

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 27, 2023  
Morning Worship**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **John 1:14-17**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: Michael Berry

Communion:  
Allen Bengé, Jerry Kidd, Bob Hadley

Sermon: **GOD'S GRACE**  
Closing Prayer: Britt Price

**Afternoon Worship 12:30 pm**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **Psalms 60:1-12**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: Jerry Kidd  
Sermon: **GIVE US HELP**  
Communion: Allen Bengé  
Closing Prayer: Pat Tolbert

**Wednesday (6:00pm)**

Song Leader: Don Bentley  
Opening Prayer: Kerry Clark  
Closing Prayer: David Adkins



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

**Sunday, August 27, 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 GRACE

John 1:14-17

## INTRODUCTION:

1. We could never over emphasize the amazing grace of God.
2. It is an ancient concept (Genesis 6:8).
3. Without God's grace, man would be lost.
4. There is no doubt that men stand in need of the grace of God today!

## DISCUSSION:

### 1. UNDERSTANDING GRACE.

1. What is grace "unmerited favor," from the Greek word "Charis" which means kindness or favor.
2. David's kindness given to Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9:1-8).
3. God's grace is available to everybody and anybody (Romans 3:22-31).
4. God's grace also extends to His enemies (Romans 5:8-11).
5. Sadly, only a few are willing to receive His favor (Titus 2:10-11).

### 2. RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE.

1. When we receive Christ, God gives us the power (privilege) to become a son of God (John 1:12).
2. Hear (Romans 10:17).
3. Believe (John 8:24).
4. Confess (Acts 17:30-31).
5. Be baptized (Acts 2:38).
6. Live faithfully until you die (1 Corinthians 9:27).

### 3. SOME ARE UPSET WHEN OTHERS RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE.

1. Jonah (Jonah 4:1-2).
2. Those who had labored all day (Matthew 20:1-16).
3. The elder brother (Luke 15:25-32).

## CONCLUSION:

1. No one deserves the grace of God.
2. Be willing to humbly submit to the will of the Father (Matthew 7:21-23).

Attendance: 08/20/23

AM: 49 PM: 28 Wednesday: 30

Contribution: \$2,120

Weekly Budget: \$2,510

**Terri and Don Bentley** have both been side-lined with bad colds. They are doing better.

**Jan Owens** is home in Frankston with her daughter following surgery in Tyler.

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.

## 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; Ginger Tavenner; Bob Eubanks; Martha Sullivan; Rick Hull; Blake Grimes; Jan Owens; Linda Moore; Rickey and Beth Abbott

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**TODAY – Potluck Lunch – Services following lunch. No 4 p.m. service at the building.**

9/09 – Quarterly Singing here at 6 p.m. (provide refreshments)

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

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.

*Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected,  
Everyone Loved!*

