

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, December 13, 2020**

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **Ephesians 1:3-11**
Song Leader: Rick Hull
Opening Prayer: Pat Tolbert
Communion:

Bob Hadley, Larry Merrifield, Alan Hill

Sermon: **HOW TO RECOGNIZE OUR BLESSINGS**
Closing Prayer: Carroll Dyson

Evening Worship (6:00 pm)

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **Romans 5:1-11**
Song Leader: Rick Hull
Opening Prayer: Bob Hadley
Sermon: **INDISPENSABLE THINGS**
Communion: Bob Hadley
Closing Prayer: David Adkins

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader: Rick Hull
Opening Prayer: Rodney Holton
Closing Prayer: Larry Merrifield



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

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Minister

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Sundays: Bible Class **9:00 am**
Worship **10:00 am**
Worship **6:00 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:

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

Remembering the Cross

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup (1 Cor. 11:23-28).

One of the things that we often miss concerning the suffering of Jesus on the cross is the obvious mental sufferings Jesus underwent while hanging upon that wretched tree. David prophesied about the sufferings of the Christ when he wrote, "My God, my God why hast thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping Me, and from the words of my roaring? O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not.... Our fathers trusted in thee... and were delivered.... Be not far from me; for trouble is near, for there is none help" (Psalm 22:1, 2, 4, 5, and 11). In order to better understand the point being made you need to read Psalm Twenty-Two. It is impossible for us to understand the pain and agony Jesus suffered. However, and more importantly, we cannot begin to imagine the mental anguish our Lord experienced. We need to remember that the Word (Jesus before He took on human form and dwelt with us {John 1:14}), had always been with the Father (John 1:1). Throughout all eternity Jesus and the Father had never been separated. Paul tells us that God made Jesus to be sin for us (2 Cor. 5:21). When Jesus took the sins of the world upon his shoulders, the Father could no longer be with Him. Therefore, Jesus cried out "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me...?"

Most of us know the sorrow and pain of being separated from someone we love, but we cannot even begin to imagine the sorrow Jesus went through on the cross. The physical torture must have paled in comparison with the mental anguish Jesus was going through. Yet, the Hebrew writer declares, "...who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame..." (Hebrews 12:2). Jesus realized that when He was finished with the cross that He would once again be united with the Father. That was at least a part of the joy that was spoken of in the book of Hebrews.

Our minds should be focused on these thoughts when we partake of the Lord's Supper. Because of this great sacrifice, I would like to encourage us to remember these seven things as we partake of the Lord's Supper.

One Lord
Two Thieves
Three Crosses
Four Parts to His Garment
Five Wounds which He suffered
Six Hours Jesus suffered on the Cross
Seven Famous Sayings Jesus Spoke while He suffered

Kerry Clark

Attendance: 12-6-2020

AM – 30 PM – 19 Wednesday – 16
Contribution: \$4,535 (\$500 Project Philippines)

Weekly Budget: \$2,416

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES:

Linda Moore, Ginger and Donna's sister, is in the hospital receiving treatment for COVID. She is doing well at this time.

Johnny Brown, Carol Hudson's friend, is home from the hospital and doing well.

Sarah Dyer is home with COVID. She is doing better but she needs our prayers.

CONTINUE PRAYING FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Dub Moore; Candy & Carroll Dyson; Anna Thiede; Mac & Zelma Montgomery; Cheryl Jennings; Don Gilmore; Eleanor Eastep; Brenda Tolbert; Nancy Townsend; Dan Manuel; Amy Tischler; David Tyree; Rick Williams; Lisa & Lloyd Flud; Jordan Herring; Mary Lou Betts; Matt Brazeal; Diane Harris; Rick and Bonnie Pierce; Rex Turner; June Cobb; Janet Brinkmann; Nicole Kirkpatrick

Service members: Reece Hudson; Kris Fleming; Pate Scott; Casey Clark; Trevor Garcia; Ryan Dallas; Alexandria Dallas; Colby Kelley.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TODAY – Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

12/20 – Review of Men's Business Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

12/31 – New Year's Eve Party at the Building starting at 6pm and going until Bring finger foods, drinks, games, and friends.

Services are now available online: Please take advantage of our online services if you are unable to attend!

<https://www.youtube.com> (search for Central church of Christ Athens, TX).

Covid-19 warnings: Please keep in mind the virus is still active and take every precaution necessary. If you are sick, please stay home. If you are concerned with catching this virus, please prayerfully consider whether you are comfortable returning to services at this time.

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

