

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 8, 2023

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements:	Larry Merrifield
Scripture:	TBA
Song Leader:	Britt Price
Opening Prayer:	Michael Berry
Communion:	
	Jim McCain, Tad Morton, John Vie

Sermon:	GARY WORKMAN
Closing Prayer:	Rodney Holton

Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm

Welcome/Announcements:	Larry Merrifield
Scripture:	John 12:44-50
Song Leader:	Britt Price
Opening Prayer:	John Goodroe
Sermon:	THE WORD OF JUDGMENT
Communion:	Tad Morton
Closing Prayer:	Pat Tolbert

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader:	Britt Price
Opening Prayer:	TBA
Closing Prayer:	Larry Merrifield



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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	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**

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). Last week we noticed the HIGH COST OF DIVORCE. Obviously, much more could be written about the devastating consequences of divorce

The number of children from broken homes was 12 out of 100 in 1958; now the number is extremely hard to determine because some states no longer keep track of this statistic. Children from divorced parents often have a much harder time in school, they tend to be more aggressive, especially the males. Consider this incident in Pilanesberg National Park in South Africa. Young male elephants from other parks were culled out and given to the Pilanesberg National Park. These young male elephants were released without any older males being present. Park rangers began finding dead rhinos in the park in the mid 90's. No one knew who the culprits were until they figured out that it was these young male elephants. When a forty year old male elephant was introduced to the park, the young males settled down. Sadly, we see similar situations among the youth of America. Statistics show that many children of divorce grow up without a father.

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

Never consider divorce as an option. God's plan is for you to stay married for life (Gen. 2:18-24). God hates divorce (Mal. 2:16). Therefore, the prudent person will not consider divorce as an option unless it is the final and only option.

Learn to forgive (Col. 3:13). Being unforgiving should never happen among God's people. We, of all people, should understand the joy of forgiveness (Matt. 6:15). Continually bringing up past mistakes will not help us solve present problems.

Don't be overly critical (Prov. 19:11). It is very easy for us to fall into the trap of being a faultfinder (1 Cor. 13:5). Resist this urge. If we would count our blessings instead of keeping track of someone else's supposed faults, how much better off would we, and the world, be?

More to come next week! Kerry

Attendance: 01/01/23

AM: 45 PM: 23 Wednesday: 24

Contribution: \$3,257

Weekly Budget: \$2,510

Our sympathy goes out to Judy Vie and her family at loss of her sister, **Janet Skipworth**.

Donnie Lamar, Mary Adam's niece's husband, is home and doing better.

Janet Costlow, Susan McDonald's friend, underwent bladder surgery Friday.

Gail Kirchling, Peggy McCain's niece, developed a blood clot and began bleeding internally due to blood thinners, and is in the hospital.

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1/8 – Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

1/12 – Ladies' lunch and Game Day following class

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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