

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 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, March 26, 2023**

**Morning Worship**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **Nehemiah 8:1-8**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: Allen Bengé

Communion:  
Don Bentley, Larry Merrifield, Tom East

Sermon: **CHRISTIANITY 101: PREACHING**  
Closing Prayer: Bob Hadley

**Afternoon Worship 12:30 pm**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **Psalms 55:1-23**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: John Goodroe  
Sermon: **CAST THY BURDEN ON THE LORD**  
Communion: Larry Merrifield  
Closing Prayer: Pat Tolbert

**Wednesday (6:00pm)**

Song Leader: Don Bentley  
Opening Prayer: Kerry Clark  
Closing Prayer: John Goodroe

## CHRISTIANITY 101: PREACHING

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Nehemiah 8:1-8.
2. Brethren, I suggest that the preaching heard in churches of Christ is so distinctive from the religious world around us that it makes us clearly different.
3. In considering ways to identify the one New Testament church; the distinctiveness of our preaching helps us to see the one true church.

### DISCUSSION:

#### 1. WHAT IS A PREACHER?

1. Ephesians 4:11-16.
2. Contrary to what people around us claim, the preacher is not the pastor!
3. The Greek word translated preacher means to herald, as a public crier.
4. Therefore, biblically a preacher is one who proclaims the Word of God publicly.

#### 2. WHAT PREACHING IS NOT.

1. Entertainment.
2. A short pep talk.
3. Funny stories.
4. Eisegesis - the word eisegesis literally means "to lead into," which means the interpreter injects his own ideas into the text, making it mean whatever he wants. Examples of eisegesis: baptism can mean "sprinkling, pouring, or immersing." Being born of water means natural birth. Both of these are eisegesis.

#### 3. THE PURPOSE OF PREACHING (Nehemiah 8:8).

1. A distinct reading of God's Word (1 Timothy 4:13).
2. A clear statement of the meaning of the text (Acts 8:34-35).
3. Helping the hearer to understand the application for living (Titus 2:1-15).

Attendance: 03/19/23

PM: 52 PM: 36 Wednesday: 35

Contribution: \$2,740

Weekly Budget: \$2,510

**Jim McCain's** eye surgery was successful. He's doing great!

**David Caraway**, Dana's husband, has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. He will have surgery Tuesday.

**Sandra Tankersley**, Donna Howard's daughter, did not receive a good report from the blood test. Please keep praying.

**Craig Cobb**, June's son, had his leg amputated this week. The surgery went well. He is doing well.

**Sylvia Lewis** will have a knee replacement this week.

#### 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; Dell Lott; Rick Flurry; Roger Busby; Janet Costlow; Benny Lewis; Billy Wright; Leann Mathis Diaz; Lynn Brantley, Sr.

**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** – No service at building at 4 p.m.

4/1 – WORKDAY at the building following the Congregational Breakfast at 8 a.m.

4/9 – Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

4/16 – Review of Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

4/21-23 – 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Mabank Lectures

4/29 – Central Ladies' Day with Keely McCary

4/20 – 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!*

