

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.



Central Church of Christ

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

Sunday, March 20, 2022

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, March 20, 2022

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **Genesis 25:19-28**
Song Leader: Britt Price
Opening Prayer: Britt Price
Communion:

Bob Hadley, Larry Merrifield, Michael Berry

Sermon: **THE LIFE OF JACOB (P. 2)**
Closing Prayer: Carroll Dyson

Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **Galatians 6:10**
Song Leader: Britt Price
Opening Prayer: John Goodroe
Sermon: **BENEVOLENCE**
Communion: Michael Berry
Closing Prayer: Bob Hadley

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader: Alan Hill
Opening Prayer: Kerry Clark
Closing Prayer: Michael Berry

THE LIFE OF JACOB

Genesis 25:19-28

INTRODUCTION:

1. The life of Jacob is recorded in Genesis 25-49. It can be divided into four periods. We have already talked about the first two periods.
 1. The third period of Jacob's life centers around his own family back in Canaan. Jacob leaves Laban, even though Laban pursues him later (Genesis 31). They end making a covenant of peace signified by building a stone heap (31:43-53). This was when Jacob wrestled with an angel, and his name was changed to Israel (Genesis 32:24-32).
 2. Benjamin was born during this time and Rachel dies.
2. The fourth period of Jacob's life is his journey to Egypt and his death there.
 1. One of the main reasons Jacob traveled to Egypt is his partiality to Joseph. His showing of favoritism to Joseph lead to his brothers hating him and selling him into slavery.
 2. We know God prospered Joseph and this led to the saving of his family and the preserving of the lineage of Jesus.

DISCUSSION:

1. PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF.

1. Jacob, in a time of distress and fear, pleads with God to deliver from the anger of his brother.
2. God sends a messenger to wrestle with Jacob. Jacob prevailed over the angel (Hosea 12:2-6).
3. We all need to ask ourselves if we have the kind of persistent faith that Jacob demonstrated.

2. GOD CHANGES JACOB'S NAME.

1. Jacob's name means "supplanter;" God changed his name to Israel which means "prince of God" or one who "prevails with God."
2. I wonder what name God has in store for us (Revelation 3:12)?

Attendance: 3-13-22

AM: 60 PM: 36 Wednesday: 22

Contribution: \$2,565 (\$25 memorial)

Weekly Budget: \$2,455

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES:

Please be praying for the fires burning in west Texas to be extinguished quickly.

June Cobb remains in Advanced Rehab. She is in Room 508
Rhonda Glenna has been diagnosed with carcinoid tumor. They will follow-up with more tests and decide the course of action following the results.

Continue Praying for The Following:

Anna Thiede; June Cobb; Lisa & Lloyd Flud, Cheryl Jennings; Don Gilmore; Brenda Tolbert; Nancy Townsend; David Tyree; Mary Lou Betts; Diane Harris; Janet Brinkmann; Bob Nowlin; Luke Ayars; Sandra Tankersley; Lawrence and Sharon McMillan; Raymond Jones; Martha Sullivan; Wade Hampton; Dana & Paula Bell; Michelle Wright; Juliann Sameron; Joe and Rebecca Glen; Ginger Tavenner and family; Emily Hill and family; Rhonda Glenna

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

3/27 – Potluck Luncheon
4/2 – Congregational Breakfast – Church – 8 am
4/10 – Men's Business Meeting – 5 pm
4/17 – Review of Men's Business Meeting – 5 pm
4/22-24 – 34th Annual Mabank Lectures
4/24 – Potluck Luncheon

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!*

