

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 13, 2022**

**Morning Worship**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield

Scripture: **2 Kings 2:23-25**

Song Leader: Britt Price

Opening Prayer: Bob Vie

Communion:  
Allen Benge, Don Bentley, Jerry Kidd

Sermon: **ELISHA AND THE SHE-BEARS**

Closing Prayer: Carroll Dyson

**Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield

Scripture: **Revelation 2:1-7**

Song Leader: Britt Price

Opening Prayer: Michael Berry

Sermon: **AVOIDING SPIRITUAL BURNOUT**

Communion: Don Bentley

Closing Prayer: Don Bentley

**Wednesday (6:00pm)**

Song Leader: Don Bentley

Opening Prayer: Kerry Clark

Closing Prayer: Larry Merrifield



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

**Sunday, November 13, 2022**

**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**

## ELISHA AND THE SHE-BEARS

2 Kings 2:23-25

### INTRODUCTION:

1. This Bible story is a concerning to some, due to an unfortunate translation.
2. The King James Version reads, "...And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them" (2 Kings 2:24).
3. The word translated children is used in the Bible to describe men as old forty-one years old (1 Kings 12:1-11). We know this because Rehoboam was forty-one when he began to reign, and he had consulted the "young men" he had grown up with!

### DISCUSSION:

#### 1. BACKGROUND:

1. God had just taken Elijah up into heaven by a whirlwind (2 Kings 2:1-11).
2. Before he ascended Elijah (his name means God, Jehovah) asked Elisha (his name means God of supplication) if there was anything he wanted before he ascended; Elisha answered he wanted a double portion of your spirit upon him. God granted that desire (2 Kings 2:12-22).

#### 2. THE TEXT: (2 Kings 2:23-25):

1. Elisha goes to Beth-el (house of God).
2. Beth-el was formally known as Luz, but when Jacob saw the vision of a ladder ascending to heaven, the name was changed to Beth-el (Genesis 28:11-19).
3. During the reign of Jeroboam Beth-el became the seat of idolatrous worship (1 Kings 12:32).
4. As Elisha passes through Beth-el a group of ruffians (most likely teenage boys), taunt him saying, "Go up, bald head; go up thou bald head" (v 23).
5. The phrase "bald head" may have a deeper meaning than just a lack of hair; it may imply empty headed (Matthew 5:21, Raca). The statement to "go up" may mean to ascend to the high places to worship an idol.
6. Finally, did the she-bears kill the boys or simply maul them without killing them? We cannot say with certainty!

Attendance: 11-6-22

AM: 69 PM: 61 Monday: 57 Tuesday: 57 Wednesday: 38

Contribution: \$6,630

Weekly Budget: \$2,455

**Cathy Garrett** went to the doctor for a follow-up. She learned that she did have a minor stroke but no residual damage so far.

**Sandra Tankersley** had a scan Friday. Results will be known Monday.

**Lloyd Flud** is being treated for macular degeneration. He will continue receiving injections.

**Don Bentley** got the go-ahead for his biopsy. The pulmonary doctor will set a time for that test.

### Continue Praying for The Following:

Anna Thiede; Cathy Garrett; June Cobb; Lisa & Lloyd Flud; Nelda Danforth; Doyle & Laura Avant; Ginger Tavenner and family; Cheryl Jennings; Pat & Brenda Tolbert; Sandra Tankersley; Martha Sullivan; Ryan Yates; Bradley Ferguson; Stanley Harmon

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

11/18 – Game Night 6 p.m.

**Saturday! 11/19 – June Cobb's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party from 2 – 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to come by and wish her "Happy Birthday"!**

11/27 – Potluck Lunch

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

*Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected,  
Everyone Loved!*

