

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 12, 2023**

**Morning Worship**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **Hebrews 3:12-18**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: Bob Hadley  
Communion:

Don Bentley, Tom East, Larry Merrifield

Sermon: **ENCOURAGING THE LORD'S WORK**  
Closing Prayer: Pat Tolbert

**Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **Luke 16:11**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: John Goodroe  
Sermon: **TRUE RICHES**  
Communion: Larry Merrifield  
Closing Prayer: Larry Merrifield

**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

**Wednesdays:** Bible Class 6:00 pm

**Special Studies:**

**Tuesdays:** Men's Bible Study 4:00 pm  
**Thursdays:** Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am

**ENCOURAGING THE LORD'S WORK**  
**Hebrews 3:12-18**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. One of the greatest joys for the Christian is to encourage a fellow Christian to spur them on to love and good works.
2. Perhaps Satan's greatest weapon is discouragement.
3. The Lord wants people in the trenches. Monday morning quarterbacks have no place in the church.

**DISCUSSION:**

**1. HOW THE DEVIL DISCOURAGES US.**

1. You cannot do the work of God.
2. God won't. God won't help me. God won't forgive me. God won't hear me. The God of the Bible is the God of doing.
3. Nobody cares. This is why the Bible calls the devil the accuser of the brethren (Revelation 12:10).
4. You don't matter. Sadly, many young people believe this. It does not help when we make sweeping generalities.
5. It is too late. God's mercy is new every morning (Lamentations 3:21-24).

**2. ENCOURAGE THE LORD'S WORK NOW.**

1. Hebrews 10:24.
2. Hebrews 12:12-13.
3. Barnabas was an encourager (Acts 11:21-22). His nickname was given because of his encouraging attitude (Acts 4:36). Interestingly, the word used to describe him is from the same word Jesus used to describe the Holy Spirit (John 14:15).
4. Paul was an encourager (Galatians 6:9).

Services are now available online: <https://www.youtube.com>.  
(Search for Central church of Christ Athens, TX).

**Attendance: 11/5/23**

**AM: 54 PM: 33 Wednesday: 24**

**Contribution: \$2,640**

**Weekly Budget: \$2,510**

Our sympathy goes to the families of **Dan Anthony** (Marva Adkins father) and **LaNell Wilkins** (Bob Hadley's sister). Both passed away this week. Services are pending.

**Billy Wright** is in Room 606 at Providence Park in Tyler.

**Ginger Tavenner** is still working out the problems with her apartment. It is looking hopeful now.

**Cody Moser**, Susan McDonald's friend, is recovering in the hospital after being hit by a truck at work. He has a long way to go.

Terrie Grays' mother, **Freddie Hemphill**, had a doctor appointment with a new doctor to try and find a way to treat her amputation. **Terrie** has pink eye and is homebound right now.

**Continue Praying for The Following:**

Anna Thiede; Lisa & Lloyd Flud; Billy Wright; Nelda Danforth; Doyle & Laura Avant; Cheryl Jennings; Pat & Brenda Tolbert; Gail Kirchling; Kathy Smith; Dell Lott; Janet Costlow; Bob & Barbara Blythe; Jimmy Dunn; Greg Marsh; Brandy Marsh; Betty Ward; Mikayla Griffin; Bob Eubanks; Martha Sullivan; Rickey and Beth Abbott; Benny Lewis; Henry LeBeau; Tereso Salazar; Lois Bewley; Barbara & Cline Tyer; Freddie Hemphill; Billy Wright

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**TODAY – Men's Business Meeting – 5 PM**

11/17 – Game Night – 6 PM

11/19 – Men's Business Meeting Review – 5 PM

**No Potluck** this month or next month

*Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected,  
Everyone Loved!*

