

# 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

## A New and Dangerous Philosophy

America is shaking and tottering on its foundation. The words patriotism, loyalty, honesty, work, truth and sacrifice have been all but removed from our vocabulary. Terms such as "a man's word is his bond," "an honest day's work for an honest day's pay," "honesty is the best policy" are not any longer part and principle of our philosophy. The "old way" must go – regardless.

There is a planned program of destruction abroad in our land and throughout the world. This planned program is designed to destroy existing standards of morality, religion and politics. Anarchy is the end – if there can be such a thing as anarchy in a pure form. It is difficult to identify and label the many social, religious and political "movements" of our day! Are they related, does one grow out of the other? All these movements begin to be understood and their relationship to one another is clearly seen when they are identified by the word – LIBERALISM.

The philosophy of Liberalism is to shake and destroy the foundation of any and all systems; to overthrow the existing order of things. Liberalism assumes that whatever is, is wrong and must be changed or destroyed. Liberalism refuses to recognize a standard of authority. It will not approve those principles which have been tested by time and experience. The Liberal has inherited a nation built on the principles of godliness; washed in the tears and blood of its children. Liberalism seeks to make a junkyard out of the richest culture and grandest civilization ever known to man. What do they offer in its place?

In the social realm liberalism offers chaos, crime and confusion. They seek a society which knows no law of right and wrong, no restraint and a so-called freedom from all moral and social obligations. In this society the rapist, murderer, dope addict and incorrigible criminal have a free and protected intercourse with the world. America has produced its first generation of young adults who have come to physical maturity without the benefit and blessing of social discipline. They offer nothing to the soundness and progress of a great nation.

The Liberal has made his impression in the political functions of our land. His influence is recognized in civil courts which freely pardon, or reverse convictions from lower courts, known, confessed and active criminals. Law enforcement agencies find it more and more difficult to arrest and

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**"...the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience" (Eph 2:2).**

**"But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it" (Num. 14:24).**



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

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convict the criminal. His political policy is to take from man his spirit of initiative and aggressiveness and reduce him to serfdom in a welfare state directed by governmental bureaucracy and sociological controls. The Liberal seeks to organize man into faceless society where he loses all individual identity and purpose.

The Liberal has especially been active in the religious affairs of our nation. His influences affect the religious aspects of our world long before they are noticed in the social and political areas. With the turn of the twentieth century, the tide of Liberalism had begun to lap at the fundamentals of truth. In this century Protestantism has ceased to protest error, complacency has replaced consecration and religious morons now stand where Bible scholars once stood. The Liberal regards the Bible as a book of myths and folly which is the leftover product of man's emergence from his evolutionary development. The ideas of Barth, Tillich, Brunner, and Bultman are advanced over the inspired revelations of Peter, Paul, Jude and others who spoke the wisdom of God. The "man of the cloth" is recognized by his participation in "sit-ins" for social equality and for his far-out brother doctrine of the social gospel.

There is yet to be found the America of our fathers in our godliness. They even are in the majority. The Liberal is of a minority – but he is loud, mean and ruthless. How long! O' how long will America tolerate the shame, sin and destruction which is changing it from its former grand position of "one nation under God, indivisible," to a nation of lawlessness, chaos and tyranny under the black and shameful banner of the new philosophy of Liberalism and anarchy?

*Max R. Miller* (Defender, Feb. 16, 1970, pp. 1,5,6)

(Editorial note: Notice the date. Brother Miller wrote this article almost 50 years ago! I wonder what he would say of our situation today? J. Mc.)

## Making Worship Count

Of all the responsibilities that accompany New Testament Christianity worshiping God can be one of our more challenging endeavors. Jesus said, "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth" (Jn. 4:23-24). If we are honest with ourselves, we will admit that we sometimes struggle to worship God the way we should. Just because your body is in the pew does not mean you are worshiping in spirit and in truth. We can be present at the assembly, but spiritually absent. Our unwillingness to admit that it takes a tremendous amount of concentration on our part to worship God can be our downfall.

In Exodus 34 Moses came to Mount Sinai the second time to receive the renewed tables of stone that contained the Word of God. Moses had previously broken the tables of stone when he came down from Mount Sinai because he observed the Israelites worshipping a golden calf. What the Lord tells Moses in Exodus 34 can help us make it count when we worship God.

The first thing Moses did in Exodus 34:1-4 was prepare himself to be the presence of God. Moses got up early in the morning with great anticipation. This is one of things that we can do to prepare ourselves for the wonderful occasion of worship. We can get up early in the morning and be ready to worship. What happens many times is we stay up late Saturday night and we get up late Sunday morning and consequently we run late for the worship service. This of course shows a lack of reverence toward the God we gather to worship. Psalm 89:7 teaches us, "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all [them that are] about him." One important thing we can do to better prepare ourselves for worship is to rise up early in the morning in great anticipation to worship our God.

In Exodus 34:5-7, as Moses stood in the presence of God, God proclaimed His own greatness, goodness and graciousness to Moses. God's greatness is seen in what He has created. His creation reveals His glory and His power (Ps. 19:1-6; 24:1). The goodness of God is set before Moses in con-

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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 9** Judges 11—14

**June 10** Judges 15—17

**June 11** Judges 18—21

**June 12** Ruth

**June 13** 1 Samuel 1—3 (video)

**June 14** 1 Samuel 4—6

**June 15** 1 Samuel 7—9

**June 16** 1 Samuel 11—12 (video)

*"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 **52 contacts** were made.

### Announcements

- ◆ **Summer Youth Series** this week is at the Hillcrest congregation in Stephenville. 7:00pm Tuesday.

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

- ◆ August 6—We host Summer Youth Series
- ◆ Oct. 19—Ladies Day w/ Denise Surlles, *“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.
- ◆ July 17-20—VBS @ Rising Star, 6-8pm, 2 years through 5th grade (completed). *“Marooned! Steady Faith in Shifting Sands”*
- ◆ July 27—VBS @ Hamilton
- ◆ August 16-22—Polishing the Pulpit (Sevierville, TN)
- ◆ Oct. 4-6—Texas Ladies in Christ Retreat @ Brady
- ◆ Oct. 12-30—Lectureship @ Hico
- ◆ Oct. 19-20—Lectureship @ Hamilton

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junction with His greatness. From this text there are three words used to describe sin. Sin is described as iniquity, which is gross wickedness, it is called transgression, which means willfully breaking God’s Law and finally it is called sin, which means to miss the mark or to deviate from the path that God has marked out. The point is this: we all have sinned and done some pretty horrible things (Rom. 3:23). Even though we have all transgressed God’s will in some way, God is good, patient, loving, merciful, and gracious. Because of His goodness, He doesn’t give us what we deserve, He gives us what we need and what a dead man needs the most is not a coffin, but salvation which is in Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12; 2 Tim. 2:10). One of the greatest truths we find in God’s Word is that when we meet God’s terms of pardon we can find forgiveness with Him (Heb. 8:12; Ps. 86:5; 130:4).

In Exodus 34:8-10 when Moses considered who God was, he made haste and bowed down in obeisance to God. I’m not suggesting that we have to physically lower ourselves and bow when we worship God. Under the New Covenant the physical posture of the worshipper is not under consideration. What I am suggesting is that if we are going to worship God in spirit and in truth we need to humble ourselves and exalt our God. This personal humility and Divine exaltation is what makes worship so awesome. When we recognize God’s greatness and our own smallness, we will leave our own references at home and totally invest ourselves into the feelings of God. Put simply, we will recognize that worship it is not about me it is about Him (1 Pet. 2:5).

To worship God acceptably takes a tremendous amount of concentration on our part. Worship is a skill into which we have to put some effort into developing. We do not want to just go through the motions of worship. We want our worship to be meaningful to God because God is seeking true worship. Moses’ encounter with God shows us the wonder of worship. Next time you worship make it count. The sweet Psalmist declared long ago “O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker” (Ps. 95:6).

*Clay Bond (Christian Worker, May 2019, pp. 5-6)*

## 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 26, 2019	June 2, 2019
Bible Class	43	43
AM Worship	54	52
PM Worship	40	39
Wednesday PM	26	38
Contribution	\$1,731	\$1,993

	This Week: 6/9/19	Next Week: 6/16/19		
<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>	Mileen & Ashley Kahlich	John & Tina Barnum		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	James Fuller	Allen Griffith		
<b>Communion</b>	Ken Maninger*, Chase Churchwell Hank Wheeler, Ryan Rudloff	Don Smith*, Vernon Zier Kevin Ross, Coyce Reed		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Don Smith	Ryan Rudloff		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Ian Barnum	Aaron Smith		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: James Fuller	Song Leader: Ken Maninger		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Kevin Ross	Rafe Smith		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Vernon Zier	Joe Dennis		
<b>Communion</b>	Ken Maninger	Don Smith		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Allen Griffith	James Fuller		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	June 12 Joe Dennis	June 19 Rafe Smith	June 26 Don Smith	July 3 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 June 9, 2019

Sunday Class ..... *1 Corinthians 4:18*  
 Wed. Class ..... *Servant Training: Making Announcements*

#### The Spirit of Obedience

In this lesson we shall suggest some of the attitudes we must have in order to properly obey God – that which is involved in the **spirit of obedience**.

- I. **The Spirit of Obedience Does What God Requires Whether Anyone Else Does It or Not.**
  - A. Many are willing to obey God only if others do so.
  - B. "Everyone else does it!"
  - C. It is never safe to do something, or refuse to do something, just because it is the practice of the majority.
- II. **The Spirit of Obedience Does What God Commands Regardless of Our Likes and Preferences.**
  - A. Many follow only those things in the Bible that they like.
    1. Saul (1 Sam. 15:13, 20).
    2. Naaman (2 Kgs. 5:10-12).
  - B. Doing what **we want to do** is not obedience at all.
- III. **The Spirit of Obedience Does What God Says Even if It Doesn't Seem Reasonable.**
  - A. Often man cannot see any connection between God's command and the desired results.
  - B. Yet when they obeyed (Naaman, Israel marching around Jericho, etc.), the promised results followed!
- IV. **The Spirit of Obedience Causes One to Do More Than the Minimum.**
  - A. Too many seem to be concerned with "How much do I **have** to do?" rather than "How much **can** I do?"
  - B. When we love someone, what we do for them is not burdensome!
  - C. Jesus taught the principle of doing more than the law demanded (Mt. 5:41).
- V. **The Spirit of Obedience Will Obey in Spite of Obstacles.**
  - A. There are always difficulties to faithful obedience!
  - B. The examples of Hebrews 11 well illustrate the obstacles to doing God's will.
- VI. **The Spirit of Obedience Will Not Look for A Way Around Doing God's Will.**
  - A. People try to find some Scripture that they can shape and twist to fit their way of thinking and living, instead of trying to fit their lives to the Scriptures.
  - B. We need the attitude of the Psalmist: "And I will delight myself in Your commandments, Which I love." (Ps. 119:47).

#### The New Life in Christ

*Being Renewed After the Image of Christ (Col. 3:10-11)*

- I. "And have put on the new man" (10a).
  - A. This change was to result in a different lifestyle.
  - B. Many who claim to be followers of Christ have put off the vices of the world, but that is not enough; we are to develop virtues and become involved in Christian service and other positive aspects of Christian living.
  - C. The Colossians had not only put on the new man, but they had also become a part of the community created by Christ's death on the cross (Eph. 2:13).
- II. "Who is renewed in knowledge" (10b).
  - A. Revitalization of the new man is often necessary.
  - B. *Renewed* is a present participle – indicates continued action.
  - C. Christians are to be in a continual state of improving in the virtues that are characteristic of Christ's followers.
  - D. Renewal brings the Christian *in[to] knowledge* [a true knowledge].
- III. "According to the image of Him who created him" (10c).
  - A. The Colossians were to seek renewal by obtaining knowledge of *Him who created them*.
  - B. They were to become like Him.
  - C. Even as faithful Christians, we must not reach a plateau where we become complacent with our Christian walk.
- IV. [Renewal] "Where there is neither Greek nor Jew" (11a).
  - A. Those who experience this renewal are in a new spiritual realm "where" racial, national, regional, class, and social distinctions do not exist.
  - B. Distinctions were to fade and no longer be prevalent among Christians.
- V. [Renewal ... where there is neither] "Circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian" (11b).
  - A. The word *circumcised* referred to Jews, including proselytes, while the *uncircumcised* included all non-Jews, the Gentiles.
  - B. The Jews referred to culturally backward foreigners as *barbarian[s]* and *Scythian[s]*.
- VI. [Renewal ... where there is neither] "Slave nor free" (11c).
- VII. "But Christ is all and in all" (11d). "Christ is all things, and in all things".
  - A. He is everything to those who have been made new in Him.