

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 23, 2023

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **Revelation 2:10**
Song Leader: Britt Price
Opening Prayer: Rodney Holton

Communion:
Allen Bengé, Jerry Kidd, Bob Hadley

Sermon: **CHRISTIANITY 101: BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH**
Closing Prayer: Bob Hadley

Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **Psalms 33:4-15**
Song Leader: Britt Price
Opening Prayer: Allen Bengé
Sermon: **THE BIBLE IS INSPIRED**
Communion: Allen Bengé
Closing Prayer: Bob Vie

Wednesday (6:00pm)

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



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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: BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

INTRODUCTION:

1. Revelation 2:8-10.
2. Jesus sent this short, yet powerful letter to the church in Smyrna.
3. He commended them for their faithfulness and reminded them that even if they died for the cause of Christ; they would be well rewarded!
4. In Acts Chapter Seven, we see the first martyr in the church (54-60).

DISCUSSION:

1. TO BE FAITHFUL, WE MUST BE STEADFAST.

1. We must continue to avoid falling back into sin. Sinful habits are difficult to resist, yet we must (1 Peter 2:1; Colossians 3:5-9; 2 Peter 2:20-22).
2. God has given assurance that He will not allow us to be tempted above our ability to overcome (1 Corinthians 10:13).
3. We must continue bearing fruit (Galatians 5:22-23).
4. We must continue growing in grace and knowledge (2 Peter 3:18).

2. TO BE FAITHFUL, WE MUST BE DEPENDABLE.

1. God depends on us to be in worship services (John 4:24). Do not miss a single service of the church you can possibly attend. It is a sin to do otherwise (Heb. 10:25; James 4:17).
2. God depends on us to be at our post of service (Eph.6:7). Remains of soldier found at Pompeii.
3. God depends on us to get His message out (Mat. 28:18-20).
4. God depends on us to do our part of the work (Rom. 12:4-8).

3. TO BE FAITHFUL, YOU MUST OVERCOME.

1. Faithfulness is not perfection.
2. A faithful Christian is not one who never makes a mistake. He is one who falls but gets up and tries again.
3. You made a good bargain; do not sell now. "Buy the truth and sell it not" (Proverbs 23:23).
4. You planted an important crop; do not forsake it (Luke 8:15).

Attendance: 04/16/23

AM: 56 PM: 41 Wednesday: 30

Contribution: \$2,140 (Special: Philippines \$1,150)

Weekly Budget: \$2,510

Tim Shelton came forward Wednesday night. Please keep Tim in your prayers during this time of grief.

Brenda Tolbert has several relatives with illnesses. Please remember **Greg Marsh** during his cancer treatment,

Brandy (niece) with surgery, and the family of **Rhonda Sullivan** who passed away this week.

Sandra Tankersley will have her first radiation treatment next Friday. She will also see her radiation/oncologist that day. Please be praying for a successful treatment.

Pat Bateman is not doing well. She needs our prayers.

Continue Praying for The Following:

Anna Thiede; Lisa & Lloyd Flud; Alan & Susan Hill; 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; LeAnn Mathis Diaz; Lynn Brantley, Sr.; Bob & Barbara Blythe; Jimmy Dunn; Larry Sikes

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TODAY - VBS Meeting – 5 p.m.

4/29 – Central Ladies' Day with Keely McCary

4/30 – 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!*

