

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 17, 2023

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements:	Pat Tolbert
Scripture:	Revelation 1:3
Song Leader:	Britt Price
Opening Prayer:	Carroll Dyson
Communion:	

Allen Benge, Jerry Kidd, Bob Hadley

Sermon: **SEVEN BEATITUDES OF REVELATION**

Closing Prayer: Britt Price

Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm

Welcome/Announcements:	Larry Merrifield
Scripture:	1 John 3:1-2
Song Leader:	Britt Price
Opening Prayer:	Don Bentley
Sermon:	JUST WAIT
Communion:	Jerry Kidd
Closing Prayer:	Jerry Kidd

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader:	Don Bentley
Opening Prayer:	Kerry Clark
Closing Prayer:	Michael 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
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SEVEN BEATITUDES OF REVELATION

INTRODUCTION:

1. Revelation 1:3
2. We are familiar with the Beatitudes Jesus taught us in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:2-12).
3. How many of us are familiar with the Beatitudes found in Revelation?

DISCUSSION:

1. BLESSED IS THE ONE THAT READS, AND THEY THAT HEAR (1:3).

1. John announces a blessing on those who read the book, on those who hear the words of the prophecy, and upon those who keep those things which are written in the book (Colossians 4:16).
2. We are reading to understand (Ephesians 3:4).
3. Hearing without doing leads to knowing without obeying, which is sin (James 4:17).

2. BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIE IN THE LORD (14:13).

1. The context opens with the defeat of satan (chapter 12), and those who assisted him (chapter 13).
2. The long awaited announcement of judgment is found in 14:7.
3. There is judgment of the wicked (8-11; 14-20), and judgment for the righteous, which is heralded with joy (12-14).

3. BLESSED IS HE THAT WATCHETH (16:15).

1. The words in the opening of this verse are quite startling, "Behold, I come...." His coming is in judgment (14:7).
2. He would come "as a thief." Quickly, without warning (3:2-3).
3. Christians were called to watch and to keep their garments (3:4).

4. BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH ARE CALLED TO THE MARRIAGE SUPPER (19:9).

1. John was told to write what he saw (1:1).
2. He saw a people who were blessed (Psalm 144:15).
3. The event John saw opens with several "alleluias."
4. The event is the marriage supper of the Lamb.
5. God had totally defeated "Babylon."
6. Now there is rejoicing among the saints of God.

Attendance: 12/10/23

AM: 64 PM: 31 Wednesday: 24

Contribution: \$5,568

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.

Lois Bewley will have a scan of both legs on 12/18/23, then will see the doctor on 12/19/23. She sends her thanks for all of the prayers and concern.

Lisa Flud got a good report from her ultrasound. No aneurysm! Congratulations to the Malakoff Tigers football team and **Evan Loper** on winning state. John Goodroe teaches in Malakoff.

Macey and Tony Melton and Jimma welcomed Jensen Dale on Tuesday. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 21.25 inches long.

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; Greg Marsh; Brandy Marsh; Betty Ward; Mikayla Griffin; Bob Eubanks; Martha Sullivan; Rickey and Beth Abbott; Henry LeBeau; Lois Bewley; Barbara & Cline Tyler; Freddie Hemphill; Cody Moser

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

12/31 – New Year's Eve party – 5 p.m. Bring finger foods and games

No Potluck this month.

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

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

