

# 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

## Killing Sin Is Messy

Blood is precious. Bleeding out will kill a person within minutes. When blood is given in a hospital, certain steps must be taken quickly and accurately every time to ensure the safety of the patient—one careless mistake could prove fatal. The wrong blood type or a bubble of air in the tubing could kill the person instead of save them. Many people today are squeamish around even a few drops of blood so much so that an entire film industry has been built around scaring viewers with gross amounts of blood. Our society may not be familiar with blood, but the Israelites would have been intimately familiar with it.

The first seven chapters of Leviticus contain lengthy descriptions of many of the sacrifices offered by the Israelites, such as the burnt offering, the peace offering, and the sin offering. Most of these sacrifices required the death of either a bull or of a goat or sheep. Five principles are consistently laid out within the Old Law that guided the sacrifice of each animal:

1. The animal must be without blemish; it could not have deformities or scars or a patchy coat. God would accept nothing less than the best (cf. Lev. 22:24; Deut. 17:1).
2. It must be offered freely. A sacrifice given out of coercion is a tax, not a gift.
3. God required attention to detail; He wanted specific sacrifices offered specific ways at specific times, and He would not accept variants (cf. Lev. 1:1-3).
4. The person offering the sacrifice must have an association with the sacrifice itself.
5. Finally, if all these principles were followed, God promised that the sacrifice would be a sweet-smelling aroma to Him (cf. Lev. 1:9, et al.). He would accept the individual's sacrifice and be pleased by it. God was faithful and would not change His mind about His requirements.

Although each of the principles are equally important, let's look closer at one in particular. When someone offered a sacrifice, he or she must have a relationship with that sacrifice. In Leviticus 1:4, Moses writes that each person had to place a hand on the head of the animal as it was being slaughtered. The average sheep or goat has 5-6 liters of blood in its body, about the same as a human. Each bull, however, contains about 39 liters of blood. For the sake of comparison, that is about the same volume as 10 gallons of milk. Imagine the pool of milk on the floor from a child spilling one carton. Now imagine each Israelite standing in the temple, touching an animal they had likely raised from infancy,

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But God, who is rich in **mercy**, because of His great **love** with which He loved us, ... raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His **grace** in *His kindness* toward us in Christ Jesus. For by **grace** you have been saved through faith.... **Ephesians 2:4-8**

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the Bible to know more about  
Christ and His Church.

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and watching nearly 10 times that amount of blood swirled around their feet, soaked their shoes, and pooled across the floor. The design of this command was to teach that their sins were the reason an innocent animal had to die (cf. Lev. 17:11). When Solomon dedicated the temple to God in 2 Chronicles 7:5, he offered 22,000 bulls and 120,000 sheep. On just this one occasion alone, almost 42,000 gallons of blood were shed in sacrifice to God. Killing sin is messy.

Over the 1500 years between Moses and Christ, how many hundreds of thousands of gallons of blood were spilled for the sins in just the nation of Israel?

And yet, it was not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sin (Heb. 10:16).

It would take something far greater than that to take away sin. It would take the blood of Christ—the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world—who was without spot or blemish—who freely laid down His own life for our sins. In doing so, He fulfilled hundreds of prophecies from the Old Testament (cf. Matt. 5:17). Because He was blameless (figuratively without spot), gave Himself willingly, and fulfilled every detail of prophecy about Him, His sacrifice was a sweet-smelling aroma before God (Eph. 5:2). He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities, but *“it pleased the Lord to bruise Him”* (Isa. 53:10). Killing sin truly is messy.

However, if we want any benefit from His sacrifice, we must have an association with Him. Listen to what Romans 6 says about our relationship with Christ:

- *“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?”* (v. 3)
- *“...our old self was crucified with Him...”* (v. 6)
- *“Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him.”* (v. 8)

Our association with Christ is based on our association with His death, burial, and resurrection. We reenact the

gospel when we are baptized into Him (Rom. 6:3-4), but our association continues much longer than that. After all, how can we who died to sin live any longer in it (v. 1-2)?

**Do we, like the Israelites who offered animals without blemish, offer God our best?** When we make budgets, does giving back to God come first or second or third or last? When we plan our week, does time for prayer and Bible study come first, or does it only squeeze in when nothing more important, like work or school or family time, is happening

**Do we offer ourselves freely to God?** Or are we guilt-tripped into going to worship by the expectations of our peers? Do we willingly serve all those in need, or do we only serve the ones that look like us and talk like us and dress like us?

**Do we pay attention to the details of God’s law?** God is a God who cares about the details! Do we worship Him the way He wants to be worshiped? Or do we think *our* way is better? Are the things we watch and listen to above reproach or do we get as close to sin as we can, claiming it doesn’t bother us?

**Do we associate with Christ only when it is convenient?** Or do we associate with Him when it is unpopular too? Do we imitate Him as dear children by walking, talking, thinking, and acting like Him? Or do we change our words and our actions based on who we are around?

Killing sin is messy. Even though so many animals died for the sins of the Israelites, that blood could not save them. Sin cost so much more than any corruptible thing; it cost the precious blood of Christ. How calloused—how cold—how unfeeling would we have to be not to put sin to death? We are a living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1). We do not just sacrifice ourselves for Him once. Instead, we daily pick up our own cross, deny ourselves, and follow Him (Mat. 16:24). Our God is not impossible to please, and sin is not impossible to put to death. When we are living sacrifices, and we associate ourselves with Christ through our actions, we too can be a sweet-smelling aroma to God.

Callie Pucket (plainsimplefaith.com)

**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/

- Sept. 22 Psalms 82—83
- Sept. 23 Psalms 84—86
- Sept. 24 Psalms 87—89
- Sept. 25 Psalms 90—91
- Sept. 26 Psalms 92—94
- Sept. 27 Psalms 95—98
- Sept. 28 Psalms 99—101
- Sept. 29 Psalms 102—103

*“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 **51 contacts** were made.

**Announcements**

- ◆ Cindy Fuller is still in need of one more lady to bring **soup for Ladies' Day**. If you can help, please let her know.
- ◆ **Gospel Meetings** this week at Rising Star and 9<sup>th</sup> & Main (San Angelo). See bulletin board for details.
- ◆ If you signed up to get **directory updates** by email, you should have received an update last Sunday. If you did not, let Cindy McCaghren know.
- ◆ Ladies—remember **Ladies Bible Class**, Wednesday mornings at 10:00. Studying 1 John.

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

- ◆ Oct. 19—Ladies Day w/ Denise Surlles. *“Hope: The Anchor of the Soul”*
- ◆ Oct. 27-30—Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Bryan Braswell. *“Evangelism in Word and Deed”*

**Other Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Grow**

- ◆ Sept. 28—Ladies' Day at Northside (Waco) w/ Nancy Wheat.
- ◆ Sept. 29-Oct. 2—Gospel Meeting @ Bangs w/ B. J. Clarke. *“Back to the Bible; Prepared for the Future”*
- ◆ Oct. 3-5—Texas Ladies in Christ Retreat @ Brady.
- ◆ Oct. 6-9—Gospel Meeting @ Marlin w/ Cody Westbrook.
- ◆ Oct. 12-13—Lectureship @ Hico. *“My Favorite Sermon”*
- ◆ Oct. 13-16—Annual Lubbock Lectureship. *“Man Is Justified by Faith”*
- ◆ Oct. 18-20—ReCharge Youth Conference @ 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”*

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A GOSPEL MEETING**



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**WHEN?** SEPTEMBER 22-25

**WHERE?** RISING STAR CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible class 9:30 am – *Do You Think You Are Religious?*

AM assembly 10:30 am – *Hear Ye Him*

PM assembly 6:00 pm – *Who Is On The Lord's Side?*

Monday 7 pm – *Priest And King*

Tuesday 7pm – *School Of Faith: Required Courses*

Wednesday 7pm – *Follow The Pattern*

**Celebrate**

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

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

**September Anniversaries:** None.

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



**Records**

	Sept. 8, 2019	Sept. 15, 2019
Bible Class	32	47
AM Worship	37	54
PM Worship	35	40
Wednesday PM	34	34
Contribution	\$1,892	\$1,917

	This Week: 9/22/19	Next Week: 9/29/19			
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	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>	Allen & Linda Griffith	Maninger Family			
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Joe Dennis	Rafe Smith			
<b>Communion</b>	Allen Griffith*, Kevin Ross Vernon Zier, Rafe Smith	Joe Dennis*, Caleb Dennis Coyce Reed, Don Smith			
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Ryan Rudloff	Tom Wilcox			
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Aaron Smith	Ian Barnum			
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: James Fuller	Song Leader: Ken Maninger			
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	John Barnum	Chase Churchwell			
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Tom Wilcox	Allen Griffith			
<b>Communion</b>	Allen Griffith	Joe Dennis			
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Randy Huckaby	James Fuller			
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	September 25 Don Smith	October 2 Prayer Night	October 9 Joe Dennis	October 16 Rafe 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 September 22, 2019

Sunday Class ..... 1 Corinthians 7:1  
 Wed. Class ..... Servant Training: Lord's Supper

<p><b>The Face of Grace: What Does Grace Really Look Like?</b>                      "When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad..." (Acts 11:23).                      Barnabas "had seen" something called "grace". But, what had he seen?</p> <p><b>I. Devotion: Grace is God's Devotion to Man.</b>                      God's grace has three basic features: "mercy," "love," and "kindness" (Eph. 2:4-9).</p> <p><b>A. Mercy is the first basic feature of God's grace.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>A definition of God's mercy:</u> the tremendous idea of God experiencing life from our point of view.</li> <li>2. <u>An illustration of God's mercy:</u> God's "ark of the Testimony" (Ex. 26:33) or "the ark of the covenant of the Lord" (Num. 10:33).</li> </ol> <p><b>B. Love is the second basic feature of God's grace.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>A definition of God's love:</u> ἀγάπη – to love and want what's best for the one loved.</li> <li>2. <u>An illustration of God's love:</u> The Parable of the Prodigal Son (Lk. 15:11-32).</li> </ol> <p><b>C. Kindness is the third basic feature of God's grace.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>A definition of God's kindness:</u> A gentle spirit that does what is right and helps others.</li> <li>2. <u>An illustration of God's kindness:</u> Psalm 23.</li> </ol> <p><b>II. Motion: Grace is Jesus in Motion with Man.</b>                      Compassion for others was Jesus' passion; the heart of God in motion.</p> <p><b>A. First, Jesus was full of grace, and that means He was full of mercy.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Study our Lord's ministry.</u></li> <li>2. <u>Listen to our Lord's message.</u></li> <li>3. <u>Mercy for you and mercy for me too?</u></li> </ol> <p><b>B. Second, Jesus was full of grace, and that means He was full of love.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Stand in the shadows of our Lord's cross.</u></li> <li>2. <u>Sit with those that heard our Lord teach.</u></li> <li>3. <u>Love for you and for me too?</u></li> </ol> <p><b>C. Third, Jesus was full of grace, and that means He was full of kindness.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Watch our Lord take pause and bless someone with a simple touch.</u></li> <li>2. <u>Listen to Jesus' call for kindness.</u></li> <li>3. <u>Kindness for you and kindness for me too?</u></li> </ol> <p>What does grace look like? Mercy. Love. Kindness.                      "The Face of Grace" is – or it can be – _____.</p>	<p><b>Philemon: Background &amp; Greeting (1-3)</b></p> <p>Philemon is a tiny letter of only twenty-one verses, that is easily overlooked and often ignored.                      Many questions are left unanswered, however, the essential elements of the story are clear. <i>Philemon</i> was a slave-owner who had been converted by Paul's preaching. <i>Onesimus</i>, a slave owned by Philemon, had gone to Rome where he found Paul and likewise had been converted. <i>Paul</i> sent Onesimus back to Philemon to be reconciled with his owner, along with this letter Paul had written to Philemon to encourage him to treat Onesimus as a brother in the Lord. As long as the struggle to treat fellow Christians as genuine brothers and sisters remains a challenge for followers of Christ, Paul's letter to Philemon will continue to serve a very important purpose for the church.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Background</b></p> <p><b>I. The Author.</b>                      In the first word of this letter, the author introduced himself as "Paul". The co-sender, "Timothy our brother" (v. 1), is also named.</p> <p><b>II. The Recipients.</b>                      "To Philemon our beloved friend and fellow laborer, to the beloved Apphia, Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house" (vv. 1-2).</p> <p><b>III. Philemon and Colossae.</b>                      Paul's letters to Philemon and to the church in Colossae appear to have been written at the same time to people in the same city and to have been delivered by the same courier.</p> <p><b>IV. The Date and the Place of Writing.</b>                      Traditional view – all four of the Prison Epistles were written by Paul from Rome during the imprisonment described in Acts 28:30-31; about A.D. 60-62.</p> <p><b>V. Slavery in the First Century A.D.</b>                      The tension between the practice of slavery and the call to Christian brotherhood serves as the background for Paul's letter to Philemon.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Greeting (1-3)</b></p> <p><sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother.                      To Philemon our beloved friend and fellow laborer, <sup>2</sup> to the beloved Apphia, Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:  <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.</p>
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