

# 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 ..... N/A  
Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM

## Elders:

Gene Bannister..... Mike Bannister

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## Deacons:

John Barnum..... Don Smith

## Preacher:

Johnny McCaghren

## Works We Support:

Cherokee Home for Children  
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World Bible School

## With Which Church Should I Worship?

The desire to worship appears to be an innate quality in every people historically throughout the world. Misguided souls have worshipped the heavenly bodies, trees, rocks, carved or forged idols, dead ancestors, kings and even Satan. People, today, still worship in the same way, as well as worship differently from each other the true God of the universe. It, therefore, is a fair question, "With which church should I worship?"

Happily, the one making the inquiry isn't worshipping the sun, the moon, rocks, trees, his or her ancestors, rulers or even Satan. Neither has the person posing the foregoing question been misled by other world religions outside of Christianity. Yet, no doubt the existence of thousands of denominations worldwide presents a nearly incomprehensible challenge to find **the church of the Bible – rather than a manmade knockoff.**

Only the church of the Bible – the New Testament – will do, for it is the only church for which Jesus Christ died (1 Cor. 15:3), over which He is the Head (Col. 1:18) and for which He will return someday to retrieve (John 14:3). Any church that wears names for itself and for its members that are not in the New Testament is not the church of the Bible. For instance, churches named after people or human doctrines are different from the church of the Bible. Biblical names for the church of the Bible include "*the churches of Christ*" (Rom. 16:16) and "*the church of God*" (1 Cor. 1:2), and names for its members include "*Christians*" (Acts 11:26) and "*disciples*" (Acts 6:1; 20:7).

Any church founded after A.D. 33 and somewhere other than in Jerusalem (Acts 2:47) is not the church of the Bible. That eliminates every church except the church of the Bible, because the next established **after** the church of the Bible dates to about 600 years later in Rome.

Any church that is not comprised of independent, self-governing congregations is not the church of the Bible (Acts 14:23). Any church that has added to, subtracted from or altered the five activities of Christian worship is not the church of the Bible. One can discern from the New Testament that, in no particular order or importance, Christian worship consists of teaching or preaching (Acts 20:7), freewill giving (1 Cor. 16:1-2), praying (1 Cor. 14:15), singing (Eph. 5:19) and the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:23-26).

These are some of the characteristics of the church of the Bible. It is pointless to worship apart from the church of the Bible. The churches of Christ (church of Christ) have no earthly headquarters but are connected to each other by a common regard for the wholly inspired Word of God. Members have fellowship with God and with every other Christian who also has fellowship with God (1 John 1:3).

*Louis Rushmore* (Gospel Gazette Online, Nov. 2021)



Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "**Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.**" **Matt. 16:16-18**

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

# The Blessed Person

Psalm 1 is one of the most recognizable psalms! In many ways, it could be considered an introduction to the entire God-inspired collection. One thing, for sure, is that it shows two distinct classes of humanity in relation to each class's ultimate fate. The psalm starts out with the phrase, "*Blessed is the man,*" which is a spirited declaration of blessedness that could be expressed, "Oh, the blessedness of the man!" The "blessed man" about to be described is a rare jewel compared to the masses of the general population. Only one class of people is given this designation of blessedness, both now and in eternity. Interestingly, this psalm was alluded to by Jeremiah when describing the apostate people of Judah and the consequent doom coming upon them (Jer. 17:5-8). If only they had applied this psalm! Let us note three truths about the person who is blessed according to this psalm.

## Recognizes the Danger of Sin

"*Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful*" (Psa. 1:1). In recognizing the danger of sin, a person must be aware of the deceptive nature by which it traps – by subtle degrees. The "blessed" person "does not walk" in the plans or ideas of the ungodly because he knows their schemes lead to destruction (Isa. 57:20-21; Jer. 7:24). He does not "stand in the path of sinners." He does not "sit in the seat of the scornful." The "scornful [scoffers, ESV]" refers to those who mock, or those who make divine truth and holiness a subject of derision (cf. 2 Pet. 3:3-4). Scoffers are enemies of truth (Prov. 22:10; 29:8). There are differences in degrees in both the action and the type of people with whom the blessed person refuses to associate. Three degrees in action are: (1) "*walks,*" which figuratively means agreeing with or at least, entertaining the ungodly people's ideas; (2) "*stands,*" which indicates fixing one's character upon that of sinners, and (3) "*sits,*" which means to become wholly a part of the scornful people's world. Three degrees in types of people are: (1) "*ungodly [wicked, ASV],*" those who may or may not be fixed in their position of irreverence toward God; (2) "*sinners,*" who habitually continue in transgression, and (3) "*scornful [scoffers, ESV],*" who not only continue in

sin but are proud of it, mocking anyone who, in their mind, would be *addicted to religion*.

It is impossible to end up sitting with the scornful without first heeding the counsel of the ungodly and then stopping to associate with sinners! God's people today must keep progressing along the way that leads to eternal life (Matt. 7:14)! They cannot stop the pursuit of Christ to dabble in the world! Yet, for some reason, God's people sometimes think there are no consequences in attempting to split time between Christ and the world. "*No one can serve two masters*" (Matt. 6:24)! Let's be people blessed and keep ourselves from digressions!

## Stabilizes Himself with God's Word

"*But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away*" (Psa. 1:2-4). The person who is blessed takes "delight in the law of the Lord"! When a person is said to "delight" in something, it means he enjoys the activity so much that it becomes his preferred business or occupation. The chief interest of the blessed person is to fulfil the law of God (Psa. 19:7-10; Josh. 1:8)! Furthermore, the blessed person is likened to a well-watered tree. "Planted" indicates a deliberate nourishing and strengthening, not something growing wild. This is a person who has been carefully cultivated by God's Word. This is a picture of stability and prosperity!

This deliberately planted person is unlike the ungodly, who are led by the counsel of the wicked, who involve themselves in the way of sinners and become comfortable in the seat of the scornful. The wicked are like chaff that is blown away. They are **without root below or fruit above**. They have no delight in God's law. They may prosper for a while, but at the first indication of drought, they shrivel up (cf. Matt. 13:4-5). To use another, well-known comparison, when faced with storms of judgment, "*the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great*

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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/)

**Nov. 21** Ezekiel 4-6; Psalm 141 (video)

**Nov. 22** Ezekiel 7-9; Psalm 142

**Nov. 23** Ezekiel 10-12; Psalm 143

**Nov. 24** Ezekiel 13-15; Psalm 144

**Nov. 25** Ezekiel 16-18; Ps. 145 (video)

**Nov. 26** Ezekiel 19-21; Psalm 146

**Nov. 27** Ezekiel 22-24; Psalm 147

**Nov. 28** Ezekiel 25-27; Ps. 148 (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 **35** contacts were made.

### Upcoming Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ March 13-16—**Spring Gospel Meeting** w/ Jon McCormack.

### Upcoming Area Events

- ◆ Feb. 24-27—**Arise** (and evangelize) @ Southwest in Austin.
- ◆ Mar. 3-6—**PTP Spark** @ Round Rock. Info on bulletin board. If you would like to go, it is recommended that you sign up soon.

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was its fall” (Matt. 7:27)! **Let’s be deliberate in cultivating God’s Word in our lives** (cf. 2 Tim. 2:15)!

### Finds God’s Approval

“Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish” (Psa. 1:5-6). The wicked cannot endure the judgments of God (Psa. 37:9, 13, 15, 17, 35-36). Though in the eyes of men a person may seem to belong to the “congregation” of the Lord, God knows better. He cannot be deceived (cf. Gal. 6:7). Paul said on one occasion, “For they are not all Israel who are of Israel” (Romans 9:6). The apostle also wrote, “Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: ‘The Lord knows those who are His’” (2 Tim. 2:19a). The Lord “knows” those who truly belong to Him! In Psalm 1:6, the word “knows” means more than mere intellectual knowledge. It also carries the idea of approval, carrying through (Psa. 31:7), and identifying with (cf. Prov. 3:5-6). **The way of the righteous is the only way that leads to eternal life.** People belonging to God must depart from iniquity (2 Tim. 2:19b). “The Lord knows the days of the upright, And their inheritance shall be forever” (Psa. 37:18). The way of the wicked will always end in eternal separation from God (Matt. 7:23).

The only way to endure the judgments of God is to be in harmony with His will. Today, that means to be a faithful Christian! Paul wrote, “For you died [referring to baptism, Col. 2:12], and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory” (Col. 3:3-4). When the Christian keeps focused on “things which are above” (Col. 3:1-2), God will look upon him through the cleansing blood of His Son!

### Conclusion

What a contrast between “blessed” (Psa. 1:1) and “perish” (Psa. 1:6). The “blessed” person recognizes the danger of sin, is stabilized with the Word of God and is approved of the Lord. The ungodly are as weak as wind driven chaff, are unable to stand in God’s judgment and are destined for destruction unless they repent! Into which category of people do we find ourselves? Are we among the blessed or are we among those whom the Lord disapproves? May we always delight in God’s ways!

Brian R. Kenyon (Gospel Gazette Online, Nov. 2021)

## Celebrate

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

**November Birthdays:** Tammy Rudloff (8), Randy Huckaby (15), Terry Teague (17), Marcia Turnbull (24).

**November Anniversaries:** Coyce & Connie Reed (7), Kyle & Rita Duaine (12).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



## Records

	Nov. 7, 2021	Nov. 14, 2021
Bible Class	35	35
AM Worship	43 + [6]	52 + [10]
PM Worship	29 + [9]	33 + [7]
Wednesday PM	26 + [8]	25 + [8]
Contribution	\$2,007	\$2,210

# Privileged To Serve

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

	This Week: 11/21/21	Next Week: 11/28/21		
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<b>November 2021</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> Ken Maninger <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Barnum <b>Clean Building:</b> Reed  <b>December 2021</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> Dex Dennard <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Fuller <b>Clean Building:</b> McCaghren	
<b>Greeters</b>	_____	_____		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Don Smith	James Fuller		
<b>Communion</b>	Ken Maninger, Chase Churchwell Kyle Duaine, Daniel Edwards	Tom Wilcox, Dex Dennard Ryan Settles, Coyce Reed		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Tom Wilcox	John Barnum		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	_____	_____		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: James Fuller	Song Leader: Ken Maninger		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Mike Bannister	Randy Huckaby		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	_____	_____		
<b>Communion</b>	Ken Maninger	Tom Wilcox		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	John Barnum	Chase Churchwell		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	November 24 Johnny McCaghren	December 1 Prayer Night	December 8 John Barnum	December 15 Dex Dennard

## 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 November 21, 2021

Sunday Class ..... 2 Corinthians 1:13  
 Wed. Class ..... **Biblical Interpretation: The Interpretive Journey**

<u>Evidence to Substantiate the Bible's Claims of Its Own Inspiration (Part 2)</u>	<u>Jesus and the Seventy (Luke 10:1-24)</u>
<p><b>I. The Prophecy of the Bible.</b></p> <p>A. "Predictive prophecy is the highest evidence of divine revelation. The one thing that mortal man cannot do is to know and report future events in the absence of a train of circumstances that naturally suggest certain possibilities..." (Rex Turner, Sr.).</p> <p>B. In order for a prophecy to be valid, it must meet certain criteria.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. First, it must be a specific, detailed declaration.</li> <li>2. Second, there must be a sufficient amount of time between the prophetic statement and its fulfillment.</li> <li>3. Third, the prophecy must be stated in clear, understandable terms.</li> <li>4. Fourth, the prophecy must not have historical overtones.</li> <li>5. Fifth, it must have a clear, understandable, exact fulfillment.</li> </ol> <p>C. A few examples.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The destruction of the city of Tyre (Ezek. 26).</li> <li>2. God's use of the Assyrians as "the rod of [His] anger" against Israel, and the subsequent punishment of the Assyrians for their own sins (Isa. 10:5-6, 12, 24-25).</li> <li>3. King Josiah (1 Kgs. 13:2).</li> <li>4. Cyrus, king of Persia (Isa. 44:28; 45:1).</li> <li>5. More than 300 Messianic prophecies.</li> </ol> <p>D. "When the word of the prophet comes to pass, the prophet will be known as one whom the LORD has truly sent" (Jer. 28:9).</p> <p><b>II. The Scientific Foreknowledge of the Bible.</b></p> <p>A. <b>From the Field of Astronomy:</b> "It is He who sits above the circle of the earth" (Isa. 40:22).</p> <p>B. <b>From the Field of Oceanography.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the sea is not full; To the place from which the rivers come, There they return again" (Eccl. 1:7).</li> <li>2. "Have you entered into the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep?" (Job 38:16).</li> <li>3. The dimensions of the ark – the 30:5:3 ration (Gen. 6:15).</li> </ol> <p>C. <b>From the Field of Physics.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished" (Gen. 2:1).</li> <li>2. "The earth will grow old like a garment" (Isa. 51:6; see also Heb. 1:11; Ps. 102:26).</li> </ol> <p>D. <b>From the Field of Medicine/Biology.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Both the male and the female possess the "seed of life" (Gen. 3:15).</li> <li>2. "He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised..." (Gen. 17:12).</li> </ol> <p>"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away" (Mt. 24:35). "The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever" (Isa. 40:8).</p>	<p><b>I. Later Judean Ministry (Lk. 10:1 – 13:21).</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Later Judean Ministry was approximately 2½ months long, from the Feast of Tabernacles to the Feast of Dedication.</li> <li>• We cannot be sure of the chronology during this time.</li> </ul> <p>A. <b>Jesus and the 70 (Lk. 10:1-24).</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Sending Out the "70" (10:1-16).</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. "After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go" (1)</li> <li>b. There are many similarities between the sending out of the Twelve (Lk. 9:1-6; Mt. 10), and the sending out of the Seventy.                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Sent out in pairs.</li> <li>2) Sent as precursors of Jesus' visit.</li> <li>3) Sent like lambs among wolves.</li> <li>4) Not to take extra provisions.</li> <li>5) To graciously accept hospitality, without taking advantage of it.</li> <li>6) To bless homes with peace or curse towns by shaking dust.</li> <li>7) Granted supernatural powers.</li> <li>8) To announce the nearness of the Kingdom of God.</li> </ol> </li> <li>c. There were also a couple of notable differences.                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The work of the Twelve concluded the general ministry in Galilee, while the ministry of the Seventy was preparatory to the Lord's ministry in Judea.</li> <li>2) The mission of the Seventy was temporary, as compared to the life-long mission of the Twelve (though their commission would later change from "limited" to "great").</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>2. <b>Return of the "70" (10:17-24).</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. They "returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name'" (17).</li> <li>b. Jesus commented, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven" (18).</li> <li>c. Jesus also warned the Seventy, "Do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven" (20).</li> </ol> </li> </ol>