

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, November 1, 2020

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **Ephesians 2:1-10**
Song Leader: Rick Hull
Opening Prayer: Bob Hadley
Communion:
John Goodroe, Rodney Holton, and Pat Tolbert

Sermon: **The Grace of God**
Closing Prayer: Carroll Dyson

Evening Worship (6:00 pm)

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **Colossians 1:18-20**
Song Leader: Rick Hull
Opening Prayer: John Goodroe
Sermon: **Christ is Preeminent**
Communion: Rodney Holton
Closing Prayer: Rodney Holton

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader: Rodney Holton
Opening Prayer: Rick Hull
Closing Prayer: David Adkins



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

Sunday, November 1, 2020

Minister

Kerry Clark

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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**

The Grace of God

Ephesians 2:1-10

INTRODUCTION:

1. How many times have our hearts filled with joy at the singing of this song?
2. John Newton's song "Amazing Grace" has touched hearts of countless people through the ages.
3. Eph. 2:1-10
4. Titus 2:11-12

DISCUSSION:

1. Grace Defined

1. "Grace" derives from the Greek, charis. In secular Greek, charis was related to chairo, "to rejoice." As far back as Homer it denoted "sweetness" or "attractiveness."
2. Charis came to signify "favor," "goodwill," and "lovingkindness" — especially as granted by a superior to an inferior.
3. In the New Testament, "grace" (156 times) takes on a special redemptive sense in which God makes available his favor on behalf of sinners, who actually do not deserve it.
4. There is tremendous emphasis in the New Testament upon the fact that human salvation is the result of Heaven's grace. This beautiful truth should never be minimized. At the same time, it must not be perverted.
5. Unfortunately, much too often those with only a superficial concept of grace have hijacked the term and foisted upon it a sense alien to the Bible.

2. Grace is for everyone.

1. Titus 2:11-12.
2. Rom. 5:1; 6:3-4, 17.

3. Grace and knowledge are connected.

1. Titus 2 teaches us that grace "instructs us."
2. Isa. 2:3
3. John 6:45

4. Grace is conditional.

1. Gen. 6:22
2. Heb. 11:7
3. 2 Cor. 6:1

5. Grace is not earned.

1. Eph. 2:5-10
2. Luke 17:10

Attendance:

AM – 36 PM – 19 Wednesday – 22

Contribution: \$2,005 (\$400 Building)

Weekly Budget: \$2,416

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES:

June Cobb's procedure has been rescheduled to November 3rd. She thanks everyone for their prayers and asked us to continue praying.

Janet Brinkmann, Jim McCain's daughter, had her 2nd surgery and is doing well. His neighbor, Cindy Lopez, has a son that is having problems. They have asked for prayers also.

Chester and Jerry Harris, friends of Britt and Brenda need our prayers while they are battling some illness.

Sharon Fleming is having trouble with her hip replacement. She may be facing surgery in the coming days.

CONTINUE PRAYING FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Dub 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; Caitlynn Smith; Janet Brinkmann

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

11/8 – Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

11/15 – Review of Men's Business Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

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!*

