

# 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)  
Mission Printing  
Rohan Jones, Africa  
The Truth in Love  
World Bible School

## Raising Your Kids for Christ

1. Teach them that *"the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord"* (Rom. 6:23).
2. Clearly demonstrate to them at all times that God is the most important thing in your life by never allowing other things to interfere with the worship and work of the Lord (Matt. 6:33).
3. Let their earliest memories include daily readings of Bible stories and frequent discussions of God's Word in the family circle (2 Tim. 3:15).
4. Give them their own Bible even before they can read. Read to them from it at home and have them take it to church (Deut. 6:6-7). In their preschool years, have them begin a lifetime habit of regular memorization and review of important Bible verses (Ps. 119:11, 16).
5. Teach them to pray by having them repeat after you phrase by phrase as soon as they are able. Continue their development by praying audibly with them daily (Eph. 6:18). (Never teach them a memorized prayer.)
6. Have "devotional" times and speak often of the joys of serving God (Phil. 4:4). Sing songs together about it (never with an instrument—Col. 3:16), and instill in them a longing to go to heaven.
7. Spend the necessary time to be the main spiritual teacher of your children, more so than the preacher or Bible class teacher, etc. (Eph 6:4), and you will produce young people who will not blindly follow some unstable teacher or youth group but who will, instead be leaders in helping mold other young people for Christ.
8. Teach them that lying is one of the worst things they could ever do (Rev. 21:8, 27), and punish them firmly (at the seat of the problem) when you discover they've done it (Prov. 29:15-17). This will help keep their lives an open book before you and save you possible heartache in their teenage years.
9. Train them early in principles of modesty and you won't have to combat shorts, halter-tops and scanty swimsuits in years to come (1 Tim. 2:9).
10. Keep their speech pure by not allowing yourself or them to ever use profanity or even a substitute such as: golly, gee, gosh, darn, heck, etc. (Matt. 12:36-37).
11. Help keep their minds pure by monitoring their reading and viewing materials and personal friendships closely in their early years (1 Cor. 15:33). Caution them often about the trash Satan peddles, and you will develop them into conscientious young people who will do much of their own censoring and who will understand that even "PG" movies are often unfit for Christian consumption (1 Pet. 2:11).
12. Be responsible enough to bring up the subject of sex and morality. (Don't wait for them to ask or expect them to get their information elsewhere.) Start early. Be open, straightforward, and repetitious (Eph.5:3-5). Then the time will never come when either you or they will be embarrassed to discuss any aspect of it. And your guidance will give them a solid foundation to weather any temptations of teenage years (2 Tim. 2:22).
13. Instill in your children a strong desire to save themselves for the one who will someday be their mate (Rom. 13:13-14) and to consider him (or her) the greatest thief

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

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who ever lived who would steal from them their virtue. Encourage them to always be cautious in extending romantic favors. Expose the danger of “making out” by telling them how one step leads to another.

14. Reinforce your moral teaching (Gen.18:19) by setting specific guidelines for dating such as: “No going to dances or other unwholesome activities; No sitting as a couple in a parked car or unattended house; Be home by curfew time,” etc. Never assume that your minor son or daughter is old enough, wise enough to need your supervision no longer (1 Cor. 10:12).
15. Train your children to date only those who are morally upright, and urge them strongly to plan on marrying only a Christian (Matt. 6:33; 2 Cor. 6:16).
16. Raise your children to have respect for and to cherish warm relationships with older people (1 Pet. 5:5). Keep them from forming youth cliques when they are young, and most likely they will never be factious, divisive, or cliquish when they are older.
17. Teach your children the virtue of work by giving them regular jobs and responsibilities around the home, and you will rear them to be productive adults who will go through life on their own initiative, paying their own way (1 Thess. 4:11-12; 2 Thess. 3:10). And teach them by example to be generous (2 Cor. 9:7).
18. Train those of your children who are members of the body of Christ never to get too busy with secular pursuits to do something for the Lord’s cause. Provide opportunities for them to spend time weekly in advancing the work of the church (John 9:4). If you run out of ideas, ask some involved person for suggestions.
19. Encourage them often to plan the future of their lives to include a “career” for Christ as, for example, a Bible class teacher, religious writer, song director or composer, preacher, deacon, elder ... or a combination of these. But in any case, urge them to be personal proclaimers of the Gospel (Acts 8:4), and encourage them to start with their friends when they are young.
20. Build a family life in such a way that “home” is a happy place which means more to your children than any other place they could go (except church), and you will provide a lifetime of fond memories here and a longing for the great reunion in heaven (1 Thess. 4:13-17).

Gary Workman (August, 1981)

## She’s Someone’s Daughter

*I don’t care about that which I believe possesses no merit for me caring ... and neither do you.* Let me explain.

With the summer upon us, it is a weekly routine for our yard to need mowing. My wife and I are blessed with a teenage son, and he’s been blessed with a riding lawn mower that I provide him. With earbuds in his ears, and by serenading the neighborhood when he sings along, my son will spend roughly 45 minutes mowing the front and side yards and then maybe another hour mowing the back yard. I then come along with a weed eater, and like an artist with a black pen, I clean up the edges and put the final touches on the landscape.

While this routine is fairly regular, I have yet to mourn over the pieces of grass that have viciously been cut by the lawnmower or have been sacrificed to the mighty weed eater. To be honest, I’ve never even given the grass clippings that will fade away a second thought. We cut them, and then move on with life, awaiting the return of the routine next week.

Why am I not emotionally impacted by the cut grass? Why is it so easy for me to dismiss?

The answer simply is because I don’t have any concern for the grass because the clipped grass does not merit my concern. It’s like when a branch breaks loose from a tree in a storm, or a bush turns brown because of a lack of water. Things like that are just a part of life, and while there may be a little inconvenience due to the effort required to rid the yard of the branch or dead bush, I am not emotionally connected nor do I see the bush as worthy of my concern.

While this may not immediately seem to have a legitimate connection to the subject of pornography, I ask you to consider the underlying, core concept. *We don’t care about that which we believe possesses no merit for our caring.* Just as the grass clippings, the broken branch, and the dead bush are viewed meritless, so are the women who are engulfed in the pornographic industry by those who view them. Oh, I understand someone will disagree with this; however, I would ask that person to consider why they believe the women have merit. If they’re honest, the only merit that many pornographic users assign to the women is purely selfish in its origin and is based upon what the women do for him/her. It’s not that they are seen as worthy of being cared about because they are people, but rather only because of what they do for the user.

In that sense, I guess it could be argued that I do care whether or not my grass grows to the point where my neighbors give me “that look” or that I care about the branch falling because I don’t want it to be an eyesore in my yard. In this train of thought, it could be

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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/)

**Sept. 8** Psalms 43—45

**Sept. 9** Psalms 46—48

**Sept. 10** Psalms 49—51

**Sept. 11** Psalms 52—54

**Sept. 12** Psalms 55—57

**Sept. 13** Psalms 58—60

**Sept. 14** Psalms 61—64

**Sept. 15** Psalms 65—67

*“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

- ◆ Last week **56 contacts** were made.

### Announcements

- ◆ Ladies—there will be a **Ladies Day meeting** immediately following worship **this morning**.
- ◆ **Joey Treat** will be with us this evening to inform us about their **work in Palau**.
- ◆ **Ladies Bible Class** will resume **this Wednesday**, studying First John. **This week the class will meet at 11:00am at Linda Griffith's home, with lunch to follow.** (If you need directions, see Linda.) Subsequent weeks will be at 10:00am at the building.
- ◆ **RSVP for Cherokee Home for Children** event by **Thursday** (see below and bulletin board).
- ◆ There will be a **benefit BBQ and bake sale to help Stormy Barnum** on 9/21 in the parking lot by Firestone.

### Other Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ Sept. 21—MAN UP! Take a Stand & Take the Lead! @ Cherokee Home for Children. **RSVP by 9/12.**
- ◆ Sept. 21—Ladies' Day at 9th & Main (San Angelo) w/ Charity Stubblefield. *"Arise out of Sleep, Awake to Righteousness"*
- ◆ Sept. 22-25—Gospel Meeting at 9<sup>th</sup> & Main w/ Brent Stubblefield. *"Remaining AWARE in Slumbering Times"*
- ◆ Sept. 22-25—Gospel Meeting at Rising Star w/ Foy Forehand
- ◆ Sept. 29-Oct. 2—Gospel Meeting at Bangs w/ B. J. Clarke
- ◆ Oct. 3-5—Texas Ladies in Christ Retreat @ Brady
- ◆ Oct. 12-13—Lectureship @ Hico. *"My Favorite Sermon"*
- ◆ Oct. 13-16—Annual Lubbock Lectureship. *"Man Is Justified by Faith"*
- ◆ Oct. 18-20—ReCharge Youth Conferece @ Camp Bandina. *"My Lord and my God"*
- ◆ Oct. 19-20—Back to the Bible Lectures @ Hamilton. *"Doctrines/ Attitudes Troubling the Church"*
- ◆ Nov. 10-13—Annual Schertz Lectures. *"Studies in Genesis"*

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argued that I care about the dead bush because it is not aesthetically pleasing. However, even in this line of reasoning, my motivation is selfish, not rooted in the grass, the branch, or the bush. I care only because of the way these affect me and my yard. That's why I care... because I value me and my desires.

I want you to consider for one moment the women who are in the pornographic industry.

### She is a Real Person

Go back in your mind to memories of when you've held a newborn baby girl in the hospital. Do you remember that new-born smell? That fresh-baby-lotion scent that is ingrained in your memory? What did you think of as you looked upon the innocence of that little girl? Perhaps she was your little girl. What dreams did you have for her? What would you have done to protect her? What did you do to provide for her?

Now, fast forward to the first steps, the first hair-cut, the first day of school, the first time she wanted you to play house or pretend cook. Do you remember the sparkle in her eye or the unwavering trust she placed in you? As she rested in your lap, do you remember thinking how blessed you were to have a little girl love you so much?

As the teen years dawned, you remember the first time she drove away from your home and how nervous that made you. Sure, you trusted her. It was everyone else you weren't sure about. You wanted to make sure she had her phone in case she needed to call, but you warned her not to text and drive at the same time. You did that because you loved her. She merited your concern because she was and is valuable. That value hasn't changed for your little girl, even though today she may be a grown woman with a family of her own.

### Who Has Value Given to Her by God

Isn't it interesting that when we slow down and see each other as real people, we begin to understand the great value we each possess? The Bible tells us we were all created in God's image (Gen. 1:26-27), which means He masterfully grafted value into each of us, a value not based upon looks or accomplishments. We are each unique and special because He determined such. That's why He sent Jesus to die for us, and that's the most important reason why the woman on the screen is to be seen as valuable, and not as an object of lust.

While her value, no doubt, stems from being created in the image of God, I would also like for you to consider the fact that at one time she was that little, new-born baby with the baby lotion smell. She did capture the hearts of her parent/parents. There were dreams and provisions made for her. When she started walking, someone was there to see her fall down and pick her up. When her first words were spoken, smiles dawned the face of proud parents and grandparents. Somewhere, someone looked upon her with a kind and caring outlook, only wanting what was absolutely best for her.

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## Celebrate

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

**September Birthdays:** James Fuller (6), Gene Bannister (16), Connie Reed (16), Glenda Milam (24).

**September Anniversaries:** None.

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



## Records

	Aug. 25, 2019	Sept. 1, 2019
Bible Class	39	48
AM Worship	47	55
PM Worship	35	37
Wednesday PM	33	33
Contribution	\$2,396	\$2,002

	This Week: 9/8/19	Next Week: 9/15/19		
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Ken Maninger	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<b>September 2019</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> Ken Maninger <b>Prepare Communion:</b> John Barnum Family <b>Clean Building:</b> John Barnum Family  <b>October 2019</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> John Barnum <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Johnny & Cindy McCaghren <b>Clean Building:</b> Johnny & Cindy McCaghren	
<b>Greeters</b>	Mileen & Ashley Kahlich	John & Tina Barnum		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Don Smith	John Barnum		
<b>Communion</b>	John Barnum*, Chase Churchwell Kevin Ross, Vernon Zier	Ken Maninger*, Chase Churchwell James Fuller, Caleb Dennis		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Allen Griffith	Don Smith		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Aaron Smith	Ian Barnum		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: Johnny McCaghren	Song Leader: Joe Dennis		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	James Fuller	Allen Griffith		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	NA	Randy Huckaby		
<b>Communion</b>	John Barnum	Ken Maninger		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Rafe Smith	Tom Wilcox		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	September 11 Joe Dennis	September 18 Rafe Smith	September 25 Don Smith	October 2 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 September 8, 2019

Sunday Class ..... *1 Corinthians 6:15*  
 Wed. Class ..... *Servant Training: Prayer*

#### Man's Relationship to His Family

##### Proverbs for Youth: "Listen to Your Parents"

The Bible places a tremendous responsibility on parents, but it also gives children a great responsibility as well (Eph. 6:1-4).

#### I. Commands.

- A. It is the responsibility of the parents to instruct their children (22:6; Deut. 6:1-9; Prov. 3:1-4).
- B. **These instructions should be specific** (3:1).
  1. God has not left His children to wander aimlessly without any hope of knowing what to do; the same should be true of parents.
  2. We must give specific instruction concerning modesty, language, friends, etc.
- C. **These instructions should be spiritual.**
  1. Our instructions should help our children to understand God (3:5-12).
  2. Where will our children receive spiritual instruction if not from us?
- D. **These instructions should be seized.**
  1. As parents, once we have instructed properly, then our children must hold onto what they have been taught (4:10-13; 3:21-26; 23:23).
  2. It is a foolish child that will not hold on to the instructions of his parents.

#### II. Choices.

- A. Once we hear the truth, we must choose how we are going to respond.
- B. In Proverbs, there is a comparison between the wise son and the foolish son.
  1. The wise son hears the instruction of his parents and obeys them.
  2. The foolish son will despise the instruction of the father.
- C. How we deal with choices, will determine whether we will be found faithful.
  1. In a choice there is always an *offer*.
  2. With each choice there is a *lure*.
  3. Every choice has its *price*.

#### III. Consequences.

- A. **Consequences can be inflicted upon us now.**
- B. **Consequences can be more severe than we ever thought.**
- C. **Consequences can be eternal.**

Children, treasure the wisdom of your parents as they direct you toward God. See bulletin article, "Raising Your Kids for Christ."

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#### Not an Object of Sexual Gratification

For many pornography users, the women on the screen are none of the above. They are merely objects that have been posed and positioned for the viewers' sexual gratification. Some of them may not even want to be there. Others might be doing it because they are trapped by money, fame, or drugs.

What if viewers of pornography would see the women as real people instead of sexual objects? What difference would it make? What if they could see her as someone else's daughter with intrinsic value? Would it change things within the user, either the addict or the occasional viewer?

You see, **we care about that which we believe possesses merit for our care.** When we objectify one another, instead of seeing each other as real people, it makes it easy to separate the person from the image on the screen. In other words, she's no longer a person but merely an object. We have disassociated her person-hood from the snapshot of her person. It's like the clipped grass, the broken branch, or the dead bush. I don't really care about them because I don't see value in them. For users, the person has no value because they can't see the person. They can only see a sexual object, and as long as that disassociation continues, the user will be drawn further into the world of fantasy.

So, how does one begin to care about the woman on the screen? Again, I'll go back to the underlying premise ... we don't care about that which we believe possesses no merit for our care. That means to reverse this lack of care, we must see her value. That's why it begins with us understanding that she is a real person with value placed upon her by God, not as an object of sexual gratification. When merit is restored to her person-hood, care will follow closely behind.

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