

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, February 19, 2023

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **John 4:20-26**
Song Leader: Britt Price
Opening Prayer: Rodney Holton

Communion:
John Goodroe, Britt Price, Pat Tolbert

Sermon: **CHRISTIANITY 101: WORSHIP**
Closing Prayer: Carroll Dyson

Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **Acts 8:26-39**
Song Leader: Britt Price
Opening Prayer: Britt Price
Sermon: **HEADING HOME, BUT NEEDING DIRECTIONS**
Communion: Pat Tolbert
Closing Prayer: Don Bentley

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader: Don Bentley
Opening Prayer: Kerry Clark
Closing Prayer: Bob Vie



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

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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**

CHRISTIANITY 101: WORSHIP

(John 4:20-26)

INTRODUCTION:

1. Definition of Worship: in the Old Testament, worship meant "to bow down, to bow down before God, to worship, to pay adoration, even without prostration." In the N.T., worship means "to kiss toward, an act of homage or reverence."
2. Worship is a vital part of our existence (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

DISCUSSION:

1. THE "ART" OF WORSHIP.

1. Worshiping God is an art. Webster's defines art as, "Skill acquired by experience, studying, or observation."
2. Worship demands skill. Skill comes from study and experience (John 4:24).
3. Worshiping God requires knowledge (John 4:24).
 1. Some have worshiped in vain (Matthew 15:8-9).
 2. Some have been guilty of will-worship (Colossians 2:23).

2. THE ATTITUDE OF WORSHIP.

1. We must worship God sincerely and according to the truth (John 4:24). There is a difference between form and faith (Rom 10:17).
2. There is a difference between show and sincerity. Some want to be seen of men; in giving (Matthew 6:1-4), in praying (Matthew 6:5-9). We must come to worship with sincere hearts (Psalm 51:16-17).
3. We must worship God spiritually considering God's majesty (Isaiah 6:1-4), understanding the sinfulness of man (Isaiah 6:5), and with a sense of cleansing coming from God (Isaiah 6:6-7).
4. We must also enter worship knowing that God is preparing us to serve (Isaiah 6:8-10).
5. We must worship God with enthusiasm:
 1. Go gladly (Psalm 122:1),
 2. Worship reverently (Psalm 95:6),
 3. Pray earnestly (James 5:16),
 4. Sing joyfully (Psalm 95:1-2),
 5. Give freely (2 Corinthians 9:7),
 6. Listen attentively (James 1:19),
 7. Worship in unity (Psalm 133:1-3),
 8. Be at peace with one another (1 Thessalonians 5:13),
 9. And finally, be doers of the Word (James 1:22).

Attendance: 02/12/23

PM: 59 PM: 45 Wednesday: 28

Contribution: \$2,321

Weekly Budget: \$2,510

Paul David Baker will be preaching next Sunday. Please give him and his family a warm, Central welcome. Fredda Sparks' niece, **Karen Swanner's**, husband passed away this week. Please keep the family in your prayers. **Lynn Brantley, Sr.** was moved to a nursing home for rehab **Cheryl Lee Wallace**, the Prices' cousin, passed away this week. Her service was in Corsicana, Wednesday.

Continue Praying for The Following:

Anna Thiede; Cathy Garrett; Lisa & Lloyd Flud; Nelda Danforth; Doyle & Laura Avant; Cheryl Jennings; Pat & Brenda Tolbert; Sandra Tankersley; Gail Kirchlring; Denise Fuentes; Kathy Smith; Tony Clark; Dell Lott; Rick Flurry; Roger Busby; Janet Costlow; Benny Lewis

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TODAY – Review of Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.
2/26 – Potluck Lunch

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

*Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected,
Everyone Loved!*

