

# 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  
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Mission Printing  
Rohan Jones, Africa  
World Bible School

## “Are We Prepared for the Judgement Day?”

In Hebrews 9:27, the inspired writer reminded us “*And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.*” Biblically speaking, it is no secret that the last great prophecy to be fulfilled is the return of our Savior Jesus Christ and our standing before the Great Sovereign, our God, in judgment. For the righteous, the events of that day are set on display in First Thessalonians 4:13-18. The same is true for the wicked in Second Thessalonians 1:7-9. The Bible is transparent, even when it comes to the standard of judgment on that day. Jesus said,

He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day (John 12:48).

The Bible is clear, as well, concerning those who shall stand before our God in judgment. “*For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ*” (Rom. 14:10). After proclaiming the purpose that you and I have here in the world Solomon wrote, “*For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil*” (Eccl. 12:14). Even the results of that great day do not have to be a secret or a surprise for anyone. In John 5:28-29 Jesus said,

Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Therefore, it stands true that the fact of the judgment, the details of the judgment, the standard of the judgment, the participants in judgment and the destination of the judged are all clearly set forth for us in the Word of God. It becomes very evident that the only thing that stands between men and the knowledge of what judgment will be is an ignorance of God’s Word. Truly, the Bible sheds a beacon upon those details surrounding this great event and educates those willing to pay attention to the powerful message. The blame therefore for being ill prepared thus falls upon the shoulders of those who have not made preparation. However, the sad truth is that most in this world live as if there is no God in heaven and as if there will be no day of reckoning as we are ushered into eternity.

The apostle Paul wrote,

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men (2 Cor. 5:10-11).

When men stand unprepared for eternity, they put themselves in an unenviable position. Concerning those, God said,

Their foot shall slip in due time; For the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things to come hasten upon them (Deut. 32:35).

Every moment one stands unprepared, he stands as one on slick ice or a wet mossy rock. The next move could be the one that brings the fall. Jonathan Edwards, in a sermon presented on July 8, 1741, entitled “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God,” made these observations concerning Deuteronomy 32:35:

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

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- 1) These (the unprepared) are always exposed to destruction;
- 2) These are always exposed to sudden unexpected destruction, and
- 3) These are liable to fall of themselves without being thrown down by the hand of another.

His words are certainly valid. In fact, the reality of the situation is that the only thing that keeps the unprepared out of hell is the longsuffering of God and His great desire that men not *“perish but that all should come to repentance”* (2 Pet. 3:9).

However, with each fleeting moment, as men pass from this life to the next, we are reminded that God’s longsuffering is not “everlasting,” and His grace and mercy are not His only characteristics. The Psalmist reminded us that *“God judgeth the righteous, And God is angry with the wicked every day”* (ASV). Just as sure as is the Day of Judgment is the fact that those who are not prepared will face the severity of God.

Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off (Rom. 11:22).

In the closing verses of Revelation 6 we see a portrait of those who were not prepared. They

said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?” (Rev. 6:16, 17).

Both Paul (1 Thess. 5:2) and Peter (2 Pet. 3:10) warned that the *“day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.”* For the majority of those who have lived on this earth it will be a day of regret and great horror. It will be the moment in which they come face-to-face with the reality that their eternity will be one removed from God and all that is good and desired (2 Thess. 1:9). It will be the day when they hear from the mouth

of our Savior, *“Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels”* (Matt. 25:41). So the great question remains. *“Are we ready for the Judgment Day?”*

*Don Walker* (Christian Worker, Jan. 2020, pp. 1, 7)

## Encouragement

When we sincerely search the sacred text, we can find myriads of reasons to hold to our Creator’s unchanging hand.

Everyone needs encouragement. In this wicked world finding the joy and happiness we all cherish is never easy. But the very God who made us has revealed in the Scriptures many reasons for Christians to find calm in the midst of stormy surroundings.

In Joshua 1:7, Jehovah promised to bless Joshua’s future days with boundless benefits if that valiant leader would constantly follow in the pathway of righteousness—*“turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest”* (KJV). Today, when servants of God devote themselves to holiness and never swerve from the highway of godliness, these same promises hold true. No verse has more depth of encouragement than Deuteronomy 33:27:

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.

Under the everlasting arms of our Maker, we find solace and balm for troubled hearts.

What a wondrous haven of rest we have in the security God provides. Mankind is often inept in providing the real needs of his soul. In fact, we often are our own worst enemy in seeking the wrong things. Failing to meet the challenge of spiritual growth we often wallow in the mire of shallow endeavor that demands very little of us. But, those willing to walk near to the heart of God find strength, beauty and resolve to rise to heights of loyal service in the kingdom of the Lord.

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### Television

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/)

**Mar. 8** Eph. 3—4; Psalm 68 (video)  
**Mar. 9** Eph. 5—6; Psalm 69  
**Mar. 10** Phil. 1—2; Psalm 70 (video)  
**Mar. 11** Phil. 3—4; Psalm 71  
**Mar. 12** Col. 1—2; Psalm 72  
**Mar. 13** Col. 3—4; Psalm 73  
**Mar. 14** Philemon; Psalm 74  
**Mar. 15** 1 Thess. 1—2; Ps. 75 (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

- ◆ Last week **62** contacts were made.

### Announcements

#### ◆ Our Gospel Meeting is next week!

- Flyers are available on the podiums by each door.
- Brother Massey will be driving back and forth, so there will be no meals, other than Fellowship Meal at noon Sunday, and snacks following Monday and Tuesday evening.

- ◆ **Vonda Smith** will be **moving** into her new apartment Saturday. Anyone that can **help**, please meet at the storage unit (1007 W. Commerce) at 10:00 am.

- ◆ A big “Thank You” to those who worked on the lawn, sign, bulletin boards, etc., getting ready for the Gospel Meeting!

### Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ October 11-14—Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Denny Wilson

### Other Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ March 21-22—“*The Gospel Is For All*” series w/ Kevin Rhodes at 5<sup>th</sup> & Grape (Abilene). Flyer on board.
- ◆ March 23-26—Seminar @ Colleyville w/ John Haffner, “*Journey Through the Bible: How it all fits together*”. Flyer on board.
- ◆ March 29-April 1—Gospel Meeting @ Lake Shore Drive (Waco) w/ Jeff Jenkins, “*Glorify Him!*”
- ◆ April 5-8—Gospel Meeting @ Hamilton w/ Kerry Clark
- ◆ April 12-15—Gospel Meeting @ Bangs w/ Ross Haffner
- ◆ April 18—Ladies Day @ Colleyville w/ Kathy Pollard & Jennifer Webster, “*Broken but Mended*”. Flyer on board.
- ◆ April 25—Ladies Day @ Comanche w/ Evelyn Bonner
- ◆ April 25-26—Lectureship @ Hico
- ◆ May 3-7—Focal Point @ University (San Marcos)
- ◆ June 21-25—Junior Camp
- ◆ July 12-17—Senior Camp

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God has promised to guide us in this life and afterward receive us unto glory (Ps. 73:24)! All this and heaven, too. A three-time winner is the faithful follower of the Savior. Such a one misses hell, goes to heaven and also lives the best possible way upon this earth. What comfort the Bible holds!

It truly warms our hearts as Christians to realize that wherever we take the message of salvation, the Lord will be with us: “*Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.*” When we take the great commission seriously and launch out into world evangelism, we can expect the providence of God to open doors (1 Cor. 16:9) that even adversaries cannot shut. When we work with the Savior (2 Cor. 6:1), the demons in hell tremble.

Even “*the sufferings of this present time*” (Rom. 8:18) cannot overwhelm us because “*the Father is with us*” (Jn. 16:32). We can have boldness in living for Jesus regardless of external circumstances. When God is for us and supplies our every need (Phil. 4:19), we lead buoyant lives upon the earth. This naturally produces peace beyond human comprehension and adds vibrant hues to the panorama of our existence. No one fully enjoys all the good things of this world but those in Christ (Eph. 1:3).

Children of God live in the vibrant hope of glory based upon the surety of heaven’s promise (Titus 1:2). We do not serve the Redeemer in vain. This hope serves as an anchor for our souls (Heb. 6:19) that propels us to higher ground. Earthly aspirations by the ungodly may prove futile as John Vanbrugh wrote nearly three centuries ago: “The want of a thing is perplexing enough; the possession of it is intolerable.” But, hoping “*to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ*” (1 Pet. 1:13) is joy unspeakable and full of glory. These are, indeed, words of encouragement!

Yes, we are told to cast all our anxieties upon our blessed Savior because He cares for us (1 Pet. 5:7). Whatever the burden, whenever the sorrow, wherever the obstacle, we have a Friend who will make the tribulation bearable. He has promised never to leave us or forsake us (Heb. 13:5-6) and to keep the door of heaven wide open (Rev. 4:1) to help us “*in every time of need*” (Heb. 4:16).

How blessed, beyond description, are those who live and die in Jesus. To know that our heavenly Father knows and cares about our present sojourn and future destiny ought to be enough encouragement for anyone. Daniel’s words sum it up mightily: “*God rules in the kingdom of men*” (4:17).

Johnny Ramsey (Christian Worker, Jan. 2020, pp. 3-4)

## Celebrate

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

**March Birthdays:** Kevin Ross (1), Ken Maninger (4), **Wayne Kahlich (9)**, **Ann Walker (10)**, Susan Ford (17), Allen Griffith (20), Mileen Kahlich (21), Jessica Stultz (28), Dru Wilson (29).

**March Anniversaries:** James & Cindy Fuller (2), Randy & Laura Huckaby (23), Tom & Carol Wilcox (23).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



## Records

|              | Feb. 23, 2020 | Mar. 1, 2020 |
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| Bible Class  | 43            | 46           |
| AM Worship   | 50            | 58           |
| PM Worship   | 43            | 43           |
| Wednesday PM | 33            | 28           |
| Contribution | \$2,053       | \$2,169      |



# Privileged To Serve

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

|                               | This Week: 3/8/20  | Next Week: 3/15/20                                       |   |                         |
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| <b>Sunday AM:</b>             | Song Leader: Mike Bannister                                  | Song Leader: Mike Bannister                              | <b>March 2020</b><br><b>Make Announcements:</b><br>John Barnum<br><b>Prepare Communion:</b><br>Barnum Family<br><b>Clean Building:</b><br>Barnum Family<br><br><b>April 2020</b><br><b>Make Announcements:</b><br>James Fuller<br><b>Prepare Communion:</b><br>Johnny & Cindy McCaghren<br><b>Clean Building:</b><br>Johnny & Cindy McCaghren |                         |
| <b>Greeters</b>               | Maninger Family  | James & Cindy Fuller                                     |   |                         |
| <b>Opening Prayer</b>         | Gene Bannister   | Joe Dennis   |   |                         |
| <b>Communion</b>              | Allen Griffith*, Chase Churchwell<br>Coyce Reed, Vernon Zier | John Barnum*, Ken Maninger<br>Caleb Dennis, Ryan Rudloff |   |                         |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b>         | John Barnum  | Tom Wilcox   |   |                         |
| <b>Attendance Cards</b>       | Aaron Smith  | Ian Barnum   |   |                         |
| <b>Sunday PM:</b>             | Song Leader: James Fuller                                    | Song Leader: Johnny McCaghren                            |   |                         |
| <b>Opening Prayer</b>         | Kevin Ross   | Gene Bannister   |   |                         |
| <b>Scripture Reading</b>      | Tom Wilcox   | Allen Griffith   |   |                         |
| <b>Communion</b>              | Allen Griffith   | John Barnum  |   |                         |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b>         | Ken Maninger   | Don Smith  |   |                         |
| <b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b> | March 11<br>Joe Dennis                                       | March 18<br>Rafe Smith                                   | March 25<br>Don Smith   | April 1<br>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 March 8, 2020

Sunday Class ..... *1 Corinthians 10:6*  
 Wed. Class ..... *Exodus 12:37*

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?<br/> <b>"The Son of Man Came Eating and Drinking"</b></p> <p><i>"The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'"</i> (Mt. 11:19).<br/>                 John "sent two of his disciples" to Jesus to ask this question: "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" (Mt. 11:2-3). Jesus' answer gives insight into His earthly ministry and has application to His followers today.</p> <p><b>I. The Proof is in the Pudding.</b></p> <p>A. Go and tell John the things which you hear and see (Mt. 11:4-6).<br/>                 B. Present-day applications.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>"The proof is in the pudding"</i> – those who wear the name of Christ need to be diligent about seeking to live worthy of the name "Christian".</li> <li>2. <i>"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another ... By this all will know that you are My disciples..."</i> (Jn. 13:34-35).</li> <li>3. One of Jesus' proofs required no miraculous power: <i>"the poor have the gospel preached to them"</i> (Mt. 11:5).</li> </ol> <p><b>II. We Can (and Should) Hand Out Compliments.</b></p> <p>A. Christians, congregations and/or preachers are not in competition.<br/>                 B. John and Jesus had a high regard for each other and told people about it.</p> <p><b>III. God's Servants are Different.</b></p> <p>A. From the world, yes, but also from one another.<br/>                 B. We can be different from one another and still be Christians!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jesus and John the Baptist were different, but each fulfilled God's plan for His ministry – and the same can be true with us!</li> <li>2. Jesus chooses His 12 apostles – all different.</li> <li>3. The 3,000 baptized on Pentecost were all different.</li> </ol> <p><b>IV. No Matter What You Do, Somebody Will Be There to Criticize.</b></p> <p><b>V. As Always, We Can Learn Much from the Example of Jesus.</b></p> <p>A. There is every indication that <i>Jesus was a social person</i>.<br/>                 B. It is apparent as we read the New Testament that <i>Jesus was approachable</i>.<br/>                 C. Along with this, it appears that <i>Jesus was enjoyable to be around</i>.<br/>                 D. Nevertheless, <i>Jesus was still focused on a very serious mission</i>.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Disciples of the Lord (2 Thess. 2:13-17)</b></p> <p><b>I. Thanksgiving and Admonition (2:13-15).</b></p> <p>A. <i>But we are bound [it is our duty] to give thanks to God always for you.</i><br/>                 B. All people are beloved by the Lord (Jn. 3:16), but only Christians are "beloved of the Lord" in a special sense; reconciled to Him through Christ.<br/>                 C. Paul was obligated to thank God for them <i>because God from the beginning chose you from the beginning for salvation.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Some of the older manuscripts read <i>"God chose you as His firstfruits"</i>, which seems to be the better rendering.</li> <li>2. The Thessalonians were the first to become Christians in Macedonia.</li> <li>3. God had chosen those Thessalonians "for salvation" because they had obeyed the truth and therefore placed themselves in the category of those whom God has chosen to be saved.                         <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. They were saved <i>through</i> two things: the <i>sanctification by the Spirit</i> on the divine side, and the <i>belief in the truth</i> on the human side.</li> <li>b. They were <i>called</i> to salvation by [the] <i>gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.</i></li> <li>c. <i>Therefore, they ought to stand fast</i> (refuse to be "soon shaken in mind" [v. 2]) and refuse to be moved from <i>the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) "Traditions" are neither good nor bad.</li> <li>2) Whether such traditions are good or bad depends on the source from which the particular teaching comes.</li> <li>3) Since we have the completed Word, we do not have to rely on "traditions" today.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>II. Prayer for the Thessalonians (2:16-17).</b></p> <p>A. Paul had told his Thessalonian brethren to "stand fast", but he knew they would need help; so he prayed that they may [be helped by] <i>our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and by our God and Father.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jesus is their "mediator" (1 Tim. 2:5).</li> <li>2. God is the same One <i>who has loved us</i> and therefore <i>by grace</i> gave us "eternal encouragement" (NIV; <i>everlasting consolation</i>) and <i>good hope</i>.</li> <li>3. Paul's prayer is that God would also now <i>comfort and establish [strengthen] [their] hearts.</i></li> </ol> |
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