

WELCOME TO CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

We exist here as a simple New Testament church, pointing people to the Christ and God of the Bible. The doors are open to those who from the quiet depths of their hearts, would reach out to God in simple worship and obedient living. It is not our aim to amuse or entertain those who attend. It is not our purpose to feed vanity or pride. It is our intent to worship the sovereign God in spirit and truth. If you enjoy meditating on God's Word and sincerely want to know more about it, appreciate honoring Him through spiritual worship, and want warm, genuine love and fellowship, you will be pleased with the services of the Central Church of Christ.

**Men to Serve:  
Sunday, October 1, 2023  
Morning Worship**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **Jeremiah 23:21-32**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: Carroll Dyson  
Communion:  
John Goodroe, Britt Price, Pat Tolbert

Sermon: **GOD'S WORD IS LIKE FIRE**  
Closing Prayer: John Vie

**Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **Daniel 4:34-37**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: Britt Price  
Sermon: **GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY**  
Communion: John Goodroe  
Closing Prayer: Larry Merrifield

**Wednesday (6:00pm)**

Song Leader: Don Bentley  
Opening Prayer: Kerry Clark  
Closing Prayer: Robert Berry



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*...Encourage one another daily... Hebrews 3:13*

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

**Minister**

Kerry Clark  
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**Sundays:** Bible Class **9:00 am**  
Worship **10:00 am**  
Worship **4:00 pm** (On the last Sunday of each month, we have potluck followed by a 12:30 afternoon worship and no evening services).

**Wednesdays:**

Bible Class **6:00 pm**

**Special Studies:**

**Tuesdays:**

Men's Bible Study **4:00 pm**

**Thursdays:**

Ladies Bible Study **10:00 am**

## GOD'S WORD IS LIKE FIRE

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Jeremiah 23:21-32.
2. Jeremiah preached during time before 606 BC and the captivity of Southern Kingdom. He began his work during the reign of Josiah.
3. God said through Jeremiah that his word was strong and adequate. Three times God said he was against the prophets who did not speak his word.
4. There are many figures in the Bible used to describe God's word.
5. In what ways is God's word like fire?

### DISCUSSION:

#### 1. FIRE GIVES LIGHT.

1. Think how valuable light is.
2. God's word gives light (Psalm 119:130).

#### 2. FIRE GIVES COMFORT.

1. Think of the comfort of fire during cold, winter days.
2. God's word gives comfort (1 Thessalonians 4:18).
3. 1 Corinthians 1:3,4.
4. Psalm 119:50.
5. What a comfort to know God has forgiven me.

#### 3. FIRE PENETRATES.

1. Fire can be used to burn through solid metal.
2. God's word penetrates (Heb. 4:12; Eph. 6:17; Acts 2:36-38).

#### 4. FIRE PURIFIES.

1. Precious metals are separated from the dross by fire.
2. God's word purifies (John 15:3; 1 Pet. 1:22; Acts 15:7).
3. God's word purifies our lives when we follow it.

#### 5. FIRE DESTROYS.

1. The same fire that warms your house could burn it down.
2. The fire that cooks your food can burn you severely.
3. The word of God, in a sense, brings destruction. It will destroy sin in our lives. It will destroy false doctrines in the world. It will destroy pride.
4. Those who accept will be saved (Mark 16:15,16); but those who reject will be destroyed (2 Thessalonians 2:10).

Attendance: 09/24/23

AM: 61 PM: 36 Wednesday: 27

Contribution: \$2,352 (\$100 Memorial: Pat Bateman)

Weekly Budget: \$2,510

**Sandra Tankersley** is home and on Hospice. Donna asked that we continue praying for her.

**Paula Clark**, Lisa Flud's sister, is dealing with a lung disease.

**Marva Adkins** will be having a heart ablation on October 3.

**Henry LeBeau**, Lynn Palmer's nephew by marriage, was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

**Tereso Salazar** has suffered a stroke. Mayra, his daughter asked for prayers.

Terrie Gray's mother had a set-back. She is in the hospital with an infection and blood clots in both legs and possible amputation of her foot.

### Continue Praying for The Following:

Anna Thiede; Lisa & Lloyd Flud; Billy Wright; Nelda Danforth; Doyle & Laura Avant; Cheryl Jennings; Pat & Brenda Tolbert; Sandra Tankersley; Gail Kirchling; Kathy Smith; Dell Lott; Janet Costlow; Bob & Barbara Blythe; Jimmy Dunn; Pat Bateman; Greg Marsh; Brandy Marsh; Diane Knowlton; Jeff Knowlton; Betty Ward; Mikayla Griffin; Bob Eubanks; Martha Sullivan; Rick Hull; Blake Grimes; Jan & Bob Owens; Rickey and Beth Abbott; Benny Lewis; Frank Lott; Cynthia Sheppard Aton

**Service Members:** Reece Hudson; Kris Fleming; Casey Clark; Trevor Garcia; Alexandria Dallas; Colby Kelley; Gabe Baker

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

10/7 – Congregational Breakfast at Building 8 a.m.

10/8 – Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

10/13 & 14 – BSCS here to door knock

10/15 – Review of Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

10/19 – Ladies Bible Class Lunch and Game Day

10/20 – Fish Fry and Game Night

10/27-29 – Lectureship (see flyer on table for times)

Services are now available online: <https://www.youtube.com>.

(Search for Central church of Christ Athens, TX).

*Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected,  
Everyone Loved!*

