

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.



Central Church of Christ

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

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Minister

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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

Men to Serve:

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Pat Tolbert
 Scripture: 1 John 5:6-15
 Song Leader: Britt Price
 Opening Prayer: Bob Vie
 Communion:

Allen Benge, Jerry Kidd, Bob Hadley

Sermon: **BLESSED ASSURANCE**
 Closing Prayer: Bob Hadley

Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
 Scripture: **Philippians 3:13-16**
 Song Leader: Britt Price
 Opening Prayer: John Goodroe
 Sermon: **OPTIMISTIC CHRISTIANS**
 Communion: Jerry Kidd
 Closing Prayer: Larry Merrifield

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader: Don Bentley
 Opening Prayer: Kerry Clark
 Closing Prayer: Tad Morton

BLESSED ASSURANCE

INTRODUCTION:

1. 1 John 5:6-15
2. Sadly, doubt robs too many Christians of the joy we should have.
3. The Bible teaches Christians do not have to live in fear, but we can know that we are saved.

DISCUSSION:

1. CAN I KNOW I AM SAVED?

1. Do I trust what Jesus said (Mark 16:16)?
2. Do I trust what God inspired men to write (2 Timothy 1:12; 4:6-8; 2 Peter 1:10; and 1 John 2:3-5; 5:13)?
3. Since it is impossible for God to lie, then we can trust His word (Hebrews 6:18).

2. HOW CAN I OBTAIN THIS ASSURANCE?

1. By being obedient to God's will on salvation.
2. Salvation is found only in Jesus (1 John 5:11-12).
3. The apostle Paul taught us how to get "into" Christ (Romans 6:3-6; Galatians 3:26-29).
4. We can receive this only after doing what God commanded:
 1. Believe in Jesus as the Son of God (John 8:24),
 2. Repent of my past sins (Luke 13:3),
 3. Confess the name of Jesus (Matthew 10:32-33),
5. Continue to be committed faithfully to the Lord (John 15:1-6; 2 Corinthians 13:5).
6. Stop justifying bad behaviors or sins (1 John 1:6-10).

Attendance: 12/3/23

AM: 60 PM: 31 Wednesday: 27

Contribution: \$2,416

Weekly Budget: \$2,510

Freddie Hemphill, Terrie Gray's mother, has decided to have surgery to amputate her leg, but hopes to wait until after Christmas. She goes back to the doctor on the 21st.

Sylvia Lewis is feeling some better, just low on energy.

Lisa and Lloyd Flud are feeling a bit better.

Mary Adam's great granddaughters are doing better and are both at home.

Continue Praying for The Following:

Anna Thiede; Lisa & Lloyd Flud; Billy Wright; 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; Lois Bewley; Barbara & Cline Tyer; Freddie Hemphill; Cody Moser

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

12/14 – Ladies Lunch and Game Day following class.

12/15 – Game Night – 6 p.m.

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

No Potluck this month.

Services are now available online: <https://www.youtube.com>.
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*Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected,
Everyone Loved!*

