

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 31, 2023**

**Morning Worship**

Welcome/Announcements: Pat Tolbert  
Scripture: **Titus 3:1**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: Rodney Holton  
Communion:

Allen Benge, Jerry Kidd, Bob Hadley

Sermon: **READY TO DO MORE IN '24**  
Closing Prayer: John Goodroe

**Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **Psalm 62:1-12**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: Michael Berry  
Sermon: **POWER BELONGS TO GOD**  
Communion: Jerry Kidd  
Closing Prayer: Jerry Kidd

**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**

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

**Special Studies:**

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

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

## READY TO DO MORE IN '24

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Titus 3:1.
2. Paul told Timothy to tell the brethren be ready to every good work.
3. Are we ready to do more in 2024?

### DISCUSSION:

#### 1. AN OPEN DOOR (1 Corinthians 16:9).

1. A "door" represents opportunity. It is described as "great and effectual." "Open" suggests its readiness.
2. Ephesus was tired of paganism. Some believed the Gospel (Ephesians 1:13). All Asia heard (Acts 19:10). They were willing to burn their books (Acts 19:19).
3. We have a similar opportunity today. People are growing tired of counterfeit religions.

#### 2. THERE WILL BE ADVERSARIES.

1. Paul's adversaries were heathenism (Acts 19:35), false teachers (1 Timothy 1:3), and weak brethren (Revelation 2:4-5).
2. Our adversaries are:
  1. Denominationalism (1 Corinthians 1:10); because it is deceptive (2 Thessalonians 2:10,11), confusing, and damnable (Matthew 7:21).
  2. Indifference (Revelation 3:16).
  3. Laziness (Hebrews 5:12).
  4. Worldliness (1 John 2:15-17).
  5. Stinginess (Acts 20:35).

#### 3. WHAT DO WE DO WITH ADVERSITY?

1. Preach God's word (Acts 19:10).
2. God's word is our sword (Ephesians 6:17).
3. We must fight the good fight (1 Timothy 6:12).

Just a note to tell everyone how much of a blessing it has been to work all this time with each one of you. As Friday was my last day of work, Lynn will be such a blessing to you now. Please continue to call her or text her whenever you need help with prayer requests or any other problems. She is going to be awesome!

Bless each of you for putting up with me during this time! I love each of you!  
Sharon

Attendance: 12/24/23

AM: 50 PM: 20 Wednesday: 19

Contribution: \$1,528

Weekly Budget: \$2,510

**Lisa and Lloyd** are struggling right now. Lloyd's wet macular degeneration is back in his right eye and he has started injections again. Doctor told Lisa he is in the next to last stages of dementia, which is the hardest state. Lisa got more injections in her sacroiliac joints, but they are not working. Please keep the Fluds in your prayers.

**Freddie Hemphill** will have surgery on January 2 at Lake Point, Rowlett. She is getting apprehensive about it, so continue to pray for peace and a successful surgery.

Bob Hadley's mom, **Orlena Hadley**, was put on Hospice. Bob and Ginger have gone out there to be with her.

Mary Adams' sister, **Martha Sullivan**, is in the hospital in Arkansas.

**Sharon Lightfoot**, a friend of Brenda Price, fell. She is in Park Highland with a lot of health issues.

**Wendy Perry**, Jan Owen's daughter, is going through some health issues at this time and has asked for prayers.

**Debbie Adcock** was baptized into Christ last Sunday in Chandler. Her husband, Don, attends our Men's Bible Study.

#### 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;

**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!**

