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, January 15, 2023 Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements:Larry MerrifieldScripture:Colossians 3:17Song Leader:Britt PriceOpening Prayer:Bob HadleyCommunion:Communion:

Jim McCain, Tad Morton, John Vie

Sermon: Closing Prayer: CHRISTIANITY 101: AUTHORITY John Vie

Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm

Welcome/Announcements: Scripture: Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Sermon: Communion: Closing Prayer: 4:00 pm Larry Merrifield 2 Timothy 2:15 Britt Price Robert Berry SPIRITUAL SMOKESCREENS Tad Morton Allen Benge

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Closing Prayer: **n)** Britt Price TBA David Adkins



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Enco	ourage one another	daily Hebrews 3:13
	Sunday, Janua	ry 15, 2023
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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 12:3		
	afternoon worship a	and no evening services).
Wednesdays	5:	
	Bible Class	6:00 pm
Special Stud	ies:	-
Tuesdays:		
-	Men's Bible Study	4:00 pm
Thursdays:	,	-
•	Ladies Bible Study	10:00 am

MARRIAGE

Thus far in our study we have noticed the recently signed legislation called the "Respect for Marriage Act" is in reality a mockery of what the Bible teaches concerning marriage. Jesus took the people of His day back to God's original plan for marriage as recorded in Mark 10:6-9. We have looked at God's Law for Marriage (Genesis 2:15-25); we also noticed that Marriage is Permanent (Romans 7:1-3); and Fornication is the Only Reason for Divorce and Subsequent Remarriage (Matthew 19:1-12). We also noticed the HIGH COST OF DIVORCE. Obviously, much more could be written about the devastating consequences of divorce

Protecting Your Marriage. Here are a few ideas that will help protect your marriage from divorce.

Learn to communicate (James 1:19). It has been said that a lack of communication is one of the primary reasons for divorce. We need to learn to listen to what our mate is saying, not plotting our next come-back (Prov. 18:13).

Don't compare your mate to someone else (2 Cor. 10:7-12). An elder's wife once cautioned a group of young married men to never compare your wife's cooking to your mother's. I have found that to be extremely good advice!

Pray for your marriage (Phil. 4:6). Pray to God to help you be a better spouse. Thank God for the qualities you see in your spouse. When you sin, then "fess up" and ask God to forgive you for your short comings.

Center your marriage on the Bible (Ps. 119:105). It is so easy for us in our fast paced society to forget God. We need to focus our attention and our lives upon God and His Will (Matt. 6:33).

Conclusion

God's plan for man concerning marriage is simple and wonderful. God does not want us to not be alone (Gen. 2:18), but He wants us to find a loving spouse and to spend the rest of our life here on this earth in marital bliss. Someone has said that our marriage can be a foretaste of heaven, or it can be a foretaste of hell! Obviously, God wants us to have a foretaste of heaven here on earth in our marriage.

God hates divorce because He alone fully understands all the misery that it brings upon His children. We should do everything we can to insulate our homes from this scourge of society. Continue to pray for Tony Clark, Kerry's cousin, after the loss of his wife **Cyndi Clark**.

Dell Lott, Eloise Moore's sister, is back at her home and is about the same.

Nadya Workman has requested our prayers as she is having blood pressure and other cardiac issues.

Haley Good, Terri Gray's niece, is in the hospital with some blockage from a kidney stone.

Keep **Sharon** in your prayers, as she flies home on the 17th. **Kerry** got a good report from his doctor this week and will be back to his regular routine.

Continue Praying for The Following:

Anna Thiede; Don Bentley; Cathy Garrett; Lisa & Lloyd Flud; Nelda Danforth; Doyle & Laura Avant; Cheryl Jennings; Pat & Brenda Tolbert; Sandra Tankersley; Tavenner Family; Gail Kirchling; Dude Hemphill; Denise Fuentes; Kathy Smith; Gail Kirchling Service Members: Reece Hudson; Kris Fleming; Casey Clark; Trevor Garcia; Ryan Dallas; Adam Dallas; Alexandria Dallas; Colby Kelley; Gabe Baker

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1/15 – Review of Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

1/20 - Game Night - 6 p.m.

1/28 – Give Me The Bible Conference, 9:00 a.m., Crockett Road church of Christ (Flyer in Foyer)

1/29 – Potluck Lunch

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Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected, Everyone Loved!



Kerry