

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, May 2, 2021

Minister

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- Sundays:** Bible Class **9:00 am**
Worship **10:00 am**
Worship **6:00 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:**
- Thursdays:** Men's Bible Study **4:00 pm**
Ladies Bible Study **10:00 am**

Men to Serve:

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **1 Peter 2:1-2**
Song Leader: TBA
Opening Prayer: Carroll Dyson
Communion:

Bob Hadley, Larry Merrifield, Tad Morton

Sermon: **DOES GOD EXPECT INSTANT GROWTH**
Closing Prayer: Britt Price

Evening Worship (6:00 pm)

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **James 3:13**
Song Leader: TBA
Opening Prayer: Bob Hadley
Sermon: **WHAT IS SPIRITUAL MATURITY**
Communion: Larry Merrifield
Closing Prayer: Rodney Holton

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader: TBA
Opening Prayer: John Goodroe
Closing Prayer: David Adkins

DOES GOD EXPECT INSTANT GROWTH?

INTRODUCTION:

1. Sadly, it seems that sometimes we expect babes in Christ to act like full grown, mature Christians.
2. The question we have before us is not does God expect us to start growing immediately; for we know He does.
3. The question is, does God expect babes in Christ to act as mature Christians?

DISCUSSION: IF GOD EXPECTS INSTANT GROWTH --

1. WHY DOES HE CALL US BABES (1 Peter 2:1, 2)?

1. Babes, by definition, are young or immature.
2. Peter even uses the words as "newborn babes."
3. Thus, we understand God does not expect newborn babes to be mature.

2. WHY DOES HE TELL US TO GROW (2 Peter 3: 18)?

1. By commanding us to grow, it is implied that growth is necessary.
2. Peter tells us that we are to grow in grace and in knowledge.
3. In reality, this is a lifelong process.

3. WHY DOES HE TELL US TO DRINK MILK (Hebrews 5:13-14)?

1. The writer of Hebrews reminds us of something we all know; babes begin their life drinking milk.
2. This is a self-evident truth.
3. We thus understand that babes in Christ need time to grow and develop into maturity.

4. WHY IS HE PATIENT WITH US (2 Peter 3:15)?

1. Patience is translated longsuffering.
2. To be patient is to suffer long.
3. 2 Peter 3:9.

Attendance: 4-25-2021

AM – 53 PM – 34 Wednesday – 24

Contribution: \$2,352 (\$400 Building Loan Payoff)

Weekly Budget: \$2,417

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES:

Rick Hull will have cataract surgery 5/5 on his other eye.

Bea Holton will be having a heart cath Tuesday with surgery following Wednesday.

Donna Howard asks us to pray for the family of her son-in-law, **Steve Tankersley**. His sister is in the hospital on dialysis and has low blood sugar. His father is on our prayer list with cancer and a short time to live.

CONTINUE PRAYING FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Dub & Elouise Moore; Candy & Carroll Dyson; Anna Thiede; Mac & Zelma Montgomery; Cheryl Jennings; Don Gilmore; Brenda Tolbert; Nancy Townsend; Dan Manuel; David Tyree; Rick Williams; Lisa & Lloyd Flud; Jordan Herring; Mary Lou Betts; Matt Brazeal; Diane Harris; Rick and Bonnie Pierce; June Cobb; Janet Brinkmann; Bob Nowlin; Billy Pippen; Luke Ayars; Bob Brent Adams; Rick Pierce; Sarah Watters; Mary Allen; Bob Tankersley; Lawrence and Sharon McMillan; Kathryn Bullock; Sandra Chambers; Raymond Jones; Lisa Coffin

Service members: Reece Hudson; Kris Fleming; Casey Clark; Trevor Garcia; Ryan Dallas; Alexandria Dallas; Colby Kelley.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

5//9 – Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

5/15 – Church Work Day

5/16 – Review of Men's Business Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

5/30 – Potluck Luncheon

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