

# 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

## Does It Make Any Difference How We Worship?

Several times each week an advertisement by a local [denomination] aired on the local cable television. The 'pastor' of that church stated, "We recognize that not everyone worships the same..." He went on to say that [his particular church] offers three different types of worship—Contemporary, Traditional and Casual services "where we break out the old Cokesbury Hymnal." Then, viewers were invited to "Pick a service that meets your needs."

This television commercial plainly sets forth the fact that this church and its pastor are in no way interested in what the Bible says about worship that is offered to God. Where and when does God in His new covenant (the New Testament) give men a choice of how they worship Him? When did He say that men should choose a way of worship that pleases them or meets their needs, rather than offer worship which pleases Him?

In His conversation with the Samaritan woman, Jesus stated:

*Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.*  
(John 4:21-24)

Notice that Jesus talked about the time that is coming and now is when God expects His people to worship "in spirit and in truth."

The 'pastor' also talked about "praise teams." In another commercial he is pictured with a large drum set in the background. We wonder if he would take the time to try to harmonize praise teams and musical instruments with Jesus' statement, "...in spirit and in truth?" Of course, we know that he will not, simply because he cannot. He has already laid down the premise that the worship offered should be that which pleases the worshiper regardless of whether it pleases God. If the twang of a guitar string, the beat of a drum, or the strains of an organ or piano is what pleases one, or as he states, "meets your needs," then a person does that even though God has nowhere authorized such in the New Testament church. On the other hand, if one wants to acceptably worship God, he will forsake the doctrines of men and follow the Word of God. In Matthew 15:8-9 Jesus said, "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

The writer of Hebrews stated, "By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain..." (Heb. 11:4). The two sons of Adam and Eve offered worship to

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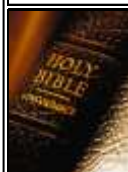
To know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding, to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity....

**Proverbs 1:2-3**

Then you will understand righteousness and justice, equity and every good path.

**Proverbs 2:9**

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



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God by the sacrifices that they brought. Abel operated by faith, which came by hearing the word of God. Since we learn in Romans 10:17 that *“faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God,”* we know that God had instructed these sons in the kind of worship He expected. This Abel did. However, Cain evidently decided that God’s desire in the kind of worship He wanted didn’t matter. Evidently, Cain worshiped in the way that ‘met his needs,’ a way that was neither commanded nor authorized. Jude spoke in condemnation of those who *“have gone in the way of Cain”* (Jude 11). It would appear that the ‘pastor’ is encouraging his people to follow the way of Cain rather than the way of Christ. Jesus also had something to say about some teachers with such attitudes and those who follow them. In Matthew 15:13-14, He said, *“Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.”* We personally know some good people in that church. It is our hope that the ‘pastor’ will forsake his present course of leading them into the ditch and will begin to preach and to practice the truth.

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[Unfortunately, the scenario described in this article is not unique to denominationalism. Some churches of Christ are following the same path. How we worship God is an identifying characteristic of individuals and congregations as they either represent the church of the New Testament or merely the dogmas of men. J.M<sup>c</sup>.]

## We See Jesus

Most preachers have been confronted with folks who said, “I saw Jesus the other night as He stood by my bed, and I am saved.” Those who know the Scriptures know that Jesus does not appear personally to anyone in our day and age. Like Thomas, many fail to believe unless they are able to reach their finger into the prints of the nails in Christ’s hands or into the side of the Lord where the spear pierced Him. Only when Thomas saw Jesus, and could have done as he desired, did Thomas declare, *“My Lord and my God”* (John 20:28). On another occa-

sion Jesus told Thomas, *“If you had known me, you should have known my Father also”* (John 14:7).

While it is true that none of us have ever seen Jesus in the flesh, the writer of Hebrews penned, *“We see Jesus”* (Heb. 2:9). Just how do we see Jesus? The writer indicated that we see Him *“made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”*

We also see Jesus as a great Teacher. He *“taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes”* (Mark 1:22). The superiority of Jesus was expressed in His teaching over that of Moses. He repeatedly stated, *“But I say unto you.”* While He kept the Law of Moses perfectly, He did not hesitate to indicate His superiority.

Also, we see Jesus as a man of sorrows. *“He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised; and we esteemed Him not”* (Isaiah 53:3). Jesus was sorrowful for others. When Lazarus died, He visited Mary and Martha. Seeing their sorrow, *“Jesus wept”* (John 11:35). He did not weep for Himself but showed compassion for others. Looking on Jerusalem and seeing the Jews scattered about as those having no shepherd, He was moved with compassion. How sorrowful He was when His own rejected Him. *“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not”* (Matt. 23:37).

In addition, we see Jesus as a humble servant. *“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in the fashion as a man, humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death on the cross”* (Phil. 2:5-9). In John

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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/)

**Aug. 4** 2 Chronicles 33—36 (video)

**Aug. 5** Ezra 1—3 (video)

**Aug. 6** Ezra 4—7

**Aug. 7** Ezra 8—10

**Aug. 8** Nehemiah 1—4

**Aug. 9** Nehemiah 5—7

**Aug. 10** Nehemiah 8—10

**Aug. 11** Nehemiah 11—13

*“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 **49 contacts** were made.

### Announcements

- ◆ **First Sunday Fellowship Meal** today after morning worship. All are welcome, especially our visitors.
- ◆ We **host the area Summer Youth Series Tuesday evening** at 7:00. **Neil Stidolph** (Brown Trail School of Preaching student) will be our speaker and **Foy Forehand** will lead our singing. This is for all of our members, not just the youth. You will be blessed!
- ◆ **Church Directory**—If you have not received the latest directory updates, need a new picture, or have not returned the paper you were given, please see Cindy McCaghren.
- ◆ **Birthday Celebration**—**Don Smith** is turning 80! All are invited to celebrate with him **August 17<sup>th</sup>**, 1:00-4:00pm, at the Beatie Community Center. RSVP no later than this Saturday (8/10).

### 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

- ◆ August 16-22—Polishing the Pulpit (Sevierville, TN)
- ◆ Sept. 29—Oct. 2—Bangs Gospel Meeting w/ B. J. Clarke
- ◆ Oct. 3-5—Texas Ladies in Christ Retreat @ Brady
- ◆ Oct. 12-30—Lectureship @ Hico
- ◆ Oct. 19-20—Back to the Bible Lectures @ Hamilton. *“Doctrines/Attitudes Troubling the Church”*

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13, we have the record of Jesus taking a towel and a basin of water and washing the feet of His disciples. Simon reluctantly submitted to Him. Jesus thus taught him a lesson of humility and service. He always claimed to have come to do the work of His Father. He said, *“I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work”* (John 9:4).

Best of all, we see Him as a risen Redeemer. Because flesh and blood, that which is corruptible and mortal, shall not inherit the kingdom of Heaven, Paul said, *“Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed”* (1 Cor. 15:51-52). How thankful we ought to be that we are able to see Christ in all the attributes of the Father and especially in the few mentioned above.

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## Celebrate

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

**August Birthdays:** Joe Dennis (9), Rafe Smith (11), Jessica Dennis (13), Don Smith (14), Royce Ford (16), Ryan Rudloff (20), Roy Dodson (29), Coyce Reed (30).

**August Anniversaries:** Matthew and Kaci Churchwell (15), Don and Darlene Smith (29).

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



## Records

|              | July 21,<br>2019 | July 28,<br>2019 |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| Bible Class  | 49               | 48               |
| AM Worship   | 53               | 58               |
| PM Worship   | 43               | 46               |
| Wednesday PM | 35               | 39               |
| Contribution | \$2,374          | \$2,089          |

# Privileged To Serve

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

|                               | <b>This Week: 8/4/19</b>                          | <b>Next Week: 8/11/19</b>                                       |  |                        |
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| <b>Sunday AM:</b>             | Song Leader: Ken Maninger                         | Song Leader: Mike Bannister                                     | <p><b>August 2019</b><br/> <b>Make Announcements:</b><br/>                     Don Smith<br/> <b>Prepare Communion:</b><br/>                     Mike &amp; Patti Bannister<br/> <b>Clean Building:</b><br/>                     Mike &amp; Patti Bannister</p> <p><b>September 2019</b><br/> <b>Make Announcements:</b><br/>                     Ken Maninger<br/> <b>Prepare Communion:</b><br/>                     Dennis Family<br/> <b>Clean Building:</b><br/>                     John Barnum Family</p> |                        |
| <b>Greeters</b>               | Allen & Linda Griffith                            | Maninger Family   |  |                        |
| <b>Opening Prayer</b>         | James Fuller                                      | Don Smith   |  |                        |
| <b>Communion</b>              | Kevin Ross*, Coyce Reed<br>Don Smith, John Barnum | Allen Griffith*, Vernon Zier<br>Chase Churchwell, Randy Huckaby |  |                        |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b>         | Allen Griffith                                    | Gene Bannister  |  |                        |
| <b>Attendance Cards</b>       | Ian Barnum  | Aaron Smith   |  |                        |
| <b>Sunday PM:</b>             | Song Leader: Ken Maninger                         | Song Leader: James Fuller                                       |  |                        |
| <b>Opening Prayer</b>         | Gene Bannister                                    | Ryan Rudloff  |  |                        |
| <b>Scripture Reading</b>      | Ryan Rudloff                                      | Rafe Smith  |  |                        |
| <b>Communion</b>              | Kevin Ross  | Allen Griffith  |  |                        |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b>         | Joe Dennis  | Mike Bannister  |  |                        |
| <b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b> | August 7<br>Prayer Night                          | August 14<br>Joe Dennis   | August 21<br>Rafe Smith  | August 28<br>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 August 4, 2019

Sunday Class ..... *1 Corinthians 6:7*  
 Wed. Class ..... *Servant Training: Prayer*

| <u>How to Treat Our Fellow Man</u>  | <u>Responsibilities in Relationships (Col. 3:18 – 4:1)</u><br><i>Slaves to Masters, Masters to Slaves (3:22 – 4:1)</i>  |
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| <p>The Book of Proverbs gives information and principles necessary for proper human relationships.</p> <p>Most of the Proverbs express <i>attitudes</i>. Proper attitudes toward our fellow man will result positively; improper attitudes toward our fellow man will result negatively by always making things difficult for the individual as well as others.</p> <p>I. <b>How We Should Treat Our Neighbors</b> (Prov. 3:29; 16:29-30; 21:10; 25:15; 29:5).</p> <p>A. Justice towards our neighbors is to be <i>fair, honest, and right</i>.</p> <p>B. "He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor, but a man of understanding holds his peace" (11:12).</p> <p>C. "Do not be a witness against your neighbor without cause, for would you deceive with your lips? Do not say, 'I will do to him just as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to his work'" (24:28-29).</p> <p>D. "Debate your case with your neighbor, and do not disclose the secret to another; lest he who hears it expose your shame, and your reputation be ruined" (25:9-10).</p> <p>E. "Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house, lest he become weary of you and hate you" (25:17).</p> <p>F. "Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death, is the man who deceives his neighbor, and says, 'I was only joking!'" (26:18-19).</p> <p>II. <b>How We Should Treat the Poor</b> (13:23, 18:23; 19:7, 17; 21:26; 22:2, 16, 22-23; 28:3, 27; 29:7, 13).</p> <p>A. God taught the proper value of work (6:6-8; 2 Thess. 3:10).</p> <p>B. "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so. Do not say to your neighbor, 'Go, and come back, and tomorrow I will give it,' when you have it with you" (3:27-28).</p> <p>C. "He who mocks the poor reproaches his Maker; he who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished" (17:5).</p> <p>D. "Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be heard" (21:13).</p> <p>E. "Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy" (31:9).</p> <p>III. <b>How We Should Do That Which Is Good unto Others</b> (11:27; 14:22; 17:13).</p> <p>A. The NT gives this principle in application (Gal. 6:7-10; Lk. 6:36; Mt. 6:14-15).</p> <p>B. Love recognizes responsibility to others.</p> <p>C. Jesus gave the "Golden Rule" in Matthew 7:12.</p> | <p>I. <b>Slaves to Masters</b> (3:22-25).</p> <p>A. "Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh" (22a).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As property, <i>bondservants</i> [slaves] had no rights.</li> <li>The Christian slave was instructed to <i>obey his master in all things</i>.</li> </ol> <p>B. "Not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers" (22b).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proper motivation for service was to be pleasing to Jesus.</li> <li><i>Not with but</i> is a Greek idiom that does not totally exclude the first half of the construction but emphasizes the second; slaves were not to avoid pleasing their masters, but pleasing Jesus was their first priority.</li> </ol> <p>C. "But with sincerity of heart, fearing God" (22c) – the respect that slaves were to show their masters was to be based on recognition of the lordship of Christ.</p> <p>D. "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men" (23).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The slave was to work as though working for God (<i>heartily</i> = "from soul").</li> <li>Even though a slave was to obey his master, he was to put forth effort to please Jesus more than to please the earthly master.</li> </ol> <p>E. "Knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance" (24a).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The reason for working as though serving God – his heavenly <i>reward</i> would be greater than any earthly reward his master could give to him.</li> <li>The faithful Christian slave had the assurance of receiving the <i>inheritance</i> promised by the Lord.</li> </ol> <p>F. "For you serve the Lord Christ" (24b).</p> <p>G. "But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done" (25a) – The slave – or anyone else – who does wrong will suffer the consequences.</p> <p>H. "And there is no partiality" (25b) – God will judge with no special favors.</p> <p>II. <b>Masters to Slaves</b> (4:1).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The slave had two lords or masters, one earthly and one heavenly.</li> <li>Christian masters were to be concerned for slaves and show them <i>justice and fairness</i>.</li> <li>Christian slave masters were to keep in mind that, as slaves of Christ, they <i>also have a Master in heaven</i>.</li> </ol> |