

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.



# Central Church of Christ

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

## Sunday, October 3, 2021

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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**

### Men to Serve:

## Sunday, October 3, 2021

### Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **Ephesians 4:1-6**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: Carroll Dyson  
Communion:

Robert Berry, Jim McCain, Tad Morton

Sermon: **THERE IS ONE BAPTISM**  
Closing Prayer: Michael Berry

### Evening Worship (6:00 pm)

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **Romans 9:20-21**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: John Goodroe  
Sermon: **THE RIGHTS OF THE POTTER**  
Communion: Robert Berry  
Closing Prayer: Rodney Holton

### Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader: Alan Hill  
Opening Prayer: Kerry Clark  
Closing Prayer: David Adkins

## THERE IS ONLY ONE BAPTISM

Eph. 4:1-6

### INTRODUCTION:

1. There have been at least seven baptisms spoken of by God through His inspired Word.
2. The word “bapto” is “A primary verb; to whelm, that is, cover wholly with a fluid....”
3. Of those seven baptisms, Paul has declared that today there is only one baptism.
4. The question before us today is which of the seven baptisms is still in existence.

### DISCUSSION:

#### 1. BAPTISM OF MOSES (1 Cor. 10:1-5).

1. This baptism clearly was unique to the children of Israel as they fled from Egypt (Ex. 14:30-31).
2. Clearly, this is not the baptism of Eph. 4:5.

#### 2. BAPTISM OF JOHN (Mark 1:1-5).

1. John’s baptism lasted only as long as John’s ministry.
2. Clearly, John’s baptism is not the one baptism.

#### 3. BAPTISM OF JESUS BY JOHN (Mat. 3:13-17).

1. This baptism only applied to Jesus.
2. It cannot be the baptism Paul wrote about.

#### 4. BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST (Mat. 3:11-12).

1. Luke’s inspired commentary in Acts 1:1-8 tells us that this baptism was for the apostles.
2. Luke as tells us that this happened with Cornelius.
3. Thus, Joel’s prophecy of God pouring out His Spirit on all flesh was fulfilled. Both Jew and Gentile joined together in the church (Eph. 2:11-18).

#### 5. BAPTISM OF FIRE (Luke 3:15-17).

1. In the context this fire is clearly defined; it is the fires of hell.
2. It is not the one baptism in Eph. 4:5.

#### 6. BAPTISM OF SUFFERING (Mat. 20:20-23).

1. This verse refers to the unique suffering associated with being an apostle.
2. Even though we suffer, it is not the same.

#### 7. BAPTISM IN WATER (John 3:1-5).

Attendance: 9-26-2021

AM: 62 PM: 31 Wednesday: 24

Contribution: \$1,685

Weekly Budget: \$2,417

### PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES:

The Clark’s granddaughter, **Katie**, is recovery well from Covid. Lois Bewley’s friend, **Byron Smith**, passed away this week. **Elouise Moore** is doing much better. **Evan Loper**, the Flud’s grandson, was baptized by Lloyd Saturday a week ago. Welcome Evan! We are so happy for you!

### CONTINUE PRAYING FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Elouise Moore; Anna Thiede; Bob & Ginger Hadley; June Cobb; Lisa & Lloyd Flud, Jordan Herring; Zelma Montgomery; Cheryl Jennings; Don Gilmore; Brenda Tolbert; Nancy Townsend; Dan Manuel; David Tyree; Rick Williams; Mary Lou Betts; Diane Harris; Janet Brinkmann; Bob Nowlin; Luke Ayars; Bob and Sandra Tankersley; Lawrence and Sharon McMillan; Kathryn Bullock; Raymond Jones; Lisa Coffin; Martha Sullivan; Dan Patterson; Jason and Karla Sparks; Lynn and Cody Brantley; Whitney Shipp; Wade Hampton; Dana & Paula Bell; Jimmy Chambers; Mitchell Merrifield

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

10/10 – Men’s Business Meeting  
10/17 – Review of Men’s Business Meeting  
10/31 – Potluck Luncheon  
11/11-13 – Men’s Retreat at Camp Ida

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Everyone Loved!*



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