bible?** Where in the Bible can you find the word "Trinity"?

**If you do know your Bible**, you are aware that the word "Trinity" **does not** appear anywhere in Scripture. Yet, the Bible **does teach** about what we refer to as the Trinity—three persons in one Godhead. There are numerous verses of Scripture that refer to one, two or three persons of the Godhead or Trinity (Mt. 1:18). Concisely, some passages mention all three persons of the Trinity together at once (Mt. 3:16-17; 28:19; Acts 2:33; 10:36-38). Our word "Trinity" and the biblical word "Godhead" are equivalent (Rom. 1:20; Col. 2:9; Acts 17:29).

So, though the word "Trinity" does not appear in the Bible, nevertheless, the Bible teaches about the Trinity. Likewise, the phrase "Youth Ministry" does not appear in the Bible. However, the Bible does teach about what we call "Youth Ministry," using other words.

### Youth Ministry Begins in the Home

Children debut in the home—years before there is any prospect of their church membership. Furthermore, **the home has the primary responsibility** for attending to the needs of its children—all physical, social, psychological and spiritual needs. Any responsibility that the Lord's church may have regarding children of its members is secondary and occurs later than the introduction of children into their families.

**Children are first a blessing to the home.** *"Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them..."* (Ps. 127:4-5). To be true and lasting blessings to the home, children must learn to conduct themselves in an orderly manner. 1 Timothy 4:12 advises youth, *"Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity."* Furthermore, children need to disallow temptations in their lives for which they are particularly susceptible. Instead, they ought to purposely learn godly traits. *"Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart"* (2 Tim. 2:22). Youth should become *"sober-minded"* (Tit. 2:6) in a world that heartily pursues every sort of sin (Rom. 1:18-32) to the uttermost (1 Pet. 4:4).

**The home has the responsibility for properly rearing its children.** This includes instruction and discipline. Especially the Book of Proverbs addresses parenting or childrearing. *"He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly"* (Prov. 13:24). *"Chasten your son while there is hope, And do not set your heart on his destruction"* (Prov. 19:18). *"Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him"* (Prov. 22:15). *"Do not withhold correction from a child, For if you beat him with a rod, he will not die. You shall beat him with a rod, And deliver his soul from hell"* (Prov. 23:13-14). The word "beat" means "to strike," but the context determines the intensity of the striking—lightly or heavily, which in this case is lightly owing to correction rather than to harming. *"The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother"* (Prov. 29:15). Here, verbal correction rather than only physical correction appears. *"Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul"* (Prov. 29:17). Parental responsibility toward children intends to promote their general welfare—and the wellbeing of the family, too.

The New Testament notes that especially fathers bear the responsibility for the development of their children. *"And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord"* (Eph. 6:4). That treatment of children must be responsive but controlled. *"Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged"* (Col. 3:21). The consequence of not parenting one's children is twofold—God's disapproval of both the parents (fathers in particular) and the children. *"For I have told him [Eli] that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them"* (1 Sam. 3:13). *"And his father [David] had not rebuked him at any time by saying, 'Why have you done so?'..."* (1 Kgs. 1:6). As dependents in the home, children must learn to be subject to and to obey their parents—as the boy Jesus did (Lk. 2:51). Of course, the parents need to be responsive to rearing their children, and willing to train them in the ways of God—revealed in the Bible.

**The home must provide the moral or spiritual compass for its children.** Every waking moment when children and their parents interact is a potential occasion for teaching one's offspring about God and His Word. *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and*

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with all your strength. "And these words which I command you to-day shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates" (Deut. 6:5-9).

Abraham was a godly patriarch who lived prior to the institution of Judaism and before this passage in Deuteronomy was written. Yet, Scripture records that Abraham was an outstanding father to his children. God said of Abraham, "For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him" (Gen. 18:19). God expects parents to not only influence their children but to encourage their grandchildren to adopt the ways of God (Deut. 6:2; Ps. 78:4-6).

### Youth Ministry Continues in the Church

Parents do not relinquish their parental responsibilities to the local church. By the word "church," the local assembly of Christians is the intended meaning—not the church building. Parents should not expect the church to take over for them their childrearing responsibilities. The church can augment or add to what the home does, but it cannot and should not be expected to replace the home and be primarily responsible for the spiritual maturity of children. The comparatively few assemblies of the church (e.g., maybe three times on the Lord's Day, an hour on Wednesday evening and occasionally youth gatherings) cannot compare with the number of times children are exposed to their parents in the home.

**The local church ought to provide age-appropriate instruction and encouragement to all Christians and non-Christians who assemble at the appointed times.** Therefore, many churches of Christ have Bible classes (e.g., Sunday morning and Wednesday evening), preaching during worship, Gospel meetings, Ladies' inspiration days, workshops, seminars, lectureships, vacation Bible school and youth events. The seasoned Christian, the new Christian and youth all need to know God's Word more perfectly and be encouraged by others of "like precious faith" (2 Pet. 1:1). Whatever the church can provide youth should reinforce the efforts of the home to instruct youth and to lead them to become fruitful and faithful Christians.

One of the primary reasons that our children either do not become Christians or after becoming Christians fall away from the church is because parents did not take seriously enough the responsibility to train their children with God's Word and to live God's Word consistently in their own lives. Making a living, seeking prosperity beyond family needs and pursuing recreation or entertainment often consumes the majority of family life and crowds out God and His ways. If parents do not prioritize their lives to seek spiritual things first (Mt. 6:33), neither will their children put God first in their lives.

Another significant reason that our children do not become Christians or do not remain faithful Christians is because of the overpowering influence of the ungodly world upon them. Children spend more time with the world than they do with their families (e.g., interacting with other children who are not the products of truly Christian homes, in school at the feet of teachers and educational studies that may be counterproductive to Christianity, inundated with diverse media that often is anti-biblical in its message, etc.). Since the world spends more time with our children than we do as parents, it is especially important for parents to maximize the impact of their time spent with their children—particularly pertaining to teaching them to know God and His Word.

**The Lord's church cannot develop Christian youth satisfactorily through entertainment alone.** In the first place, entertainment of our children is the responsibility of the home—not the responsibility of the church. Secondly, neither the church nor the home can satisfactorily compete in entertainment, amusements and distractions with the world. The world can always do it bigger and better regarding entertainment, amusements and distractions than what either the church or the home can do. Therefore, the home and the church must focus on spiritual maturity rather than on entertainment, etc. Christian youth ought to be taught by word and by example in the home and in the church from an early age the importance of being godly.

Yet, youth activities should be pleasant rather than unpleasant. All of us at any age find it agreeable to be accommodated with pleasures as we practice our Christianity. Adults might appreciate a comfortable setting in which to worship or to study God's Word. Youth (as well as adults) may find it a suitable environment for gathering to include eating or social activities. However, the spiritual side of youth events, etc. ought to outweigh fun and games. Certainly, if youth can play together, they can and should also work together for our Lord.

**Christian youth are not the church of tomorrow!** As long as the church views Christian youth as the church of tomorrow, they will not be the church of today. It is folly to segregate Christian youth from the church today, and then to wonder why years from now that they do not become active in the church. Baptism does not make a boy into a man or a girl into a woman, but it is the point at which a person becomes a Christian. All newly baptized Christians, irrespective of one's chronological age, are babes in Christ. In addition to teaching them more perfectly (Mt. 28:20), every male and female Christian ought to be assimilated into the local congregation according to their abilities (Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:14-27).

All Christians, young and old, ought to be fitted to tasks, not only corresponding with their abilities, but also according to the God-given roles that differ for men and for women. For instance, when we teach young men, we should not forget to teach the young women, too, in areas in which they can serve our Lord in the local congregation (e.g., communion preparation, teaching ladies' and chil-

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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

[video.wvbs.org/access/interactive-bible-reading-plan/](http://video.wvbs.org/access/interactive-bible-reading-plan/)

**June 2** Joshua 16—18

**June 3** Joshua 19—21

**June 4** Joshua 22—24

**June 5** Judges 1—3 (video)

**June 6** Judges 4—6 (video)

**June 7** Judges 7—8

**June 8** Judges 9—10

**June 9** Judges 11—14

*"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)



### Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **48 contacts** were made.

### Announcements

- ◆ **First Sunday Fellowship Meal** today.
- ◆ **Summer Youth Series** begins this week. See schedule on bulletin board for details. Even if you don't fit in the "youth" category, you are still welcome and will be blessed. This week: **Bangs, Tuesday @ 7:00.**
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** this week at **Bangs.** Monday—Wednesday, 10:00am—Noon. Ages 4 years—6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- ◆ **Men's Development Conference** this week in College Station. See bulletin board for details.

### Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ August 6—We host Summer Youth Series
- ◆ Oct. 19—Ladies Day w/ Denise Surles, "*Hope—The Anchor of the Soul*"
- ◆ Oct. 27-30—Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Bryan Braswell

### Other Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ June 23-27—Junior Camp.
- ◆ July 14-19—Senior Camp.
- ◆ August 16-22—Polishing the Pulpit (Sevierville, TN)
- ◆ Oct. 4-6—Texas Ladies in Christ Retreat @ Brady

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dren's classes, benevolence, evangelism). Christian young men can participate in the worship services; they don't have to wait to some later time in life to begin participating in worship and service. Give our Christian youth, males and females, tasks that they can do and which correspond to the God-given roles of male and female children of God.

**Adult mentoring of youth (or any other babe in Christ) can provide important encouragement and guidance to promote spiritual maturity and faithfulness.** Not haphazardly, but purposely align adults with specific youth as the go-to-person on whom youth can rely. This should not supplant the family but provide an additional spiritual family member to help youth along the godly path to Christian maturity.

**Encourage the local congregation to prayerfully inspire Christian youth.** One congregation of which I am aware placed the name of each their youth on the backs of cutout hands. The procedure is to get a hand and pray for the youth whose name is on the reverse of the cutout. The church becomes particularly mindful of the young people overall and especially aware of the young man or the young woman for whom each is praying regularly. In a turnabout, the youth could do something similar regarding the adults, the sick, the bereaved, the nation, etc. Prayer is an activity in which any and every member of the Lord's church ought to be and certainly can involve himself or herself.

### Summary

We will not stop loosing our youth to the church until parents and the church take Christianity seriously—seriously enough to make Christian living and Christian service the priority of their lives. Only then is there any likelihood that parents and the church can persuade our children regarding real Christianity more than the persuasion otherwise bombarding them daily by the ungodly world.

In addition, new Christians, youth or even older ones, must be assimilated into the life, worship and service of the local church immediately upon conversion and consistently thereafter—according to their abilities and God-given roles for men and for women. The abilities will increase in time and with increasing spiritual maturity. Every Christian, young or old, is part of the church of today—not merely the anticipated church of tomorrow.

*Louis Rushmore (Gospel Gazette Online, p. 2)*

## Celebrate

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

**June Birthdays:** Mike Bannister (4), Caleb Dennis (6), Loutrell Dobbins (8), Shannon Dennis (13), John Ross (15), Donna Sublett (19), David Greer (26), Ashley Kahlich (29).

**June Anniversaries:** Johnny & Cindy McCaghren (8), Wayne & Mileen Kahlich (19), David & Lisa Greer (28).

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



## Records

	May 19, 2019	May 26, 2019
Bible Class	37	43
AM Worship	44	54
PM Worship	33	40
Wednesday PM	38	26
Contribution	\$1,734	\$1,731

# Privileged To Serve

"...be ready to every good work," (Titus 3:1)

	This Week: 6/2/19	Next Week: 6/9/19		
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<b>June 2019</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> John Barnum <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Maninger Family <b>Clean Building:</b> Dennis Family  <b>July 2019</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> James Fuller <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Tom & Carol Wilcox <b>Clean Building:</b> James & Cindy Fuller	
<b>Greeters</b>	James & Cindy Fuller	Mileen & Ashley Kahlich		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Randy Huckaby	James Fuller		
<b>Communion</b>	Allen Griffith*, Kevin Ross Vernon Zier, Coyce Reed	Ken Maninger*, Chase Churchwell Hank Wheeler, Ryan Rudloff		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	James Fuller	Don Smith		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Aaron Smith	Ian Barnum		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: Joe Dennis	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Ken Maninger	Kevin Ross		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	John Barnum	Vernon Zier		
<b>Communion</b>	Allen Griffith	Ken Maninger		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Don Smith	Allen Griffith		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	June 5 Prayer Night	June 12 Joe Dennis	June 19 Rafe Smith	June 26 Don 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 June 2, 2019

Sunday Class ..... 1 Corinthians 4:12  
 Wed. Class ..... Servant Training: Overcoming Stage Fright

Jesus: Our Great Example/Leader	The New Life in Christ
<p>Christ left us an example that we are to follow His steps (1 Pet. 2:21-22). The importance of leadership is recognized in every walk of life. Our leader must be one that understands the way.</p> <p><b>I. Some Men Who Have Been Accepted as Leaders.</b></p> <p>A. <b>Church History / Religious Leaders</b> (Luther, Calvin, Wesley, Campbell – all fallible men).</p> <p>B. <b>Biblical Leaders</b> (Abraham, Moses, David, John the Baptist, Paul – again, all fallible men).</p> <p><b>II. Christ is Man's Perfect Leader.</b></p> <p>A. Christ is <i>the understanding, sympathetic, and perfect leader</i> (Heb. 4:15).</p> <p>B. Our leader is: <i>The Incomparable Christ</i>.</p> <p><b>III. The Leadership of Christ Carries with It A Number of Implications.</b></p> <p>A. To follow our Leader, Christ, <i>we must be teachers</i>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is when we learn to follow that we learn to lead).</li> <li>When followers of Christ are strong and teach His Word, marvelous things happen in the church of our Lord!</li> </ol> <p>B. Jesus is our example in <i>joy</i>.</p> <p>C. Jesus is our leader in <i>purity</i>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Mt. 5:8).</li> <li>There must be a spiritual life (Rom. 8:5-6; 1 Cor. 3:1).</li> </ol> <p>D. Jesus is our pattern in <i>love</i>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He taught that man should love God supremely; He set a perfect pattern for us (Mt. 22:37; Jn. 15:9).</li> <li>We should imitate Him in loving mankind!</li> </ol> <p>E. Consider also His <i>compassion</i> for those in need.</p> <p>F. We are to follow Jesus in <i>meekness, gentleness, and forbearance</i>.</p> <p>G. Our Example taught <i>forgiveness</i> and practiced it.</p> <p>H. To be like Christ we must be in full time <i>service in the vineyard of Christ</i>.</p> <p>I. We should become like Christ in <i>praying</i> to God.</p> <p><b>IV. A Threefold Joy in Following Our Leader.</b></p> <p>A. First, there is <i>the joy of forgiveness</i>.</p> <p>B. There is also given <i>the joy of free and unfettered service</i>.</p> <p>C. Third, the follower of Christ has <i>the joy of an undoubting expectancy</i>.</p>	<p><b>Putting Off Ungodly Character (Col. 3:8-9)</b></p> <p><b>I. "But now you yourselves are to put off all these" (8a).</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 3:5 Paul told the Christians to "put to death" their evil deeds of the past.</li> <li>Being new creatures in Christ does not make Christians sinless.</li> <li>The expressions "put off all these" (8) and later "put on" (12) are strong statements requiring the Colossians to respond to Paul's demands.</li> </ol> <p><b>II. "Anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth" (8b).</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Anger</i> is a translation of ὀργή, which is also translated as "wrath" in v. 6.                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A strong and deep displeasure; may result in punishment or retribution.</li> <li>The word is used mostly of God's verdict against disobedience and sin; His anger/wrath results in judgment and punishment.</li> <li>Under certain circumstances, Christians have a right to be angry (Eph. 4:26); in general, however, we are to avoid being angry.</li> </ol> </li> <li><i>Wrath</i> contains the idea of intense feelings of indignation.</li> <li><i>Malice</i> is descriptive of the expressions of man's lower desires, such as baseness, depravity, and wickedness.</li> <li><i>Blasphemy</i> [slander] means words spoken with an intent to injure and defame others.</li> <li><i>Filthy language</i> [abusive speech] refers to speech of poor taste: evil and filthy talking; vulgar jokes; suggestive, indecent and lewd language; shameful speaking; and foul-mouthed abuse.</li> </ol> <p><b>III. "Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds" (9).</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paul was addressing the Christian community, though he was not implying that it is acceptable to lie to non-Christians (Eph. 4:25).</li> <li>In 9b and 10a, the words translated <i>put off</i> and <i>put on</i> are aorist participles (asserting what has already in fact happened).                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Put off" and "put on" are terms that usually refer to taking off and putting on clothing.                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The old man has been removed, and the new man has been assumed.</li> <li>Paul used "man" to mean the inner man, not the physical body.</li> </ol> </li> <li>The new inner person is to put off the old garb and to be clothed with a new outer wardrobe.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>