

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
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Full Atonement—Can It Be?

The Jews journeyed to Jerusalem for several feasts every year — each having a special significance. As they traveled and approached the city and especially the temple, their purpose in drawing near grew clearer and clearer. This developed not only from their proximity to their ancient capital but also due to their practice of singing psalms as they approached, songs designed to remind them of their identity, of their need, and of their purpose in coming to worship in the temple on that occasion. While obedience to the Law — especially following their captivity in Babylon — motivated and directed them, the focus and content of the psalms shows that other concerns also drove them. The third feast commanded, the Feast of Ingathering, began on the fifteenth day of the seventh month (Ex. 23:16); however, the LORD designated a solemn Sabbath just five days before this on the tenth (Lev. 16:29-33), Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Reflection on this day and its meaning permeates Psalm 130 thereby giving it a deeper meaning and tone.

Depression and despair, regular themes in the psalms, take on greater gravity when placed in a spiritual context. Guilt — properly felt due to sin — is a serious cause indeed. And experienced fully, it produces a separation and loneliness like no other (Isa. 59:1-2), making the opening cry of the psalm even more forlorn: “*Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD*” (Psa. 130:1). Sinful man needs a holy God — desperately. It is essential that man knows it, realizes it, feels it. Sadly, many feel their guilt and ignore it, feel their guilt and dismiss it, or feel their guilt and misinterpret it. But those who recognize it as the offspring of sin, turn to the LORD as He desires and seek pardon for it (Psa. 130:2). The Lord knows our sins — every one. But He is also longsuffering and does not act on them immediately due to His loving forbearance (Psa. 130:3). The LORD wants to forgive; He longs to forgive. Therefore, He has created a plan to forgive. And this should produce a deep reverence in all who realize the extent to which He is willing to go to have a relationship with us (Psa. 130:4). He does not need us as slaves or anything else, but He still wants us as His children. What a marvelous thought!

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba, Father’ (Rom. 8:15).

The relationship God desires is personal, spiritual, and character driven. He has given His Word and offered promises to create hope in those who read and gain faith with the design that the message within will create a spiritual longing for the LORD in return (Psa. 130:5). However, spiritual longing for the LORD should surpass some casual interest but turn into a grand expectation rooted in the full consideration of His character and thus building a confident expectation that assures all of the certainty of the fulfillment of every promise (Psa. 130:6). Having then gained full assurance of the great extent of the LORD’s desire to forgive, the psalmist called on all of Israel to adopt the same confidence. The answer to all matters of guilt and the sin that created it depend on an understanding and expectation of the depth of mercy bestowed upon man by the Yahweh (Psa. 130:7). Because He has reached out His hand in mercy rather than striking out in anger, He has placed His character and love on display, supplying the purchase price necessary to provide redemption in the face of despair. In doing so, He does not address a fraction of

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

Respecting the Authority of Christ

At a time in which everyone does what is right is his own eyes (Judg. 17:6), the challenge to respect the authority of Christ is great. This present age is very much like those described in the pages of history. Consider Israel, in 1 Samuel 8, who demanded a king to rule over them like the surrounding nations. The problem was that they already had a King, Jehovah, but they rejected Him (1 Sam. 8:6-9). In his pride, man seeks to become his own authority. He desires to establish his own rules, judgements, and consequences. He follows his own way! But *“the way of a fool is right in his own eyes...”* (Pr. 12:15), and *“there is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death”* (Pr. 14:12). True wisdom is found in fearing the Lord and respecting His authority (Pr. 1:7). Therefore, it is imperative that we rise to the challenge and respect the authority of the Son of God.

The Father has placed all authority into the hands of Jesus, and we are commanded to respect it. Jesus said, *“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth”* (Mt. 28:18). John said, *“The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand”* (Jn. 3:36). To a crowd of unbelieving Jews, Jesus said,

For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man (Jn. 5:26-27).

Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father

far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come (Eph. 1:21).

He is *“the head of all principality and power”* (Col. 2:10), His name is above every name (Phil. 2:9), and *“angels and authorities, and powers”* are subject to Him (1 Pet. 3:22). The New Testament proclaims the authority of Jesus the Christ loudly throughout its pages and commands all people to recognize it. Jesus said, *“He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent*

Him” (Jn. 5:23). Paul said, *“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus...”* (Col. 3:17). Every knee must bow, and every tongue confess the Lordship and authority of Jesus Christ, either in this life or in the judgment to come.

The authority of Christ is seen in His word. 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. For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak (Jn. 12:48-50).

Jesus promised the apostles that the Holy Spirit would teach and bring to their remembrance all things that He had taught them (John 14:26). He further said,

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come (Jn. 16:12-13).

The Holy Spirit inspired the apostles to preach and write the words of Christ. Therefore, when we read the pages of New Testament scripture, we read words that carry the full weight of divine authority. All scripture is inspired by God (2 Tim. 3:16-17) and written down by men who were moved by the Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:20-21). Respecting the authority of Christ means respecting His word. John warned that those who transgress and go beyond the doctrine of Christ *“have not God”* (2 Jn. 9-11). Paul proclaimed those who preach *“any other gospel”* to be accursed (Gal. 1:6-11). Opinions, traditions, and false doctrines of every sort are an affront to the authority of Christ. We must respect, preach, and apply His word, not ours. For, only then, will we truly respect the authority of Christ.

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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/

June 14 Numbers 15—16; Prov. 14
June 15 Numbers 17—18; Prov. 15
June 16 Num. 19—20; Pro. 16 (video)
June 17 Numbers 21—22; Prov. 17
June 18 Numbers 23—24; Prov. 18
June 19 Numbers 25—26; Prov. 19
June 20 Numbers 27—28; Prov. 20
June 21 Numbers 29—30; Prov. 21

“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 **47** contacts were made.

Announcements

- ◆ **We are now back to our normal worship and Bible class schedule**, including Wednesday evening beginning this week. However, there will be no fellowship meals until further notice.
- ◆ **Summer Youth Series** begins Tuesday at 7:00pm at Bangs. A flyer for this week, as well as one for the whole series, is on the bulletin board.
- ◆ If you are visiting with us, please fill out the “visitor” side of an attendance card on the back of the pew in front of you. Members only need fill out a card if there is some information you need to convey. Cards can be placed in the offering plate, or left in the pew.
- ◆ There is a new **Spiritual Sword**, “*Lessons From the Book of Job*,” available on the back table.

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ July 28—We host Summer Youth Series
- ◆ October 11-14—Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Denny Wilson

Other Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ July 12-17—Senior Camp

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trespasses practiced or remove a portion of sins committed but the whole, addressing and redeeming Israel from “*all his iniquities*” (Psa. 130:8).

Spiritually-minded people seeking God’s forgiveness today should marvel still at His longsuffering (2 Pet. 3:9) and be drawn to turn their hearts back to God in faith (Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:6). However, God’s plan today, rooted in the atonement made possible through the sacrifice of His Son (1 Jn. 2:1-2; Heb. 7:26-27), demands more than simple prayer but rather convicted repentance (Acts 17:30), confessed allegiance (Matt. 10:32-33), and committed obedience (Acts 22:16; Heb. 5:8-9), thus calling on the name of the LORD (Acts 2:16-38). We must never take forgiveness lightly, for what it cost God or what it requires of us. But once received, we should sing about it often, with words similar to the psalmist’s.

Kevin Rhodes (swcofc.org)

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The authority of Christ is also seen in the fact that He is head over His church. Jesus proclaimed “...*on this rock I will build my church*” (Mt. 16:18). The church belongs to Christ. He purchased her with His blood (Acts 20:28). She is His body (Eph. 1:22-23) and His bride (Eph. 5:23), and therefore it should not surprise us to learn that He alone possesses the right to reign as King and Ruler over her. Colossians 1:18 says,

and He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

He is “*head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all*” (Eph. 1:22-23).

As head, Jesus is the one who determines doctrine and direction. No man has the right to dictate what the church teaches, how it worships, or how its members live daily. We owe honor and allegiance to Christ, and no man. All men stand on equal ground at the foot of the cross. Even elders serve under the chief shepherd (1 Pet. 5). To exalt a man or a man’s doctrine to the level of Christ and His doctrine is to violate God’s law and disrespect the authority of Jesus.

Until the day that He gives the kingdom over to the Father and lays down His authority (1 Cor. 15:20-28), Jesus has all authority. It can be challenging to respect that authority, especially when the cry of our world is “to each his own!” but we must rise and meet that challenge!

Cody Westbrook (Christian Worker, March 2020, pp. 2-3)

Celebrate

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

June Birthdays: Mike Bannister (4), Loutrell Dobbins (8), **John Ross (15)**, Donna Sublett (19), David Greer (26), Ashley Kahlich (29).

June Anniversaries: Johnny & Cindy McCaghren (8), **Wayne & Mileen Kahlich (19)**, David & Lisa Greer (28).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	May 31, 2020	June 7, 2020
Bible Class	—	25
AM Worship	48 + [11]	43 + [10]
PM Worship	—	37
Wednesday PM	[25]	—
Contribution	\$2,237	\$1,975

Privileged To Serve

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

	This Week: 6/14/20	Next Week: 6/21/20		
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Ken Maninger	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox	June 2020 Make Announcements: Don Smith Prepare Communion: James & Cindy Fuller Clean Building: James & Cindy Fuller July 2020 Make Announcements: Ken Maninger Prepare Communion: Mike & Patti Bannister Clean Building: Mike & Patti Bannister	
Greeters	_____	_____		
Opening Prayer	Allen Griffith	Kevin Ross		
Communion	Randy Huckaby*, James Fuller John Barnum, Mike Bannister	Ken Maninger*, Chase Churchwell Vernon Zier, Rafe Smith		
Closing Prayer	Gene Bannister	Mike Bannister		
Attendance Cards	_____	_____		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: Ken Maninger	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		
Opening Prayer	Ryan Rudloff	Gene Bannister		
Scripture Reading	Vernon Zier	James Fuller		
Communion	Randy Huckaby	Ken Maninger		
Closing Prayer	Don Smith	John Barnum		
Wednesday Devotionals:	June 17 Rafe Smith	June 24 Don Smith	July 1 Prayer Night	July 8 James Fuller

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 June 14, 2020

Sunday Class 1 Corinthians 10:15
 Wed. Class Exodus 13:11

Responsibilities of the Congregation to Its Elders

- I. The congregation has a responsibility to **recognize** the elders (1 Thess. 5:12-13).
 - A. We have a responsibility to *know* those who are over us in the Lord.
 - B. The word "recognize" has reference to *recognizing and acknowledging*.
 - C. We are also to "esteem" them (v. 13).
- II. The congregation has a responsibility to **remember** the elders (Heb. 13:7)
 - A. We are commanded to *remember* the ones who have the rule over us.
 - B. The word means *being mindful*, with a view to *observing their admonitions*.
 - C. We remember them because they have spoken the word of God to us.
- III. The congregation has a responsibility to **obey** the elders (Heb. 13:17).
 - A. We are commanded to *obey* those who have the rule over us.
 - B. We obey them because they are looking out for our souls' best-interest.
 - C. We need to remember that we are the sheep, and it is the eldership that is shepherding/guiding us.
- IV. The congregation has a responsibility to **make the elders' job as easy as possible** (Heb. 13:17).
 - A. The elders' work in the church should be one of *joy*, not *grief*.
 - B. We should make it a point to make the elders' job as easy as possible so that the whole congregation can be happier.
- V. The congregation has a responsibility to **imitate** the elders' example (Heb. 13:7).
 - A. The elders should be living their lives in a way that others should follow.
 - B. The congregation has a responsibility to follow their example of faith.
- VI. The congregation has a responsibility to **trust** the elders (1 Tim. 5:19).
 - A. Accusations should not be allowed to stand against the elders except with the testimony of two or more witnesses. (The accusation must be proven.)
 - B. As qualified "watchmen," we must trust the decisions that they make.
- VII. The congregation has a responsibility to **correct** the elders (1 Tim. 5:20).
 - A. If it has been shown that an elder is in sin, he is to be publicly corrected.
 - B. He is a leader and must set a proper example; if he can sin and "get by with it," others will think they can do the same thing.
- VIII. The congregation has the responsibility to **treat the elders equally** (1 Tim. 5:21).
 - A. We can't act as if one is better, higher, or preferred above the others.
 - B. We can't allow to "get away" with something, yet hold others accountable.
 - C. We can't take our concerns and problems to one, leaving out the others.

Commands Concerning Treatment of Disorderly Members and Conclusion (2 Thessalonians 3:6-18)

- I. **Commands Concerning Treatment of Disorderly Members (3:6-15).**
 - A. "We command you, brethren..."
 1. Paul issued the command, "in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ".
 2. His command was, "that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us".
 - B. Paul reminded them in v. 7, "For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us".
 1. Paul and his coworkers had set an example of working and earning their own keep, though he had the authority to demand financial support.
 2. They did not behave themselves "disorderly," nor did they "eat anyone's bread free of charge"; instead, they "worked ... night and day, that [they] might not be a burden to any".
 3. Paul did this that he might be "an example" for them to "follow".
 - C. Even while Paul was in Thessalonica, he had taught them concerning laziness: "If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat".
 1. Ignoring Paul's teaching, some continued "not working at all," and had instead become "busybodies".
 2. Paul exhorted them to "work in quietness" and "eat their own bread".
 - D. The good brethren who were working hard and minding their own business, were not to let the others get them down ("not grow weary in doing good").
 1. Furthermore, they were to "note" those who continued in disobedience, and "not keep company with" them.
 2. They were not to count them as enemies, but to admonish them as brothers.
 3. The goal would be to win them back to the Lord.
- II. **Conclusion (3:16-18).**
 - A. The prayer of v. 16 is basically the same as Paul prayed in the first letter.
 1. It is "the Lord of peace Himself" Paul ask to give them peace "always" and "in every way".
 2. He asked the Lord to be with them "all," even the disruptive minority.
 - B. Paul writes "the salutation" with his "own hand," showing its authenticity.
 - C. Paul ends the letter in his typical fashion, calling upon the Lord's "grace".