

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, August 20, 2023

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements:	Larry Merrifield
Scripture:	Jeremiah 6:16
Song Leader:	Britt Price
Opening Prayer:	Carroll Dyson

Communion:
Allen Bengé, Jerry Kidd, Bob Hadley

Sermon:	SEEK THE OLD PATHS
Closing Prayer:	Bob Hadley

Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm

Welcome/Announcements:	Larry Merrifield
Scripture:	Revelation 21:5
Song Leader:	Britt Price
Opening Prayer:	Don Bentley
Sermon:	ALL THINGS NEW
Communion:	Allen Bengé
Closing Prayer:	John Goodroe

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader:	Don Bentley
Opening Prayer:	Kerry Clark
Closing Prayer:	Rodney Holton



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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
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Special Studies:		
Tuesdays:	Men's Bible Study	4:00 pm

Thursdays:	Ladies Bible Study	10:00 am
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SEEK THE OLD PATHS

Jeremiah 6:16

INTRODUCTION:

1. The Old Testament people of God were about to go into captivity in Babylon,
2. God sent Jeremiah the prophet to plead with them to surrender to the invading army because it was sent by Him to punish His people, Israel.
3. In Jeremiah 6:16, Jeremiah is telling them, in part, why they were going into captivity, God had pleaded with them over and over to return to Him, but they would not.

DISCUSSION:

1. THUS SAITH THE LORD.

1. Jeremiah used this phrase one hundred and fifty times!
2. In our context, he used the phrase four times.
3. When God speaks, people better listen.

2. STAND IN THE WAYS.

1. The world offers so many choices.
2. Drugs, abortion, homosexuality, transgenderism, etc.
3. God offers ONE WAY.
4. His way is perfect (Psalm 18:30).
5. It is the way of peace (Luke 1:79).
6. It is the way of escape (1 Corinthians 10:13).
7. It is the new and living way (Hebrews 10:19-20).
8. It is THE WAY (Acts 9:2).

3. AND SEE.

1. God is calling upon us to ponder things.
2. Isaiah would plead God's cause by saying "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD... (Isaiah 1:18).

4. AND ASK FOR THE OLD PATHS.

1. God is pleading with us to return to His way, which is the good way.
2. The devil is calling us to walk in his ways, which are the ways of death (Proverbs 14:12).

5. AND WALK THEREIN.

1. As people of God, we are to walk in the way of God.
2. 1 John 1:5-7.
3. We are to walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7).

Attendance: 08/13/23

AM: 53 PM: 37 Wednesday: 27

Contribution: \$2,156

Weekly Budget: \$2,510

Fredda Sparks announced she will be moving to Caddo Mills on 9/1/23. We will miss her, but she will be closer to her sons.

Terri Bentley had her surgery Friday. Watch email for updates.

Linda Moore's (Ginger and Donna's sister) surgery went well. She is doing great with her Physical Therapy. Ginger will be staying with her until Saturday.

Marva and David Adkin's neighbors, **Rickey and Beth Abbott**, requested our prayers. Rickey has ALS and is declining rapidly. He can't walk, talk or eat.

The **Texas School of Preaching** is ready for another box of snacks. Please bring what you can and we will get it boxed up and sent to them.

We have updated the Emergency Contacts list; however, if anyone has a special medical condition (blood thinners, diabetes, etc.) that EMS may need, please let Sharon or Lynn know so that we can add that.

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; Wanda Clark; Ginger Tavenner; Baby Ionnes; Bob Eubanks; Martha Sullivan; Rick Hull; Blake Grimes; Jan Owens

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.

8/27 – Potluck Lunch

9/09 – Quarterly Singing here (provide refreshments)

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

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

**Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected,
Everyone Loved!**

