

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, February 12, 2023

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **Acts 14:23**
Song Leader: Britt Price
Opening Prayer: Bob Vie

Communion:
John Goodroe, Britt Price, Pat Tolbert

Sermon: **CHRISTIANITY 101: CHURCH ORGANIZATION**
Closing Prayer: Jerry Kidd

Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **1 Timothy 3:1-7**
Song Leader: Britt Price
Opening Prayer: Allen Bengé
Sermon: **WHY THIS CHURCH NEEDS ELDERS**
Communion: Pat Tolbert
Closing Prayer: Pat Tolbert

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** (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 **10:00 am**

CHRISTIANITY 101: CHURCH ORGANIZATION

(Acts 14:23)

INTRODUCTION:

1. The Lord has organized His church in the simplest conceivable way, yet the strongest, and most durable way.
2. Sadly, many have been tampering with the organization of the church.
3. Each congregation must be following the divine pattern found in the Bible.

1. CONGREGATIONAL AUTHORITY.

1. The Supreme Ruler over His Church (Colossians 1:18).
 1. He has never relinquished His headship to anyone.
 2. He has never surrendered His authority to anyone.
2. The Lord's church is therefore a theocracy.
 1. Christ is our law giver (James 4:12). He holds legislative function.
 2. Christ is our king (Rev. 19:16). This is His executive function.
 3. Christ is our judge (John 5:22). This is His judicial function.
3. The churches of Christ have no earthly headquarters. The headquarters is in heaven where the Head of the church is (Col. 3:1).

2. CONGREGATIONAL AUTONOMY.

1. Autonomy is defined as: "Independent in government, self-governing"; "the right to attend to your own business."
2. Each local congregation has the right under God to decide what expediencies she will employ in executing God's law.
3. Each local congregation is at liberty to function in harmony with the King's law in reference to everything the law authorizes it to do.

3. CONGREGATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

1. The church is spoken of in two senses in the New Testament: UNIVERSALLY and LOCALLY.
 1. Universally, the church of our Lord has no earthly organization.
 2. Locally, the Lord has organized his church. Christ has delegated authority in the local congregation to the elders.
 - 1). There is a plurality of elders in every congregation (Acts 14:23).
 - 2). The elders lead, guide, oversee, rule and direct, and all the members are in subjection to them.
 - 3). The church of Christ also has a special group of men called deacons (1 Timothy 3:8-13).
 - 4). Preachers, teachers, etc. are under the authority of the elders (Hebrews 13:7, 17).

Attendance: 02/05/23

PM: 66 PM: 38 Wednesday: 26

Contribution: \$3,686

Weekly Budget: \$2,510

Lynn Brantley, Sr., Mary Adams' son-in-law's dad, is in the Frisco hospital with multiple health problems.

Sandra Tankersley received her results from her scan. She will begin a new chemo soon.

Braden Nelson, Cathy Garrett's grandson, lost his father suddenly this week. Please pray for the family.

Jerry Kidd has a new address: 501 Richardson St., Athens, TX 75751. Please make changes to your directory.

Continue Praying for The Following:

Anna Thiede; Cathy Garrett; Lisa & Lloyd Flud; Nelda Danforth; Doyle & Laura Avant; Cheryl Jennings; Pat & Brenda Tolbert; Sandra Tankersley; Gail Kirchling; Denise Fuentes; Kathy Smith; Tony Clark; Dell Lott; Rick Flurry; Roger Busby; Janet Costlow; Benny Lewis

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TODAY – Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

TODAY – Ladies' Day Planning Session – 5 p.m.

2/17 – Game Night at the Building

2/18 – Memorial Service for June Cobb – 2 p.m.

2/19 – Review of Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

2/26 – Potluck Lunch

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!*

