

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 24, 2023

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Pat Tolbert
Scripture: **Revelation 1:3**
Song Leader: Britt Price
Opening Prayer: Larry Merrifield
Communion:

Allen Benge, Jerry Kidd, Bob Hadley

Sermon: **SEVEN BEATITUDES OF REVELATION (P. 2)**
Closing Prayer: Bob Vie

Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **1 Timothy 3:1-6**
Song Leader: Britt Price
Opening Prayer: Pat Tolbert
Sermon: **THE GREATEST MEDIATOR**
Communion: Jerry Kidd
Closing Prayer: Robert Berry

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader: Don Bentley
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**

Wednesdays: Bible Class **6:00 pm**

Special Studies:

Tuesdays:

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

Thursdays: Ladies Bible Study **10:00 am**

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 THEY THAT READ, AND THEY THAT HEAR (1:3).**
2. **BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIE IN THE LORD (14:13).**
3. **BLESSED IS HE THAT WATCHETH (16:15).**
4. **BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH ARE CALLED TO MARRIAGE SUPPER (19:9).**
5. **BLESSED IS HE THAT HATH PART IN THE FIRST RESURRECTION (20:6).**
 1. What is the first resurrection? The beatitude mentioned is only for the righteous who died in faithful service to the LORD (2:10-13; 6:9-11; 12:11; 13:15; and 14:13).
 2. Remember there are two judgments mentioned in this chapter; the first is for the righteous who died for the cause and second judgment is for the ungodly (20:14 and 21:8).
 3. Those who experience the first resurrection are not harmed by the second death (2:11; 20:6) while all who partake in the second resurrection are raised to be judged by God and experience the second death (20:14 and 21:8).
6. **BLESSED IS HE THAT KEEPETH THE SAYINGS OF THIS BOOK (22:7).**
 1. Jesus said He was coming quickly. Remember this is the revealing about Jesus Christ (1:1).
 2. The One who are blessed are the ones who keep His commandments (1 John 5:3).
7. **BLESSED ARE THEY THAT DO HIS COMMANDMENTS (22:14).**
 1. Many today mock the idea of obeying God. It is what has been called "cheap grace."
 2. In this book, one learns easily that God blesses the obedient and punishes the wicked (14:13 and 22:18-19).
 3. May we all be happy in obeying God's Word!

Attendance: 12/17/23

AM: 56 PM: 36 Wednesday: 32

Contribution: \$1,607

Weekly Budget: \$2,510

Larry Merrifield was in the ER Wednesday with an infection. He went back to the doctor today; he gave Larry some additional medication to hopefully knock it out.

Billy Wright's CT scan showed that he is still unable to put weight on that hip. Please continue to pray for Billy.

Bob & Judy Vie both had the virus, but they are all feeling better now.

Freddie Hemphill will have surgery on January 2 at Lake Point, Rowlett.

Ginger Tavenner, hopefully, got to move into her new apartment yesterday.

Lois Bewley got a good report. There are no residual results of her blood clot in either leg.

Continue Praying for The Following:

Anna Thiede; Lisa & Lloyd Flud; Billy Wright; Doyle & Laura Avant; Cheryl Jennings; Pat & Brenda Tolbert; Gail Kirchlind; 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 Tyer; Freddie Hemphill;

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/31 – New Year's Eve party after afternoon services. Bring finger foods.

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!*

