

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, October 15, 2023**

**Morning Worship**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **Genesis 26:17-22**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: Bob Vie  
Communion: John Goodroe, Britt Price, Pat Tolbert

Sermon: **RESTORING THE ORIGINAL WELL**  
Closing Prayer: Carroll Dyson

**Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **Mark 6:1-6**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: Larry Merrifield  
Sermon: **ASTONISHED**  
Communion: John Goodroe  
Closing Prayer: Britt Price

**Wednesday (6:00pm)**

Song Leader: Don Bentley  
Opening Prayer: Kerry Clark  
Closing Prayer: Michael Berry



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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**

**Special Studies:**

**Tuesdays:** Men's Bible Study **4:00 pm**

**Thursdays:** Ladies Bible Study **10:00 am**

## RESTORING THE ORIGINAL WELL

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Genesis 21:30 AND Genesis 26:17-22.
2. Abraham and Isaac are two of the great Old Testament characters.
3. The Bible tells us that Abraham dug wells in Gerar (Genesis 21:30).
4. The Philistines filled (clogged) them (Genesis 26:17-22),
5. Isaac restored these wells.

### DISCUSSION:

#### 1. THE CHURCH AND CHRISTIANITY.

1. Jesus dug the original well for the church (John 4:14).
2. Men clogged the well.
3. It is imperative for us to “unclog” the well of Christianity.

#### 2. JESUS BUILT ONLY ONE CHURCH.

1. Daniel prophesied of the building of this church (Daniel 2:44).
2. This is contrary to men’s thinking today, but it is still true. Many people speak of “attending the church of your choice.”
3. Matthew 16:13-19.
4. This prophecy was fulfilled in Acts 2.
5. Paul said in Ephesians 4:4 there is one body, and that body is the church (Ephesians 1:22-23).

#### 3. THE CHURCH HAS ONLY ONE HEAD AND HE IS JESUS.

1. Jesus is the Head (Colossians 1:18).
2. God put all things are under His feet (Ephesians 1:22-23).
3. Christ is the Head (Ephesians 5:23).

#### 4. THERE IS ONLY ONE FAITH.

1. Men often speak of “faiths,” not so with the original well (Ephesians 4:5).
2. The Bible warned of this departure (1 Timothy 4:1).
3. It started within the leadership of the church (Acts 20:28-30).

#### 5. THERE IS ONE GOVERNMENT.

1. The Bible teaches that Jesus is the Head of the church (SEE ABOVE).
2. In the New Testament we see each congregation had elders (Acts 14:23).
3. The elders were called also called bishops, pastors, shepherds, presbyters, or overseers.
4. The Bible gives qualifications for men who serve (1 Timothy 3; Titus 1).
5. There was also an office of deacons (Philippians 1:1).

#### 6. THERE IS ONLY ONE GUIDE.

1. That guide is the Word of God (John 12:48).
2. We have everything we need (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
3. Anything more than this is condemned (2 John 9).
4. The Bible is all we need (2 Peter 1:3).

Attendance: 10/8/23

AM: 66 PM: 39 Wednesday: 27

Contribution: \$2,975

Weekly Budget: \$2,510

Terrie Gray’s Mother, **Freddie Hemphill**, continues to have trouble with her leg. She remains in the hospital.

Brenda Price’s uncle, **Uncle Bud**, is having health problems.

**Stephan**, friend of member at Chandler, has been sent to Ukraine.

The **McCains** are doing much better.

### 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; Greg Marsh; Brandy Marsh; Diane Knowlton, Jeff Knowlton; Betty Ward; Mikayla Griffin; Bob Eubanks; Martha Sullivan; Jan & Bob Owens; Rickey and Beth Abbott; Benny Lewis; Frank Lott; Cynthia Sheppard Aton; Henry LeBeau; Tereso Salazar; Lois Bewley; Barbara & Cline Tyer; Freddie Hemphill

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### TODAY

10/13 & 14 – BCS students to help door knocking.

10/15 – Review of Men’s Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

10/19 – Ladies Bible Class Lunch and Game Day

10/20 – Fish Fry-4 p.m. and Game Night- 6 p.m.

10/22-25 – Gospel Meeting, Mabank church of Christ (see flyer on bulletin board)

10/27-29 –Lectureship (see flyer on table for times)

10/29 - Potluck

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

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

*Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected,  
Everyone Loved!*

