

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, May 21, 2023

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **Hebrews 2:14-18**
Song Leader: Britt Price
Opening Prayer: Don Bentley

Communion:
Michael Berry, Jim McCain, Bob Vie

Sermon: **HOW JESUS DEALT WITH TEMPTATION**
Closing Prayer: Bob Vie

Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **1 Kings 19:4-18**
Song Leader: Britt Price
Opening Prayer: Britt Price
Sermon: **OVERCOMING DISCOURAGEMENT**
Communion: Michael Berry
Closing Prayer: Allen Benge

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

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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**

HOW JESUS DEALT WITH TEMPTATION

INTRODUCTION:

1. Hebrews 2:14-18.
2. James 1:12-16.
3. The Greek word translated temptation means putting to proof, testing, or trying.

DISCUSSION:

1. THE ACCOUNT OF JESUS BEING TEMPTED IS NOT A PARABLE.

1. This may sound strange, but there are those who teach that Jesus could not be tempted, therefore, the accounts of Jesus being tempted are simply a parable.
2. The Bible, however, does not teach this is a parable.
3. In fact, the Bible teaches that not only could Jesus be tempted, but He was tempted!

2. JESUS WAS TEMPTED IN THE SAME FASHION AS WE ARE.

1. Another false idea which must be addressed is the doctrine that since Jesus was God and Man, he could not sin.
2. This doctrine teaches Jesus was Man only in His spirit and body, but not in His soul. So, Jesus was tempted in His spirit and body to sin, but His soul, retaining His Godhood, would not let Him sin.
3. In other words, Jesus, in reality, had no potential to sin.
4. This idea actually destroys the teaching of the Bible. If Jesus could not sin, then He could not be tempted like we are tempted (2 Samuel 7:12-14).

4. HOW DID JESUS DEAL WITH TEMPTATION?

1. Jesus had the Word of God hid in His heart (Psalm 119:11).
2. Jesus was willing to submit Himself to the Father's Will (James 4:7).
3. Jesus was not afraid to resist the devil (James 4:7).
4. Jesus recognized that our flesh can be weak (Matthew 26:41). Satan appealed to this weakness by asking Jesus to turn stones into bread (Luke 4:2-4).
5. Jesus' response to this, and every other temptation, was to use His love for and knowledge of the Scriptures to thwart the devices of the devil. Jesus' response to every temptation was, "It is written...."

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

Attendance: 05/14/23

AM: 66 PM: 30 Wednesday: 44

Contribution: \$2,390

Weekly Budget: \$2,510

Wanda Clark, Kerry's mother, fell and had surgery to fix her hip. She is now in Parkland for rehab in Room 41.

Dick and Julie Miller returned safely from their cruise to Alaska. But, they both came home with "the" virus. Please pray for a speedy recovery for them.

Lloyd Flud saw the doctor for his eye problem. They are concerned with a bump on his right eye now. They see the doctor on the 26th for a biopsy.

Nelda Danforth is now home from the hospital and doing rehab. Terrie Gray has asked for us to pray for her daughter, **Candis**. She has a slipped disk and can't pick anything up right now.

Continue Praying for The Following:

Anna Thiede; Lisa & Lloyd Flud; Susan Hill; Tim Shelton; 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; Pat Bateman; Greg Marsh; Brandy Marsh; Diane Knowlton, Jeff Knowlton; Betty Ward; Mikayla Griffin

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

5/21 – Review of Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

5/28 – Potluck Luncheon

6/3 – Congregational Breakfast

****We decided to send snacks to the students at Texas School of Preaching. Kerry will be teaching his next class on May 26th. Please bring any snacks you would like to send and he will take them with him Friday! Thank you.**

*Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected,
Everyone Loved!*

