

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 19, 2021**

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **Luke 18:1-8**
Song Leader: Britt Price
Opening Prayer: John Goodroe
Communion:
Bob Hadley, Larry Merrifield, Michael Berry

Sermon: **WHY WE PRAY**
Closing Prayer: Pat Tolbert

Afternoon Worship (4:00 pm)

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **Proverbs 6:16-19**
Song Leader: Britt Price
Opening Prayer: Robert Berry
Sermon: **GOD HATES FEET THAT ARE SWIFT RUNNING TO MISCHIEF**
Communion: Larry Merrifield
Closing Prayer: Bob Hadley

Wednesday (6:00pm)

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

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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 4:00 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:

Men's Bible Study **4:00 pm**

Thursdays:

Ladies Bible Study **returns 1/6/2022**

WHY WE PRAY

Luke 18:1-8

INTRODUCTION:

1. Praying is also one of the most common characteristics of mankind.
2. Every civilization that exists now or has been uncovered, prayed.
3. It seems natural for people to pray.
4. Jesus was a Man of Prayer (Mark 1:35).

DISCUSSION:

1. PRAYER DEEPENS OUR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD.

1. Communication is vital to all relationships.
2. Prayer draws us closer to the Father (Matthew 6:6).

2. WE PRAY BECAUSE OF THE EXAMPLE SET BY JESUS.

1. Jesus' tomb is still empty (Mark 1:35).
2. 1 John 5:14.
3. 2 Thessalonians 5:7.
4. 1 Peter 3:12.

3. WE PRAY BECAUSE GOD CARES FOR US.

1. 1 Peter 5:7.
2. Ephesians 3:14-21.

4. WE PRAY BECAUSE PRAYER ALLEVIATES ANXIETY.

1. Philippians 4:7.
2. Matthew 11:25-30.

PS: Starting in January we are beginning the series "My Favorite Childhood Bible Stories." Please note the use of the word story does not mean "made-up." The dictionary actually defines story as "a: an account of incidents or events; b: a statement regarding the facts pertinent to a situation in question" (Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary). The secondary definition is "a: a fictional narrative shorter than a novel; b: the intrigue or plot of a narrative or dramatic work."

We, of course, are speaking of the first sense of the use of the word.

Attendance: 12-12-2021

AM: 50 PM: 38 Wednesday: 28

Contribution: \$2,375

Weekly Budget: \$2,417

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES:

We will be having a Memorial Service for **brother Dub Moore** on Thursday, 12/30, at 4:30 p.m. here at the building. Following the Memorial, we will have visitation and refreshments in the fellowship hall to remember brother Dub and visit. Please come and invite all who knew Dub.

Dick Miller is having problems with his hip. Please pray for him.

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

12/26 – Potluck Luncheon

12/30 – Memorial for Dub Moore – 4:30 p.m.

12/31 – New Year's Eve Party– 5:30 until...

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

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

*Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected,
Everyone Loved!*

