

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, April 2, 2023**

**Morning Worship**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **1 Timothy 2:1-6**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: Carroll Dyson

Communion:  
Allen Bengé, Jerry Kidd, Bob Hadley

Sermon: **CHRISITIANITY 101: PRAYING**  
Closing Prayer: Jerry Kidd

**Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **Ephesians 6:10**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: Larry Merrifield  
Sermon: **THE LORD'S ARMY**  
Communion: Allen Bengé  
Closing Prayer: Robert Berry

**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: PRAYING

### INTRODUCTION:

1. 1 Timothy 2:1-6.
2. Luke 11:1.
3. In Luke 11:1, Jesus' disciples asked Him to teach them to pray. We need this same teaching today.

### DISCUSSION:

#### 1. WHAT IS PRAYER?

1. The word translated from the Greek language means "to pray to God, that is, supplicate, worship."
2. 1 Samuel 1:15, Hannah "poured out my soul before the LORD."
3. In 1 Timothy 2:1, Paul uses the words, supplications (a petition), prayers (to supplicate to God), intercessions (to pray in someone else's behalf) and giving of thanks (showing gratitude to God for what He has done for us).

#### 2. LORD TEACH US TO PRAY.

1. Jesus taught us to address our prayers to the Father (Luke 11:2). The Father's name is to be held in reverence.
2. "In the name of Jesus" (John 16:23-24). This means by His authority. Jesus told His disciples "And in that day ye shall ask me nothing..." (John 16:23), telling us that once Jesus ascended back to the Father, we were to address our prayers to the Father (John 16:23).

#### 3. EXAMPLES OF PRAYERS IN THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH.

1. They lifted their voices together to God... (Acts 4:23-24).
2. My heart's desire and prayer to God... (Romans 10:1).
3. But we pray to God... (2 Corinthians 13:7).
4. For this reason I bow my knees before the Father... (Ephesians 3:14).
5. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you (Colossians 1:3).
6. I pray God... (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

Services are now available online: Please take advantage of our online services. <https://www.youtube.com>  
(Search for Central church of Christ Athens, TX).

Attendance: 03/26/23

AM: 58 PM: 39 Wednesday: 34

Contribution: \$2,100

Weekly Budget: \$2,510

**David Caraway**, Dana's husband, had successful surgery Tuesday. They will await results.

**Sandra Tankersley**, Donna Howard's daughter, will have a scan soon.

**Sylvia Lewis** is making arrangements for treatment following her cancer diagnosis.

Our sympathy goes to **Candy Dyson** on the passing of her cousin, **Elaine Simmons**.

**Terri Bentley** had an injection in her knee. She is doing well.

**Bob and Barbara Blythe**, members at LaPoynor, are both having medical problems. They have asked for us to pray for them.

**Jimmy Dunn**, Robert and Michael Berry's cousin, had a heart attack and was in the hospital. He is home and doing ok now.

#### 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.; Bob & Barbara Blythe

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

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

4/30 – Potluck Lunch

*Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected,  
Everyone Loved!*

