

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.



# Central Church of Christ

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

**Sunday, July 31, 2022**

**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**

**Men to Serve:**

**Sunday, July 31, 2022**

**Morning Worship**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
 Scripture: **Ruth 4:13-22**  
 Song Leader: Britt Price  
 Opening Prayer: John Vie  
 Communion:

Allen Benge, Bob Hadley, Jerry Kidd

Sermon: **BOOK OF RUTH**  
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Kidd

**Afternoon Worship 12:30 pm**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
 Scripture: **Psalms 50:1-23**  
 Song Leader: Allen Benge  
 Opening Prayer: Pat Tolbert  
 Sermon: **CALL UPON ME IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE**  
 Communion: Bob Hadley  
 Closing Prayer: Bob Hadley

**Wednesday (6:00pm)**

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

**THE BOOK OF RUTH**  
**(Ruth 4:13-22)**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. The setting for the book begins in a small village in Judah about five miles south of the capital Jerusalem named Bethlehem.
2. Elimelech, his wife Naomi and their two sons leave Bethlehem because of famine in Israel.
3. A young Moabite woman named Ruth lived in the time of the judges and marries one of Elimelech and Naomi's sons (Judges 1:1-5).
4. The purpose of the book is to illustrate how God rewards those who make wise spiritual decisions and to explain how Ruth, a Moabitess, came to be in the ancestral line of Jesus (Matthew 1:5-6).

**DISCUSSION:**

**1. A FATEFUL JOURNEY (Ruth 1:1-22).**

1. Ruth 1:1-22.
2. The text tells us that the family moved from Judah because of a famine in Israel.
3. During the stay all three men pass away leaving three widows to deal with all the circumstances of life.
4. News reaches Naomi that the famine has ended, so she decides to return to Bethlehem. Ruth, out of love for her mother-in-law decides to return with Naomi (1:16-18).

**2. A BITTER REUNION (Ruth 2:1-23).**

1. In the first chapter Naomi tells her fellow villagers to now call her "Mara" which means bitter.
2. Here we see the providence of God enter the picture.
3. By chance Ruth ends up gleaning in the field of Boaz, who is Naomi's kinsman.

**3. RUTH'S TENDER PLEA (Ruth 3:1-18).**

1. In this beautiful story, we learn of the customs of God's people under the law.
2. Ruth follows Naomi's advice and approaches Boaz.

**4. MARITAL BLISS (Ruth 4:1-22).**

1. Boaz redeems Naomi and Ruth (Leviticus 25:25-27).
2. Boaz and Ruth have a son named Obed which means a "slave to God." It is a shortened form of the name Obadiah."
3. Obed is the grandfather of David the king.

**Attendance: 7-24-22**

**AM: 54 PM: 32 Wednesday: 34**

**Contribution: \$1,730**

**Weekly Budget: \$2,455**

**Debra Benge** had biopsies done Friday. Surgery is set for 8/8.

**Brenda Tolbert** had kidney stone surgery Friday.

**Fredda Sparks** is at home. She is resting comfortably.

**Continue Praying for The Following:**

Anna Thiede; June Cobb; Lisa & Lloyd Flud; Doyle & Laura Avant; Debra Benge; David Cox; Cheryl Jennings; Don Gilmore; Brenda Tolbert; Nancy Townsend; David Tyree; Mary Lou Betts; Diane Harris; Bob Nowlin; Luke Ayars; Sandra Tankersley; Raymond Jones; Martha Sullivan; Wade Hampton; Dana & Paula Bell; Michelle Wright; Joe and Rebecca Glen; Ginger Tavenner and family; Marsha Stephens; Nicole Kirkpatrick

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**TODAY – Potluck Luncheon following morning services.**

**Afternoon services will be at 12:30 and there will be NO 4 pm services at the building today.**

8/6 – Congregational Breakfast – Athens' Café 8 a.m.

8/14 – Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

8/21 – Review of Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

8/28 – Potluck Luncheon

Services are now available online: Please take advantage of our online services. <https://www.youtube.com>  
(Search for Central church of Christ Athens, TX).

*Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected,  
Everyone Loved!*

