

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 3, 2021**

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **Psalm 19:7-10**
Song Leader: Rick Hull
Opening Prayer: Bob Hadley
Communion:

Rodney Holton, Britt Price, Pat Tolbert

Sermon: **SPIRITUAL FITNESS**
Closing Prayer: Carroll Dyson

Evening Worship (6:00 pm)

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **Ephesians 1:3**
Song Leader: Rick Hull
Opening Prayer: John Goodroe
Sermon: **HEAVENLY**
Communion: Britt Price
Closing Prayer: Rick Hull

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader: Rick Hull
Opening Prayer: Britt Price
Closing Prayer: David Adkins



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

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Minister

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Sundays: Bible Class **9:00 am**
Worship **10:00 am**
Worship **6:00 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**

A Candle in the Wind (Part One)

By Kerry Clark

Many of you probably remember the song entitled, "A Candle in the Wind." I am not endorsing all the lyrics in the song, but during the course of the song it has the following words, "...you lived your life like a candle in the wind; never knowing who to cling to when the rain set in...." The point of the song was Marilyn Monroe had allowed bad people to influence her life.

Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Mat. 5:13-16). Notice carefully that Jesus said that Christians are the light of the world. We all have probably heard a discussion of the various meanings of the Greek words Jesus used in the text. The word "light" used in verse fourteen to describe the life of the Christian is a word that carries the idea of reflection. In other words, Christians do not have a light source from within, but their light is reflective. We are to reflect by our lives the light of Jesus Christ. Paul wrote, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1). Paul also wrote, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20). Of course, the idea is again that we are to reflect the light of Jesus by our lives. John wrote, concerning Jesus, "In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not" (John 1:4-5).

Jesus described the Christian life as light in this world of darkness. People of the world should recognize a Christian by his manner of speech, by the exemplary life that he lives, and by the fact that he willing to teach the lost the Gospel of Christ.

To be continued....

Attendance: 12-27-2020

AM – 44 PM – 17 Wednesday – 13

Contribution: \$1,485

Weekly Budget: \$2,417

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES:

Billy Wright is still weak from COVID.

Ann Thiede fell and hit her head. She is doing ok. No serious problems.

Britt Price had a back procedure Wednesday. He is doing well.

CONTINUE PRAYING FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Dub & Elouise Moore; Candy & Carroll Dyson; Anna Thiede; Mac & Zelma Montgomery; Cheryl Jennings; Don Gilmore; Eleanor Eastep; Brenda Tolbert; Nancy Townsend; Dan Manuel; Amy Tischler; David Tyree; Rick Williams; Lisa & Lloyd Flud; Jordan Herring; Mary Lou Betts; Matt Brazeal; Diane Harris; Rick and Bonnie Pierce; Rex Turner; June Cobb; Janet Brinkmann; Nicole Kirkpatrick; Bob Nolen

Service members: Reece Hudson; Kris Fleming; Pate Scott; Casey Clark; Trevor Garcia; Ryan Dallas; Alexandria Dallas; Colby Kelley.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1/9 – Fruitvale Church of Christ, **Resolve Lectureship** (see bulletin board for info)

1/10 – Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

1/17 – Review of Men's Business Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

1/31 – Potluck Luncheon

Services are now available online: Please take advantage of our online services if you are unable to attend!

<https://www.youtube.com> (search for Central church of Christ Athens, TX).

Covid-19 warnings: Please keep in mind the virus is still active and take every precaution necessary. If you are sick, please stay home. If you are concerned with catching this virus, please prayerfully consider whether you are comfortable returning to services at this time.

*Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected,
Everyone Loved!*



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