

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, February 26, 2023**

**Minister**

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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

**Men to Serve:**

**Sunday, February 26, 2023**

**Morning Worship**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: TBA  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: Jerry Kidd

Communion:  
John Goodroe, Britt Price, Pat Tolbert

Sermon: PAUL BAKER  
Closing Prayer: John Vie

**Afternoon Worship 12:30 pm**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: Acts 8:26-39  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: John Goodroe  
Sermon: TBA  
Communion: Pat Tolbert  
Closing Prayer: Robert Berry

**Wednesday (6:00pm)**

Song Leader: Don Bentley  
Opening Prayer: Kerry Clark  
Closing Prayer: Robert Berry

## “V”

Have you ever wondered why Canadian Geese fly in a “V” formation? For many years specialists in the area of aerodynamics have wondered the same thing. I read an article several years ago where two engineers calibrated in a wind tunnel what happens when geese fly in a “V” formation. Each goose in flapping its wings creates an upward lift for the goose which is behind it. When all the geese do their part in this formation, then the flock has a 70% greater flying range than if one bird were to fly alone! Thus, each goose depends upon the other geese to get to its destination.

Several things are immediately apparent from this analogy. First of all, the geese must have the same destination. Secondly, they must be willing to do their share for the good of everyone and not just for their own good. Finally, there are great spiritual lessons to be learned from geese.

I would like to take a few moments to examine these spiritual lessons we learn from geese. Paul wrote in Galatians 6:1-2, “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.” Paul also wrote, “Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men” (1 Thessalonians 5:14). What a great spiritual lesson learned from geese. We are to help each other reach our destination.

Notice also that the geese have the same destination. Obviously, God has equipped geese with more sense than what we sometimes demonstrate as beings created in the image of God. We often hear our fellow man say, “We are all going to the same place, but we are all taking a different path” or something similar to that. Not so with geese. They understand that in order to get to the same place it is best for them to travel with one another and bear each other’s burden.

Another thing often heard when geese are flying is the “honk.” Scientist now understand that when one goose begins to fall behind, the other geese begin to “honk” to encourage it to speed up and return to its proper place. Not only does this help the one lagging behind, but it also helps the other geese maintain the proper place in the “V” formation. The Bible teaches, as we have already mentioned in Galatians 6:2, that we must encourage and help one another to make it to heaven. The writer of Hebrews penned these words, “And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works” (Hebrews 10:24). James wrote, “Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins” (James 5:19-20).

Obviously, we can learn several lessons from geese. Remember the Bible also encourages us to learn from the ants. “Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest” (Proverbs 6:6-8). God has blessed us with common sense, and His Word to direct us. Let’s all do our part to help each other make it to heaven.

Kerry Clark

Attendance: 02/19/23

PM: 57 PM: 41 Wednesday: 31

Contribution: \$2,073

Weekly Budget: \$2,510

**Welcome, Paul Baker!** We’re glad to have you in Kerry’s absence today! Everyone is invited to stay for the Potluck lunch and visit following morning worship!

**Janet Costlow** had to return to the hospital last week.

**Tad Morton** injured his knee and is following instructions to stay off of it for a while.

### Continue Praying for The Following:

Anna Thiede; 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 – Potluck Lunch** following morning worship. (Afternoon worship following lunch and NO 4 p.m. service at the building.) Everyone is invited!

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!**

