

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.

**Sunday, December 22, 2019**

**Morning Worship**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **Proverbs 23:26**  
Song Leader: Mike Gilliam  
Opening Prayer: John Goodroe  
Men to Serve Communion:  
Britt Price, Larry Merrifield, Pat Tolbert

Sermon: **How the Bible Changes the Heart**  
Closing Prayer: Britt Price

**Evening Worship (6:00 pm)**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **1 Timothy 3:1-7**  
Song Leader: Mike Gilliam  
Opening Prayer: Bob Hadley  
Sermon: **Qualifications of Elders**  
Communion: Pat Tolbert  
Closing Prayer: David Adkins

**Wednesday (6:00pm)**

Song Leader: Rodney Holton  
Opening Prayer: Rick Hull  
Closing Prayer: Matt Clark



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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 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

**Thursdays:** Ladies Bible Class 10:00

**Tuesdays:** "Mornings for the Master" on [tgrn.org](http://tgrn.org) (9am & 9pm)

## What Does Christ Mean to You?

To many people Jesus means many different things. To some He means absolutely nothing. He is never acknowledged in anything they do. To others He means very little. He might be acknowledged at certain times of the year: Christmas, Easter, etc. To some, even though the number seems small, He is everything. We sing a song, "He is My Everything." The lyrics of the song mention that Jesus is everything anyone could need. In our article, let's examine some of the things the Bible teaches that Jesus is.

1). Jesus is the fulfillment of prophecy. The Bible says, "...Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isa. 7:14). Thus, Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament.

2). Jesus is the Son of God. Listen to God the Father, Himself, "...This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" (Mat. 17:5).

3). Jesus is the Savior of the world. "And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world" (1 John 4:14). One of the saddest facts is that Jesus is the Savior of the world, but most do not recognize Him.

4). Jesus is the Sacrifice for our sins. "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God" (Heb. 9:12).

5). Jesus is the Exalted One. "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name" (Phil. 2:9).

6.) Jesus is the mediator between God and man. "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2:5).

7). Jesus is the Head of the church. "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all" (Eph. 1:22,23).

8). Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords. "Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen" (1 Tim. 6:15-16).

There are many other things that we could mention about Jesus, but let's all do our best to remember what Christ should mean to everyone.

Kerry Clark

*Merry Christmas from the Clarks; we will be leaving in the morning to go to Georgia to visit Casey and Amanda.*

Attendance: (12-15-19)

AM – 54

PM–25

Wednesday – 23

Contribution: \$1,605

Weekly Budget: \$2,370

## PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES:

**Jim Clark**, Kerry's dad, is in the nursing home in Mabank.

**Wanda Clark**, Kerry's mom, is home and doing well.

Our sweet **Patsy Pruett** passed away Monday. They will have a memorial for her in Rusk after the holidays.

**Britt Price** is having back problems. He is waiting to see another doctor for treatment.

**Lloyd Flud** has the shingles. The meds are really helping.

**Evan Loper** broke his ankle last week. They are watching it before deciding whether or not he needs surgery. He's still having some pain but is a lot better.

## CONTINUE PRAYING FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Dub Moore; Bruce Pruett; Carroll Dyson; John Allen; Anna Thiede; Mac & Zelma Montgomery; Cheryl Jennings; Bobbi Hensarling; Don Gilmore; Eleanor Eastep; Brenda Tolbert; Ike Junell; Nancy Townsend; David Arnold; Dan Manuel; Amy Tischler; Josh Clary; Dolores Taylor; David Tyree; Kay Webster; Melody Millsap; Wanda and Jim Clark; Lynda Kay Brown; Skiles family; Rick Williams; Lisa & Lloyd Flud

**Service members:** Reece Hudson & Kris Fleming

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming Events

12/29 (NEXT Sunday) – Potluck Luncheon – no 6 pm worship service at the building.

12/31 – New Years' Eve Fellowship at the building – 6 pm; bring finger foods, games, etc.

Services are now available online:

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

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

