

# 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.

## The Solution to Fear is Fear

One of the great moments in Old Testament history occurred when Moses scaled Mt. Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments. A brief overview of Exodus chapters 19 and 20 will inform the reader concerning some of the circumstances surrounding this event. The people had to consecrate themselves in order to be ready for the Law. Moses went up Sinai as it was covered with smoke. There were thunderings and lightning flashes and the sounds of a trumpet. The mountain shook and the people were not even allowed to come near its base. If they so much as touched the mountain they were to be put to death.

Mostly what we know about the Ten Commandments are the commandments themselves. In Sunday school we memorize them. The church has always been very efficient at knowing what the commandments of God are. But there is perhaps a deeper message that we often miss. Two statements made by God through Moses are paramount to understanding the purpose of the commandments and how they can transform us spiritually to become the true Israel of God. Consider these:

Exodus 19:9 – *“And the Lord said to Moses, ‘Behold, I come to you in the thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever.’ So Moses told the words of the people to the Lord.”*

Exodus 20:18-20 – *“Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off. Then they said to Moses, ‘You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die’; And Moses said to the people, ‘Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.’”*

I find it very ironic that in Exodus 20:20 Moses tells the people to fear God so they won't have to be afraid of Him. Think about that for a minute. The people saw and heard how awesome God was and they were trembling in response to His power. Moses is told by God in Exodus 19 that God was manifesting Himself in that fashion so that the people would hear Him and believe Him forever. Moses then explained to the children of Israel that they would not have to fear God's punishment as long as they feared God's presence. The greatest statement comes at the end – *“and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.”*

It seems to me that breaking commandments, even the “top ten” – is not very hard for human beings. Moses hadn't even come off the mountain before the children of Israel had already broken the first two. But what will actually keep us from sinning? 1. A healthy respect for the Father of spirits. 2. A knowledge of the love and grace of God and the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. 3. An ever-abiding presence of God and His word in our lives. And maybe, a little smoke...

Sometimes in life, we need an earthquake to shake us, a trumpet to wake us, or a storm to break us. Sometimes we need a thick cloud to make us trust in a God who is ever present though unseen.

The simple formula to being unafraid of God is to fear Him in the right way. What God once wrote on stone was ultimately intended for hearts. Until we truly love and respect the God of heaven, His etchings will only remain on tablets.

*“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.” – 1 John 4:18.*

Jeremiah Tatum (alegacyoffaith.us)

# Why Are You Married?

Have you ever wondered why your spouse is married to you? I have been married for almost 20 years, and my wife is one of the greatest blessings of my life. We have provided each other companionship and she is my best friend. We have raised our children together and experienced the ups and downs of life together. I can't imagine life without her, but our relationship was never intended to be limited to spending time in the same house. As a matter of fact, many people talk about their pets doing all the things I have already mentioned. God intended marriage to be something more than mere companionship. Marriage is designed to be a vehicle that draws us closer to God.

In 1 Corinthians 7, Paul is writing about a marriage that is filled with a great deal of conflict because one spouse is a Christian and one is not. He argues that the believing spouse should remain with their unbelieving partner, so long as the unbelieving partner is willing. Why? Because Paul says, "*the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband*" (1 Cor. 7:14). This doesn't mean non-Christians can be saved simply because he/she happens to be married to a Christian. Instead, it means that the person you are married to has a lot to do with your own salvation and growing closer to the Lord.

To be sanctified means to be set apart for God's purposes. Jesus prayed in John 17:17, "*Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.*" We might think of *sanctification* as the process of being made more holy. God uses many different methods to achieve this, from reading the Bible to difficult life situations, so that we can be transformed more into His image. The institution of marriage is one of the vehicles that He has created with the intent of drawing us closer to Him. In Ephesians, Paul explains that marriage is designed to teach us something about Christ's relationship to the church (Eph. 5:26-27). Christ serves His bride with the intent of sanctifying her. Likewise, this should be my purpose in marriage. Eventually, my

wife is going to stand before the Lord. She should be more holy because of the influence I have had in her life than she would have been without that influence.

Sometimes this does not happen in a marriage. One married couple whose names are synonymous with each other is Ananias and Sapphira. You probably would not name one without at least thinking of the other. At some point in their marriage, they decided to do something that most of us have never done—they decided to sell some of their property and give the proceeds to the church. They didn't have to do this, but they chose to make a sacrifice. Yet, at some point in the discussion, they also decided to keep part of the profits for themselves while telling the lie that they were contributing all the profits to the church. I don't know what that conversation looked like—I don't know if it was Ananias' idea or Sapphira's idea—but I know it occurred because they both told the same lie on separate occasions. The real problem is that when it did happen, no one tapped the breaks. No one said to the other, "This is not right." Instead of their marriage being a sanctifying force in the life of one another, it actually drove them farther from the Lord. They were doing it wrong. I think about how many times my wife or I have been weak spiritually that we have picked each other up. How easy it would have been to say nothing, but that would not be fulfilling our purpose.

Sometimes marriage *does* draw us closer to the Lord—just as it was intended. Another famous married couple is Pricilla and Aquilla. Everywhere we find them in Scripture, they are serving the Lord together. In Acts 18, we find them opening their home in Corinth for Paul to stay (I wonder how many homes would be able to practice hospitality if the husband and wife would work together to open their home for God's purposes). Eventually, their home would be a meeting place for the *whole* church (1 Cor. 16:19). Later, in Acts 18, we find this husband and wife team teaching Apollos "*the way of God more accurately.*" A husband and wife who worked together to share the gospel. You never read about one without the other present. You never

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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/)

July 21	1 Chronicles 11—13
July 22	1 Chronicles 14—16
July 23	1 Chronicles 17—19
July 24	1 Chronicles 20—22
July 25	1 Chronicles 23—25
July 26	1 Chronicles 26—29
July 27	2 Chronicles 1—4
July 28	2 Chronicles 5—8

*"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

- ◆ There is a **sign-up sheet** on the back table for things needed for the **Summer Youth Series** here, **August 6<sup>th</sup>**.
- ◆ There is a **new Spiritual Sword** available on the back table: “*A Handy Guide to New Testament Churches*”
- ◆ **Summer Youth Series** Tuesday evening at 7:00 at **Hico**.
- ◆ Ladies—registration for **TLC 2019** (Oct. 3-5) is open at [texasladiesinchrist.org](http://texasladiesinchrist.org). Spots are limited, so get your registration in ASAP.
- ◆ Ryan Rudloff has a **hospital bed** that is needing a home (free). If you could use it, or know of someone who could, see Ryan.

### Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ August 6—We host Summer Youth Series
- ◆ Oct. 19—Ladies Day w/ Denise Surlles
- ◆ Oct. 27-30—Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Bryan Braswell

### Other Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ July 27—VBS @ Hamilton
- ◆ August 16-22—Polishing the Pulpit (Sevierville, TN)
- ◆ Oct. 3-5—Texas Ladies in Christ Retreat @ Brady
- ◆ Oct. 12-30—Lectureship @ Hico
- ◆ Oct. 19-20—Lectureship @ Hamilton

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read about them when they are not serving the Lord in some way.

For everyone who is married, God has given you a mission. That mission is the sanctification of your spouse. That does not mean that your spouse wants to be your project. It does mean, however, that God intends for you to be a spiritual blessing in his/her life. Your spouse ought to have a better chance to walk with the Lord because they are married to you. We must take that responsibility very seriously. While I may want to buy my wife a new car and take her on a nice vacation, I should be even more concerned about the spiritual impact I am having on her walk with God. May we walk that road together as “*fellow heirs of the grace of life*” (1 Pet. 3:7).

*Westley Hazel* ([plainsimplefaith.com](http://plainsimplefaith.com))

## Celebrate

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

**July Birthdays:** Laura Huckaby (6), Jason Warman (6), Chase Churchwell (11), Cindy Fuller (12), **John Barnum (26), Jack Hill (26)**.

**July Anniversaries:** John & Tammie Ross (1).

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



## Records

	July 7, 2019	July 14, 2019
Bible Class	35	44
AM Worship	41	50
PM Worship	37	36
Wednesday PM	32	35
Contribution	\$1,184	\$1,921

# Privileged To Serve

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

	<b>This Week: 7/21/19</b>	<b>Next Week: 7/28/19</b>		
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<p align="center"><b>July 2019</b>  <b>Make Announcements:</b>                      James Fuller  <b>Prepare Communion:</b>                      Maninger Family  <b>Clean Building:</b>                      James &amp; Cindy Fuller</p> <p align="center"><b>August 2019</b>  <b>Make Announcements:</b>                      Don Smith  <b>Prepare Communion:</b>                      Mike and Patti Bannister  <b>Clean Building:</b>                      Mike and Patti Bannister</p>	
<b>Greeters</b>	Mileen & Ashley Kahlich	John & Tina Barnum		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	James Fuller	John Barnum		
<b>Communion</b>	Don Smith*, Ryan Rudloff John Barnum, Caleb Dennis	James Fuller*, Allen Griffith Coyce Reed, Vernon Zier		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Kevin Ross	Tom Wilcox		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Ian Barnum	Aaron Smith		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: Joe Dennis	Song Leader: James Fuller		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Chase Churchwell	Randy Huckaby		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Vernon Zier	Don Smith		
<b>Communion</b>	Don Smith	James Fuller		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Ken Maninger	Ryan Rudloff		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	July 24 Rafe Smith	July 31 Don Smith	August 7 Prayer Night	August 14 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 July 21, 2019

Sunday Class ..... 1 Corinthians 6:2  
 Wed. Class ..... Servant Training: Leading Prayer

#### "The Fear of the Lord"

"The fear of the Lord" is often called the motto or key concept of Proverbs.

- I. **"The Fear of the Lord"**.
  - A. The "fear of the Lord" is defined as "reverence or holy fear".
  - B. Christ describes the infinite love of God for us in vivid terms (Mt. 7:7-11).
  - C. God loves us enough to chasten us; He wants no one to be lost (Heb. 12:5-11).
  - D. The indescribable love of God is seen in the gift of His only begotten Son on the cross, crucified for the salvation of each of us.
    1. His love provokes reciprocal love in our hearts—our reverence, awe, and fear of God are in direct proportion to our love for Him (1 Jn. 4:16-19).
    2. That type of love for the Father expresses itself in godly respect and reverential awe for Him.
- II. **The Blessings of Fearing the Lord.** (Fearing the Lord brings great blessings and rewards; never has a person been saved who did not fear God.)
  - A. **The Blessing of Wisdom:** "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" (Prov. 9:10; cf. 1:7).
  - B. **The Blessing of Forgiveness:** "In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; And by the fear of the Lord one departs from evil" (Prov. 16:6).
  - C. **The Blessing of Spiritual Life:** "The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death"; "The fear of the LORD leads to life, and he who has it will abide in satisfaction; he will not be visited with evil"; "By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches and honor and life"; "Happy is the man who is always reverent, but he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity." (Prov. 14:27; 19:23; 22:4; 28:14).
  - D. **The Blessing of Walking Uprightly:** "He who walks in his uprightness fears the Lord" (Prov. 14:2).
  - E. **The Blessing of Having Refuge in God:** "In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge" (Prov. 14:26).
  - F. **The Blessing of Little Physical Wealth:** "Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure with trouble"; "Better is a little with righteousness, than vast revenues without justice"; "A little that a righteous man has is better than the riches of many wicked" (Prov. 15:16; 16:8; Ps. 37:16).
  - G. **The Blessing of Having Stability in God:** "My son, fear the Lord and the king; do not associate with those given to change; for their calamity will rise suddenly, and who knows the ruin those two can bring?" (Prov. 24:21-22).

#### Responsibilities in Relationships (Col. 3:18 – 4:1)

Paul presented instructions and brief explanations to various groups: Three groups that were to be submissive – wives (3:18), children (3:20), and slaves (3:22-25); and three groups were given responsibilities to those under their care – husbands were told to "love" their wives (3:19); fathers were instructed, "Do not provoke your children" (3:21); and masters were commanded "give ... what is just and fair" to their bondservants.

Those in authority have the responsibility of seeking the good of those under them, who are in turn to show proper respect for those in authority. The first and highest responsibility is to Jesus, and the next is responsibility to each other. The primary goal should be to please Christ; pleasing others is a secondary goal. Having laid a foundation for qualities of personal character in 3:12-14, Paul next applied the principles to the Colossians' day-to-day domestic relationships.

#### Wives to Husbands (3:18)

- I. **"Wives, submit to your own husbands"** (18a).
  - A. Women are to be subject to their husbands "in everything" (Eph. 5:24).
  - B. Biblical examples illustrate that the wife is to respond willingly and readily to the will of her husband (1 Pet. 3:1-6; Eph. 5:22-24; Tit. 2:5).
- II. **"As is fitting in the Lord"** (18b).
  - A. The phrase expresses the need for women to be discerning in their submission to their husbands: her allegiance is to the Lord first and foremost.
  - B. Wives are to respond to their husbands in a way that shows willing submission.
  - C. 1 Corinthians 7:12-16 and 1 Peter 3:1-6 give instruction in the case of an unbelieving husband.
- III. **Is submission of women a matter of culture?** (The answer is "No!")
  - A. **The Scriptures point to the beginning** (1 Cor. 11:3, 8-9; 14:34; 1 Tim. 2:12-13; 1 Pet. 3:5).
  - B. **Paul's instructions to women were counter-cultural.**
    1. His instructions to Christian women (1 Cor. 14:34-35; 1 Tim. 2:11-12) were not based on their cultural practices (in the Greco-Roman culture, women were entering leadership roles in society).
    2. Our question should not be, "What does society expect of me?" but "What does Jesus expect of me?"