

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 12, 2021

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| <b>Sundays:</b> | Bible Class    | <b>9:00 am</b>   |
|                 | Worship        | <b>10:00 am</b>  |
|                 | <b>Worship</b> | <b>4:00 pm</b> (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 **returns 1/6/2022**

### Men to Serve:

## Sunday, December 12, 2021

### Morning Worship

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Welcome/Announcements: | Larry Merrifield                            |
| Scripture:             | <b>Ephesians 5:19</b>                       |
| Song Leader:           | Britt Price                                 |
| Opening Prayer:        | John Goodroe                                |
| Communion:             |   |
|                        | Bob Hadley, Larry Merrifield, Michael Berry |

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| Sermon:         | <b>WHY WE SING</b> |
| Closing Prayer: | Pat Tolbert        |

### Afternoon Worship (4:00 pm)

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| Welcome/Announcements: | Larry Merrifield                         |
| Scripture:             | <b>Proverbs 6:16-19</b>                  |
| Song Leader:           | Britt Price                              |
| Opening Prayer:        | Robert Berry                             |
| Sermon:                | <b>GOD HATES THE WICKED IMAGINATIONS</b> |
| Communion:             | Larry Merrifield                         |
| Closing Prayer:        | Bob Hadley                               |

### Wednesday (6:00pm)

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Song Leader:    | Alan Hill    |
| Opening Prayer: | Kerry Clark  |
| Closing Prayer: | David Adkins |

## WHY WE SING

Ephesians 5:19

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Singing is one of the most common characteristics of mankind.
2. Every civilization that exists now or has been uncovered, sang.
3. It seems natural for people to sing.
4. The children of Israel sang the song of Moses (Exodus 15:1-21).
5. Our question this morning is why do Christians sing?

### DISCUSSION:

#### 1. WE SING BECAUSE GOD IS WORTHY OF OUR PRAISE.

1. Revelation 5:9-10.
2. Singing provides us the opportunity to thank God publicly for His bountiful blessing (Colossians 3:15-17).

#### 2. WE SING BECAUSE GOD HAS TRIUMPHED GREATLY.

1. Jesus' tomb is still empty (Matthew 28:1-7).
2. Because of the empty tomb we have victory (1 Corinthians 15:51-58).
3. 2 Corinthians 2:14.

#### 3. WE SING TO PRAISE GOD FOR HIS STRENGTH.

1. God saved us even when we were without strength (Romans 5:6-11).
2. Psalm 18:1-2.
3. I can do all things through Christ (Philippians 4:13).

#### 4. WE SING TO PRAISE GOD FOR HIS SALVATION.

1. Just as God graciously saved Israel, He has also through His abundant grace saved us (Exodus 14:13,30; Ephesians 2:5-8).
2. It is because of this marvelous grace that we praise God for His full salvation.

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

Attendance: 12-5-2021

AM: 48 PM: 30 Wednesday: 25

Contribution: \$3,535 (\$50 Special)

Weekly Budget: \$2,417

### PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES:

Please continue praying for **Laura and Doyle Avant**. They are currently plagued with medical problems and could use our prayers.

**Rodney Holton** has recovered well from his episode last Sunday.

**Dick Miller** could use a stationary bike if you have one to sell/loan.

### Continue Praying for The Following:

Anna Thiede; June Cobb; Lisa & Lloyd Flud, Jordan Herring; Cheryl Jennings; Don Gilmore; Brenda Tolbert; Nancy Townsend; David Tyree; Rick Williams; Mary Lou Betts; Diane Harris; Janet Brinkmann; Bob Nowlin; Luke Ayars; Sandra Tankersley; Lawrence and Sharon McMillan; Kathryn Bullock; Raymond Jones; Lisa Coffin; Martha Sullivan; Whitney Shipp; Wade Hampton; Dana & Paula Bell; Michelle Wright; Juliann Sameron; Joe and Rebecca Glen; Jimmy Chambers; David Hutchison  
**Service Members:** Reece Hudson; Kris Fleming; Casey Clark; Trevor Garcia; Ryan Dallas; Adam Dallas; Alexandria Dallas; Colby Kelley; Gabe Baker

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/12 – Men's Business Meeting – following evening services at 4 p.m.

12/19 – Review of Men's Business Meeting – following evening services at 4 p.m.

12/26 – Potluck Luncheon

The Ladies' Bible Class will not be meeting the month of December. They will resume class on January 6.

Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected,  
Everyone Loved!



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