

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 26, 2023

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements:	Pat Tolbert
Scripture:	TBA
Song Leader:	Britt Price
Opening Prayer:	Bob Vie
Communion:	

Don Bentley, Tom East, Larry Merrifield

Sermon:	Evan Nicholas
Closing Prayer:	Bob Hadley

(Remember, no potluck today. Regular scheduled times!)

Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm

Welcome/Announcements:	Larry Merrifield
Scripture:	TBA
Song Leader:	Britt Price
Opening Prayer:	Jerry Kidd
Sermon:	Evan Nicholas
Communion:	Larry Merrifield
Closing Prayer:	Pat Tolbert

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader:	Don Bentley
Opening Prayer:	Kerry Clark
Closing Prayer:	Robert 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
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Special Studies:

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

Bible Preaching Requires...the Bible

Too many pulpits these days are filled with stand-up comedians, motivational speakers and professional salesmen. Well, maybe not literally, but that appears to be the case in many places. A man gets up to speak during a worship service and he tells a funny joke, he shares some moving stories, he offers some advice for life, and oh, he sprinkles a couple Bible verses in there. Some may think that is an exaggeration, but it's actually not far off in many places. And, of course, the response might be, "Well, that's what the people want." The question preachers should be asking is, "What does God want?"

When God came to this earth, He relied upon and based His preaching on Scripture! When He went to the synagogue in Luke 4, He started by reading from Isaiah (Luke 4:16-21). A lawyer later asked Him a question, and Jesus responded, "What is written in the law?" (Luke 10:25-26). When the men on the road to Emmaus were confused about the events of the crucifixion, Jesus preached to them, "And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself" (Luke 24:47), and "He opened the Scriptures to" them" (24:32). Jesus preached from "the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms (24:44). On at least six occasions, He asked His hearers, "Have you not read?"

Not only did Jesus rely upon and base His preaching on Scripture, but so did all of the apostles! Read Peter's sermon in Acts 2 and see how much Scripture was at the heart of His lesson. In his preaching, Paul "reasoned with them from the Scriptures" (Acts 17:2), "saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said" (Acts 26:22), "persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets" (Acts 28:23). Read the New Testament epistles (from Romans through Revelation) and see how much they quoted from Scripture, even as they were writing new Scripture.

People today can turn on late-night television if they want to see a stand-up comedian. They can get on Facebook if they want some motivational quotes. But what they need from preachers is the Bible! How can preachers today think that they know how to preach better than Jesus and the apostles, and choose to have "a little Bible" in their "talks"? Preaching is NOT about the preacher! He needs to hide himself inside and behind the Word of God and make sure that is what is prominent in the teaching and learning associated with his preaching. "Oh, but you need to give the people what they want," someone says. Paul warned about that in Second Timothy 4:3-4, right after giving the top priority to this young evangelist in verse 2, "Preach the word!" If you're a preacher, preach the word! If you're a hearer, demand "the word"! Borrowed from the Palm Lakes church of Christ, written by David Sproule

Attendance: 11/19/23

AM: 55 PM: 30 Wednesday: 15

Contribution: \$1,875

Weekly Budget: \$2,510

Freddie Hemphill, Terrie Gray's mother, has decided to not have surgery at this time.

Bob Owens, Jan Owens' husband, has been in the Athens hospital with pneumonia.

Our sympathy to Robert and Michael Berry on the loss of their cousin, **Jimmy Dunn**, in Tomball. Arrangements are pending.

Reece Hudson, Carol Hudson's grandson, is on his way home as soon as paperwork is done in Norfolk! Welcome home, Reece!

Thank you for your service!

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; Henry LeBeau; Tereso Salazar; Lois Bewley; Barbara & Cline Tyer; Freddie Hemphill; Cody Moser

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

No Potluck today or next month. We will use our regular worship times.

12/2 – 10 a.m. –**Holiday Brunch: Saturday, December 2nd at 10 am.** Please bring a brunch item to share and a white elephant gift for each person in your family who would like to exchange gifts. Holiday attire is encouraged.

12/14 – Ladies Lunch and Game Day following class

12/10 – Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

12/15 – Game Night – 6 p.m.

12/17 – Review of Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

**Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected,
Everyone Loved!**

