

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 9, 2022

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **1 Peter 1:18-19**
Song Leader: Britt Price
Opening Prayer: Allen Bengé
Communion: John Goodroe, Robert Berry, Larry Merrifield

Sermon: **CHRIST, THE REDEEMER- Andrew Patterson**
Closing Prayer: John Vie

Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **Psalms 92:12-15**
Song Leader: Britt Price
Opening Prayer: John Goodroe
Sermon: **THEY SHALL STILL BEAR FRUIT - Don Bentley**
Communion: John Goodroe
Closing Prayer: Don Bentley

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader: Britt Price
Opening Prayer: Don Bentley
Closing Prayer: Robert Berry



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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**

LESSONS LEARNED FROM A BEAR

In 2007, Teri and I, along with friends and family camped in Colorado. While we were there, we saw a bear we referred to as “the blonde bear.” She was a beautiful animal to watch. We saw her five out of the six days that we were camped. She stayed on the other side of the creek and never bothered us; for which we are grateful!

There are two lessons to be learned from this incident that I would like to pass on to you. First, we became accustomed to seeing her and did not take her as a threat, which, can be dangerous. Bears are bears! This point was really driven home after a shepherd, yes you read that right, a shepherd stopped by and talked to us. He asked if he could park his trailer at our campsite while he was doing other things. We told him that was fine, and we struck up a conversation with this man who informed us that he had lost one hundred and twenty-three sheep to bears that year! Yes, you read that right 123 sheep to bears that year. He said that he had already killed fourteen bears (August of 2007) in defense of his sheep.

What are the lessons to be learned from this chance encounter? First, bears are bears. Bears are dangerous animals. Yes, from a distant they may look warm and cuddly; but they are dangerous. Secondly, even though the bear stayed on her side of the creek and we remained on our side of the creek, which did not mean that she was not a threat.

Now let us quickly make two spiritual points. Brethren, false teachers may appear warm and cuddly; but they are still false teachers. Jesus said, “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravaging wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?” (Mat. 7:15-16). Two points made by Jesus are important to this discussion. First, we are to be “on guard” when it comes to false prophets or false teachers. They will lead us astray. Secondly, Jesus said that we would know them by their fruits.

Our second spiritual point is that even though a false teacher may not be in our midst does not mean that they are not dangerous. This blonde bear was still a threat to us because she could have come into our camp, and we might not even be aware she was there! How does that apply in our scenario? Remember the words of Jesus about false prophets being wolves in sheep clothing; well false teachers like to pretend that they are just one of the sheep! “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ” (2 Cor. 11:13). “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction” (2 Pet. 2:1).

Attendance: 10-2-22

AM: 66 PM: 42 Wednesday: 37

Contribution: \$4,466

Weekly Budget: \$2,455

We're happy to welcome **Andrew Patterson** this morning. Andrew will be filling in for Kerry.

John Vie will have a back procedure on the 11th.

Bob Hadley's mom, **Orlena Hadley**, has fallen and broken her hip.

Bob has gone to help take care of her.

Sandra Tankersley had another round of chemo this week. Hopefully it will not be as bad as the last one.

Dick Miller fell and had 6 stitches over his eye. He is doing well.

Doyle Avant's brother, **Dennis Avant**, passed away this week.

Cathy Garrett has a new great-granddaughter! Welcome **Emberlee Jo!!!**

Continue Praying for The Following:

Anna Thiede; June Cobb; Lisa & Lloyd Flud; Nelda Danforth; Doyle & Laura Avant; Ginger Tavenner and family; Cheryl Jennings; Don Gilmore; Brenda Tolbert; Nancy Townsend; Mary Lou Betts; Diane Harris; Bob Nowlin; Sandra Tankersley; Raymond Jones; Martha Sullivan; Wade Hampton; Dana & Paula Bell; Michelle Wright; Joe and Rebecca Glen; Marsha Stephens; Nicole Kirkpatrick; Ryan Yates; Randy Wilson; Richard Hutchison, Robin Evans

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TODAY – Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

10/13 – Ladies' Lunch and Game Day following class

10/16 – Review of Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

10/23-26 – Mabank Gospel Meeting with Mike Bonner

10/30 – Potluck Lunch

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Everyone Loved!**



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