

# 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

## Overcoming Disappointment

Life is filled with disappointment. Job said, "Man who is born of woman Is of few days and full of trouble" (Job 14:1). Disappointment comes in all shapes and sizes. Some we bring on ourselves; some is brought upon us by others; and some just results from events over which we have no control. How can we handle disappointments in life? John 14-16 contains the answer. In this section of Scripture, Jesus prepared the apostles for His departure. He had been with them for about three years. He had been their constant companion, but He was going to depart soon. The apostles were about to lose their best Friend, the one on Whom they had relied for so long. Imagine their disappointment! Although our disappointments may not involve the earthly loss of our best friends, they can come close to what the apostles were experiencing. The way Jesus prepared them for this potentially overwhelming disappointment can also give us strength to overcome our disappointments.

### Have Faith in God

**Faith in God will help us through disappointing times.** Jesus began this section, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me" (John 14:1). Imagine if we were in the place of the apostles. Do we remember times in our lives when we lost someone on whom we depended so much, whether a best friend, a family member or even a spouse? Perhaps we remember when we were children that our best friend moved away. Or, maybe church members whom we had grown to love and appreciate had to leave the congregation for whatever reason. This is how disappointed the apostles were about to feel. Their best Friend was about to leave. Their security would soon be taken away. What could they do? What can we do? Jesus said, "Believe in God"! Biblical belief is **not a blind leap in the dark**. It is based on knowledge (Rom. 10:17). Yes, that is right; faith is knowing! The Bible defines faith: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). The evidence for God's existence is all around us (Psalm 19:1-6; Rom. 1:19-20). We can also know that the Bible is His inspired Word. We must, therefore, do what it teaches and trust its promises, because "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). When tempted to be overcome with disappointment, we must look beyond the moment and trust that God will help us.

### Know This World Is Not Our Home

Jesus promised the apostles, "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:2-3). There is more to life for the faithful Christian than this world. One reason Jesus went back to the Father was to make ready our eternal abode with God. "Mansions [dwelling places, NAS; rooms, ESV]" is from a Greek word (mone) that means "dwelling place, abode, room" (same word in John 14:23). Imagine living in the same abode as the Father and the Son! That is exactly what awaits all the faithful children of God. There is no disappointment in this life that can take that away! Paul said that "the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Rom.

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

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8:18). Most, if not all, of our disappointments arise because of what we perceive as losing in this world. The apostles, for example, had difficulty seeing beyond their present time when faced with the reality of Jesus' departure (John 14:5, 8, 22). Sometimes we also have a hard time looking beyond the here and now. It will help us to overcome disappointment when we realize that we do not belong to this world, and the things we lose in this world will be more than compensated in eternity (Mark 10:28-30)!

### Continue Working in the Lord

Jesus' preparation of the apostles for His departure involved a reminder of their work in relation to Him.

*I am the true vine, and My Father is the vine-dresser... Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit... If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. (John 15:1-6)*

In the face of their coming disappointment, the apostles needed to remember they had work to do! If it was possible for an apostle, if he did not continue bearing the characteristics of "the true vine," to be cut off and cast into the fire, then it is certainly possible for that to happen to us. No matter what our disappointments in this life may be, we must always remember the work the Lord has for us (Eph. 2:10; Titus 2:7, 14; 3:8). We must abide and work in Him, remembering that "your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58).

### Be at Peace

Jesus closed the section of Scripture in which He prepared the apostles for His departure by offering them His peace. "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Disappointments are a part of this

life. However, we do not have to allow them to keep us in a constant state of anxiety (Matt. 6:25-33). We must trust that God, as He has promised, will work "all things... together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

### Conclusion

We serve an awesome God! Whether we are disappointed in ourselves, in others or in circumstances beyond our control, there is hope! Whatever brings disappointment to our lives, God is able to make good come out of it. We have the assurance, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you... Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

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

## The Light of the World

"Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life'" (John 8:12). While listening to a song, I heard the question asked, "Where's the light?" The singer then asked, "Could what I just heard be right? I'm the light, I'm the light?"

May I suggest to you that the answer is, "Yes." I am the light; you are the light; we all are the light. If we are truly followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, then, we are the light.

Jesus not only said "I am the light," but He stated that all who would follow Him will not walk in darkness but have the light of life. He has given us that light, and we are to go forth lighting this dark world. We must also light the world with our words and deeds. Our deeds speak even louder than our words.

If we sit in our easy chair giving only lip service claiming to be a disciple of Jesus, then we have hidden our light under a bushel. It is then of no use to anyone.

We must arise, go out and find the lost and the destitute. We must let them know that we bring light and life, as

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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/)

<b>Aug. 29</b>	<b>2 Kings 20-22; Psalm 59</b>
<b>Aug. 30</b>	<b>2 Kings 23-25; Psalm 60</b>
<b>Aug. 31</b>	<b>1 Chr. 1-3; Psalm 61 (video)</b>
<b>Sept. 1</b>	<b>1 Chronicles 4-5; Psalm 62</b>
<b>Sept. 2</b>	<b>1 Chronicles 6-7; Psalm 63</b>
<b>Sept. 3</b>	<b>1 Chronicles 8-10; Psalm 64</b>
<b>Sept. 4</b>	<b>1 Chronicles 11-13; Psalm 65</b>
<b>Sept. 5</b>	<b>1 Chronicles 14-16; Psalm 66</b>

"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 **28** contacts were made.

### Announcements

- ◆ **Richard Patton** with **World Bible School** is with us today. He will make an **informative presentation about WBS during the Bible class time**, then have a **teacher training workshop in the afternoon**. Attendees will share burgers for lunch in the multi-purpose room, then we will begin the workshop around 1:00 or so. All are encouraged to attend.
- ◆ Next Sunday evening we will be starting a **“Pew Packers”** class before our Sunday evening service. It will begin at 5:40 (correction from last week), and go for about 15 minutes. It is primarily for the kids, but all are welcome. Parents of younger children will need to sit with them.
- ◆ A **benefit account** has been set up for **Rachel Hall** at **Texas Bank in Bangs** to help with medical expenses.
- ◆ Please note the **corrected dates** for the **9<sup>th</sup> & Main Ladies’ Day** and **Gospel Meeting** below.

### Upcoming Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ September 26—**Cherokee Home for Children** update presentation.
- ◆ October 17-20—**Fall Gospel Meeting** w/ Ross Haffner. *“Teach me about Forgiveness”*

### Upcoming Area Events

- ◆ Sept. 25-29—**Ladies’ Day & Gospel Meeting @ 9th & Main** (San Angelo) w/ Matthew Gibson (Wendy Gibson—ladies’ day). *“The Simplicity of Truth.”*
- ◆ Oct. 3-6—**Gospel Meeting @ Rising Star** w/ Tom Moore
- ◆ Oct. 3-6—**Annual Lubbock Lectureship**. Theme: *“A New Heaven and a New Earth”*
- ◆ Oct. 7-9—**Texas Ladies in Christ Retreat**
- ◆ Oct. 10-13—**Gospel Meeting @ Bangs** w/ John Hall
- ◆ Oct. 16-17—**Back to the Bible Lectures @ Hamilton**. Theme: *“Precious Book Divine”*

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well as help them in whatever way we can. If consolation is needed, let us provide that. If strengthening of faith is the need, we must supply that. If food, raiment and education in the Word of God are deficient, we must provide those. We need to pass along the things which Christ has given to us to share with all men.

Jesus came to bring us light so that we no longer walk in darkness. Yes, in a very real sense, we too are the light of the world. Rise up from your easy chair and go carry that light to those who are perishing in the darkness.

*You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matt. 5:14-16)*

*Cliff Holmes* (Gospel Gazette Online, Aug. 2021)

## Celebrate

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



## Records

	Aug. 15, 2021	Aug. 22, 2021
Bible Class	35	42
AM Worship	41 + [8]	49 + [8]
PM Worship	31 + [5]	25 + [6]
Wednesday PM	33 + [7]	28 + [5]
Contribution	\$1,472	\$1,497

# Privileged To Serve

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

	<b>This Week: 8/29/21</b>	<b>Next Week: 9/5/21</b>		
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox	Song Leader: James Fuller	<p><b>August 2021</b>  <b>Make Announcements:</b>                      John Barnum  <b>Prepare Communion:</b>                      Rudloff  <b>Clean Building:</b>                      Wilcox / Milam</p> <p><b>September 2021</b>  <b>Make Announcements:</b>                      James Fuller  <b>Prepare Communion:</b>                      Wilcox  <b>Clean Building:</b>                      Rudloff</p>	
<b>Greeters</b>	—	—		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Don Smith	John Barnum		
<b>Communion</b>	Randy Huckaby*, Ryan Settles John Barnum, Coyce Reed	Dex Dennard*, Chase Churchwell Kyle Duaine, Daniel Edwards		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Dex Dennard	Randy Huckaby		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	—	—		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox	Song Leader: James Fuller		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Ken Maninger	Tom Wilcox		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	James Fuller (Mt. 17:24—18:5)	Ryan Rudloff (Mk. 9:37-50)		
<b>Communion</b>	Randy Huckaby	Don Smith		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Chase Churchwell	Ken Maninger		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	September 1 Prayer Night	September 8 John Barnum	September 15 Ryan Rudloff	September 22 Don 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 August 29, 2021

Sunday Class ..... **WBS Presentation**  
 Wed. Class ..... **Leviticus 24:1**

<p><b>"We Beheld His Glory"</b> (Mt. 17:1-8; Mk. 9:2-8; Lk. 9:28-36)  <i>"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory..."</i> (Jn. 1:14).</p> <p><b>I. The Important Incident</b> (Mt. 17:1-2; Mk. 9:2-3; Lk. 9:28-29).</p> <p>A. "Now after 6 days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves" (Mt. 17:1).</p> <p>B. The purpose of the trip was not transfiguration, but prayer – "...He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray" (Lk. 9:28).</p> <p>1. "As He prayed ...He was transfigured before them" (Lk. 9:29a; Mt. 17:2a).</p> <p><b>II. The Impressive Intention</b> (Mt. 17:3-8; Mk. 9:4-8; Lk. 9:30-36).</p> <p>A. <b>Humanity Crowned.</b></p> <p>1. Dramatic events crowned the past and prepared the way for the future.</p> <p>a. Jesus' baptism.</p> <p>b. The Transfiguration.</p> <p>2. Jesus was what God had desired for mankind to be when He placed man on the earth.</p> <p>B. <b>Exodus Confirmed.</b></p> <p>1. "But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory..." (Lk. 9:32).</p> <p>2. "And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah" (Lk. 9:30).</p> <p>3. They "spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem" (Lk. 9:31).</p> <p>a. Their reason might have been professional.</p> <p>b. More likely, they had a personal reason for their interest in His death.</p> <p>c. The exchange was also important to the Lord.</p> <p>C. <b>Authority Defined.</b></p> <p>1. God's words were a divine identification: "This is My beloved Son."</p> <p>2. They indicated divine approval: "...in whom I am well pleased."</p> <p>3. They contained a divine injunction: "...Hear Him!"</p> <p>D. <b>Apostles Prepared.</b></p> <p>1. The apostles did not understand all the implications, but...</p> <p>a. They had seen the deity of Jesus.</p> <p>b. They had heard Moses and Elijah confirm that Jesus had to die.</p> <p>2. They were somewhat better prepared for what was to come.</p>	<p><b>Questions About the Temple Tax, and The Necessity of Childlikeness (Humility)</b></p> <p>I. Questions About the Temple Tax (Mt. 17:24-27).</p> <p>A. Only Matthew, the former tax collector, recorded the temple tax incident.</p> <p>B. "The temple tax" (NKJV) – more correctly "the two-drachma tax" (NASB).</p> <p>1. Temple officials – "Does your teacher not pay the two-drachma tax?"</p> <p>2. Peter – "Yes [He does pay]."</p> <p>3. Jesus – "From whom do the kings of the earth take customs and taxes, from their sons or from strangers?"</p> <p>4. Peter – "From strangers."</p> <p>5. Jesus – "Then the sons are free."</p> <p>C. The obvious implication is that, as the Son of the King, Jesus was exempt from the tax on His Father's house. Nevertheless, "lest we offend them," Jesus said the tax should be paid.</p> <p>1. Jesus was not concerned about offending the officials' feelings, but about doing anything that could cast an unfavorable light on His ministry.</p> <p>2. Doing what is right takes precedence over insisting on one's rights.</p> <p>II. Teaching on the Necessity of Childlikeness (Mt. 18:1-14; Mk. 9:33-50; Lk. 9:46-50).</p> <p>A. <b>Discussions about Who Is the Greatest</b> (Mt. 18:1-5; Mk. 9:33-36; Lk. 9:46-48).</p> <p>1. One day, as they traveled, the Twelve began to argue concerning "which of them would be greatest" (Lk. 9:46; see Mt. 18:1; Mk. 9:34).</p> <p>a. When they reached their destination, Jesus asked them, "What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?" (Mk. 9:33).</p> <p>b. The disciples did not answer (Mk. 9:24), but Jesus knew exactly what they had been discussing.</p> <p>2. The Theology of Humility.</p> <p>a. "The first shall be last and the last shall be first."</p> <p>b. "The greatest among you will be the servant of all."</p> <p>c. "Humble yourselves before the mighty hand of God and He will exalt you."</p> <p>3. Jesus uses a child as a visual aid: "...unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."</p> <p>4. Unless the disciples change their attitude, they could miss heaven.</p>
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