

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.



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

## Sunday, December 26, 2021

Minister

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<b>Sundays:</b>	Bible Class	<b>9:00 am</b>
	Worship	<b>10:00 am</b>
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>12:30 pm</b> (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 **No Class on 12/28/21**

#### Thursdays:

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

### Men to Serve:

## Sunday, December 26, 2021

### Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements:	Larry Merrifield
Scripture:	<b>John 4:23-24</b>
Song Leader:	Britt Price
Opening Prayer:	Rodney Holton
Communion:	

Bob Hadley, Larry Merrifield, Michael Berry

Sermon:	<b>WHY WE WORSHIP</b>
Closing Prayer:	Bob Hadley

### Afternoon Worship 12:30 pm)

Welcome/Announcements:	Larry Merrifield
Scripture:	<b>Psalms 43:1-5</b>
Song Leader:	Britt Price
Opening Prayer:	Pat Tolbert
Sermon:	<b>HOPE IN GOD</b>
Communion:	Larry Merrifield
Closing Prayer:	John Goodroe

### Wednesday (6:00pm)

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

## WHY WE WORSHIP

John 4:23-24

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Worship is also one of the most common characteristics of mankind.
2. Every civilization that exists now or has been uncovered, worshiped.
3. It seems natural for people to worship.
4. Jesus taught us about true worship (John 4:23-24).

### DISCUSSION:

#### 1. WHAT IS WORSHIP?

1. In the O.T., worship meant "to bow down, to bow down before God, to worship, to pay adoration, even without prostration."
2. In the N.T., worship means "to kiss toward, an act of homage or reverence" (Psalm 2:1-12).

#### 2. WE WORSHIP GOD BECAUSE HE IS ABOVE EVERY "GOD."

1. Psalm 95:1-11.
2. Acts 10:25-26.
3. Revelation 22:8-9.

#### 3. BECAUSE GOD IS ONLY ONE WORTHY OF WORSHIP.

1. Matthew 4:10.
2. 1 Kings 18:20-40.

#### 4. WE WORSHIP BECAUSE GOD IS THE CREATOR OF EVERYTHING.

1. Psalm 19:1-7.
2. Acts 17:23-31.

**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.

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

Attendance: 12-19-2021

AM: 56 PM: 34 Wednesday: 29

Contribution: \$2,595

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. Julie fell week before last.

**Luke Ayars**, Sarah Dyer's son, and his wife are taking custody of their grandchildren. They need our prayers during this time of adjusting.

**Shannon Gurley**, wife of Billy Gurley from Eastern Hills, is in the hospital in critical condition with COVID.

### 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:

**TODAY – Potluck Luncheon-NO SERVICE AT 4 AT THE BUILDING**

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 resume class on January 6.

Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected,  
Everyone Loved!

