

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 22, 2022  
Morning Worship**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **John 3:1-21**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: Allen Bengé  
Communion:  
John Goodroe, Jim McCain, Pat Tolbert

Sermon: **JESUS TEACHING NICODEMUS**  
Closing Prayer: John Vie

**Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm**

Welcome/Announcements: Kerry Clark  
Scripture: **2 Corinthians 4:14-18**  
Song Leader: Allen Bengé  
Opening Prayer: John Goodroe  
Sermon: **LOOKING AT THE INVISIBLE**  
Communion: Pat Tolbert  
Closing Prayer: Pat Tolbert

**Wednesday (6:00pm)**

Song Leader: Alan Hill  
Opening Prayer: Kerry Clark  
Closing Prayer: Michael Berry



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*...Encourage one another daily... Hebrews 3:13*

**Sunday, May 22, 2022**

**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**

## JESUS TEACHING NICODEMUS

John 3:1-21

### INTRODUCTION:

1. We often hear people talking about being “born again.”
2. Jesus taught a person must be born again or they cannot “see” the kingdom of God. The word “see” is sometimes translated as the word “know.”
3. We cannot know the kingdom of God unless we are born again.

### DISCUSSION:

#### 1. THE NECESSITY OF THE NEW BIRTH.

1. John 3:1-3.
2. Because to be in the kingdom is to be saved from the powers of darkness, (Colossians 1:13). This salvation requires a new birth, or a regeneration, as Paul wrote in Titus 3:5.
3. If you desire to be saved from your sins; you must be born again!

#### 2. THE NATURE OF THE NEW BIRTH.

1. What was Jesus talking about when He said you must be born again?
2. Nicodemus thought Jesus was talking about a natural birth (John 3:4-5).
3. However, the text is clear, Jesus is not talking about two different births.
4. Jesus said, “Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God” (John 3:5).
5. Notice the word “and” Jesus is teaching the new birth occurs when a person is baptized in water through the Holy Spirit (Colossians 2:12-13, and 1 Corinthians 12:13).

#### 3. THE NEW BIRTH INVOLVES THE WORD OF GOD.

1. 1 Peter 1:22-25.
2. Acts 2:36-39.

#### 4. THE EVIDENCE OF THE NEW BIRTH.

1. John 3:6-8.
2. As we walk in the spirit, we become more spiritual (Romans 8:1-2).

#### 5. THE BASIS OF THE NEW BIRTH.

1. John 3:14-18.
2. The sacrifice of the Gift. Jesus dying on the cross.

Attendance: 5-15-22

AM: 57 PM: 37 Wednesday: 24

Contribution: \$2,460

Weekly Budget: \$2,455

### PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES:

**June Cobb** is now back in her room at Advanced Rehab. She’s in room 601. Her children are doing well also.

Lisa and Lloyd’s grandson, **Jordan Herring**, sent a graduation invitation! He graduates May 27 in Allen, TX. Congratulations, Jordan! See the invitation on the bulletin board!

### Continue Praying for The Following:

Anna Thiede; June Cobb; Lisa & Lloyd Flud; Doyle & Laura Avant; David Cox; Cheryl Jennings; Don Gilmore; Brenda Tolbert; Nancy Townsend; David Tyree; Mary Lou Betts; Diane Harris; Bob Nowlin; Luke Ayars; Sandra Tankersley; Raymond Jones; Martha Sullivan; Wade Hampton; Dana & Paula Bell; Michelle Wright; Joe and Rebecca Glen; Ginger Tavenner and family; Emily Hill and family; Rhonda Glenna; Marsha Stephens; Nicole Kirkpatrick

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**TODAY! – Meeting for everyone helping with VBS. Please stay after the 4 pm service for a short meeting. If you can help, we need you! VBS...June 18<sup>th</sup>!**

5/29 – Potluck Luncheon

6/4 – Breakfast at the Church Building 8 a.m.

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

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Everyone Loved!*



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