

# 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 ..... N/A  
Worship ..... 6:00 PM

### Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class ..... N/A  
Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM

## Elders:

Gene Bannister..... Mike Bannister

Billy Chism... Johnny McCaghren

## Deacons:

John Barnum..... Don Smith

## Preacher:

Johnny McCaghren

## Works We Support:

Cherokee Home for Children  
Gospel Broadcast Network  
Heart of Texas Bible Camp (Bangs)  
Mission Printing  
Rohan Jones, Africa  
World Bible School

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

## Church Attendance Is Essential

Church attendance is not a "take it or leave it" situation. It is unthinkable for one who has embraced the Lord's Way (Acts 18:25), who has been washed in the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 7:14), who has been renewed in heart and soul (Acts 4:32), to forsake even one of the assemblies of the saints.

The Bible is clear regarding the sin and the severity of forsaking the assemblies of the saints. *"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. For **if we sin willfully** after we have received the knowledge of the truth, **there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins**"* (Heb. 10:24-26).

Far too often, members of the Lord's house see church attendance as an unpleasant experience. It is often viewed like bad tasting medicine, something that is not enjoyed, but it's necessary for one's health. What a shame such individuals have so little faith! I'm convinced they do not see the severity of sin and the eternal destruction it brings.

To be able to worship the God of heaven, the creator and sustainer of all living (Acts 17:28), and to commune with brethren of *"like precious faith"* (2 Pet. 1:1), is a blessing enjoyed by far too few who have *"named the name of Christ."*

The blessings and rewards of church attendance are many. If you're not present in these assemblies it's your loss.

**Church attendance strengthens not only the individual but entire families as well.** One evidence of this is seen in the number of couples that have happy marriages. Statistics prove that families who worship together are far more likely to remain together. Rare are the occasions where such homes are broken and end in divorce. When families are constantly instructed in the "way of the Lord," it becomes harder for them to rebel against that which is right. The prodigal son removed himself from family worship and influence and fell into the depths of sin and folly. Only after returning home did he once again enjoy the pleasure and company of those who truly loved him (Luke 15:11-24). Lois and Eunice brought Timothy up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (2 Tim. 1:5; Eph. 6:1-4). If you're not present with your family, you're not leading them in the way they should go (cf. Prov. 22:6).

**Church attendance places you in the midst of the best people in the world.** It is a place of safety and comfort. There's no worry about someone seeking to take advantage of you. You don't have to worry about turning your back for fear someone may steal from you. You have confidence your children will not be bombarded with foul language and obscene gestures. Such fills the TV, school and neighborhood. You don't have to worry about "perverts" looking for a chance to molest you or your children. With all the crime, lust, greed, outrage, abomination, obscenity and lewdness in the world, why would families not seek to escape such and provide that which is wholesome, good, honorable, generous, beneficial

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and positive? All these good things and many more are found in the assemblies of the saints (Gal. 5:22-24).

**Church attendance strengthens your faith.** “*But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him*” (Heb. 11:6). “*So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God*” (Rom. 10:17). The more you hear the Word of God, the more you grow in faith when you apply the lessons learned. Multitudes are those who often say, “I wish I were stronger in faith.” Yet these same people do little, and many times nothing, to make it so! A stronger faith is directly related to the study of God’s Word. The more you attend the assemblies of the saints, the more you hear God’s Word, the more you grow in the faith!

**Church attendance provides the proper example.** Had you rather your children find their heroes and mentors on social media, at school, sports, entertainment, TV, or had you rather they find them at church? As a child, I observed godly men and women who reverently bowed their heads in prayer (1 Thess. 5:17), observed the Lord’s supper (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23-30), contributed to the Lord’s work (1 Cor. 16:2), sang psalms, hymns, and spiritual praises unto God (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16), and studied and listened to the Word of God (Acts 20:7). These great examples served to teach me how to worship God (John 4:24). It impressed upon me the reverence and respect due unto God. I learned the seriousness of holy things. I’m no doubt a Christian today because of those early years and being shown such wonderful examples.

**Church attendance gives the honor, respect, reverence, adoration and glory to God the Father in heaven.** The woman at Jacob’s well was taught about true and proper worship by Jesus himself. When she observed that he was a prophet, she had a question for him, saying: “*Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.*” Jesus said to her, “*Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this*

*mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth*” (John 4:20–24).

God the Father seeks worship. He seeks true worship. He seeks spiritual worship (v. 23). Shall those who have been redeemed not offer him the worship he not only desires but commands? Are we so thankless that we only attend worship services when it’s convenient for us? Do you realize that amounts to nothing more than just throwing God a crumb from our bountiful table filled with blessings? Do you remember the occasion when Jesus healed ten lepers but only one returned to give glory to God? Jesus asked him, “*Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?*” (Luke 17:17–18). Are you among the nine who did not return to praise God? Such an attitude is ungrateful indeed! Who do you think the Lord will save come judgment day? All ten or just the one?

“*For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame*” (Heb. 6:4–6).

When all is said and done and our existence in this world has come to an end, what will you say at judgment? Will you say you did not have time to worship? You were too busy? There were so many things more important to you than worshipping God? Where are the nine?

Who will deny the blessings of families worshipping God together? Who will step forward and say that such does not strengthen the home? No one can do so!

Garland M. Robinson (Seek The Old Paths, July 2021)

**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/)

**July 18** Joshua 19—21; Ps. 17 (video)  
**July 19** Joshua 22—24; Psalm 18  
**July 20** Judges 1—3; Psalm 19 (video)  
**July 21** Judges 4—6; Psalm 20  
**July 22** Judges 7—9; Psalm 21  
**July 23** Judges 10—12; Psalm 22  
**July 24** Judges 13—15; Psalm 23  
**July 25** Judges 16—18; Psalm 24

“*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 **23** contacts were made.

### Announcements

- ◆ **Richard Renfro** from **Mission Printing** will be here this evening to talk about the good work that we support there.
- ◆ **No SYS this week** due to senior camp. However, all **are welcome for the evening worship at camp** each evening at 7:15.
- ◆ **Hamilton** will be having **VBS this Saturday**, with classes for all ages (including adult). See information on bulletin board.
- ◆ Registration for **Texas Ladies in Christ Retreat** is open, and it is filling fast. Register at [www.texasladiesinchrist.org](http://www.texasladiesinchrist.org).

### Upcoming Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ August 10—We host **Summer Youth Series**
- ◆ August 29—**World Bible School** Presentation (Bible class and Training (afternoon))
- ◆ October 17-20—**Fall Gospel Meeting** w/ Ross Haffner

### Upcoming Area Events

- ◆ June 8—August 10: **Summer Youth Series** each Tuesday evening at 7:00pm (except camp weeks; see flyer on bulletin board for locations and topics)
- ◆ August 5-8—**Bible Lands Museum & VBS @ San Saba** (see flyers on bulletin board)
- ◆ Sept. 18-22—**Ladies' Day & Gospel Meeting @ 9th & Main** (San Angelo)
- ◆ Oct. 7-9—**Texas Ladies in Christ Retreat**

## Jesus Is

Many people talk about Jesus without knowing who He truly is. The prophet who often spoke of the suffering servant described Him beautifully. *"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace"* (Isa. 9:6).

Jesus is wonderful for all who have received the forgiveness of sins. Paul declared, *"O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God – through Jesus Christ our Lord!"* (Rom. 7:24-25a). This was achieved by God making Him bear sin for us (2 Cor. 5:21).

He is also a prized counselor who gives the best advice because in Him are the *"treasures of wisdom and knowledge"* (Col. 2:1-3). He delivered the words of the Father, which lead to everlasting life (John 12:46-50).

Our Savior can also be described as Mighty God since He created all things (Heb. 1:1-3). *"For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him"* (Col. 1:16).

Our Lord is also Everlasting Father, which Homer Hailey says is in the sense of protector and sustainer. Joseph said, *"So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt"* (Gen. 45:8). Paul explained, *"And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist"* (Col. 1:17).

Jesus is likewise the Prince of Peace because He sacrificed His blood to reconcile us to God (Eph. 2:13-16; Rom. 4:25-5:1). Those taking all their requests to God in thankful prayer will discover God's peace guarding their hearts through Jesus Christ (Phil. 4:6-7). Study these descriptions of Jesus. They will help all of us to grow in appreciation of Him and long to grow closer to Him.

Gary C. Hampton (Gospel Gazette Online, July 2021)

## Celebrate

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

## Records

	July 4, 2021	July 11, 2021
Bible Class	37	42
AM Worship	46 + [7]	46 + [4]
PM Worship	36 + [6]	34 + [8]
Wednesday PM	43 + [3]	40 + [4]
Contribution	\$1,488	\$2,006





# Privileged To Serve

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

	This Week: 7/18/21	Next Week: 7/25/21		
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<p><b>July 2021</b>  <b>Make Announcements:</b>                      Dex Dennard  <b>Prepare Communion:</b>                      Duaine / Edwards  <b>Clean Building:</b>                      Duaine / Edwards</p> <p><b>August 2021</b>  <b>Make Announcements:</b>                      John Barnum  <b>Prepare Communion:</b>                      Rudloff  <b>Clean Building:</b>                      Wilcox / Milam</p>	
<b>Greeters</b>	_____	_____		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	James Fuller	Ken Maninger		
<b>Communion</b>	John Barnum, Chase Churchwell Randy Huckaby, Ryan Settles	Dex Dennard, Kyle Duiane Daniel Edwards, Ryan Rudloff		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Rafe Smith	Chase Churchwell		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	_____	_____		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: Ken Maninger	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Tom Wilcox	John Barnum		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	_____	Mike Bannister (Mk. 8:9-21)		
<b>Communion</b>	John Barnum	Dex Dennard		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Don Smith	Randy Huckaby		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	July 21 Rafe Smith	July 28 Don Smith	August 4 Prayer Night	August 11 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 July 11, 2021

Sunday Class ..... *1 Corinthians 15:56*  
 Wed. Class ..... *Leviticus 19:37*

**A Good Idea Gone Bad [Traditions – Pt. 1]** (Mt. 15:1-6; Mk. 7:1-5, 9-13)  
 Some want to cast aside everything "traditional" while other want to cling tenaciously to the past traditions. Is there a safe and sane middle ground? If so, what is it? When are traditions good, and when are they bad?

**I. A Tradition Can Be Bad** (Mt. 15:1-2; Mk. 7:1-5). "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders?" (Mt. 15:2).

**A. "The Tradition" Defined.**

1. The word "tradition" is translated from a compound Greek word that basically means "that which has been handed down."
2. In this case, "the tradition" had been handed down from "the elders."

**B. "The Tradition" Demanded.**

1. Mark emphasized that "the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands in a special way" (Mk. 7:3).
2. Mark further noted that when the Pharisees "come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash" (Mk. 7:4a).
3. "And there were many other things which they have received and hold, like the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches" (Mk. 7:4b).

**C. "The Tradition" Disregarded.**

**II. When a Tradition Is Bad** (Mt. 15:3-6; Mk. 7:9-13). "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?"

**A. A Tradition That Was Bad.**

1. "For God commanded...." (Mt. 15:4).
2. "But you say, ... making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down" (Mk. 7:11, 13).

**B. Traditions That Are Good.**

1. Traditions are not necessarily wrong within themselves – not even man-made traditions.
2. Tradition plays an important part in our lives.

**C. Traditions That Are Undeniably Bad.** Jesus' first criteria (the other two next week): When that tradition violates an expressed command of God.

1. The Pharisees transgressed the commandment of God for the sake of their tradition (Mt. 15:3).
2. They rejected the commandment to keep their tradition (Mk. 7:9).
3. They thus invalidated the Word of God by their tradition (Mt. 15:6).

The Spectrum of Epistemological Wisdom (Epistemology: the study of how humans can know things, and the limits of that knowledge)

1. **The fool:** "We can't really be certain of anything."
2. **The simpleton:** "I will believe what I was born into. Someone I admire says it, and they are smarter than me, so that's the line I will walk too."
3. **The naïve:** "Truth is very clear, and the right thing to do or believe is always black and white. End of story. No need to question it."
4. **The ruthless:** "You are morally inferior if you do not quickly see what I recognize as the truth, regardless of your background or limitations. Politically, if you disagree with my views, you are low-IQ. Religiously, if you disagree with my understanding, you lack faith. Morally, if you disagree with my scruples, you are evil."
5. **The discerning:** "The truth exists and can be known, but reality is sometimes more complicated than it might initially appear. My point of view is limited, and I am not all-knowing. Truth can be obscured by details that need to be studied and carefully weighed. Some people, including myself, can be slower in coming around to the truth because of our raising, or past experiences, vantage point, or cognitive ability. So, the truth should be endlessly pursued while patiently bearing with others as they patiently endure me."

Ben Giselbach (Facebook post)