

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.



# Central Church of Christ

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

**Sunday, May 23, 2021**

**Minister**

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<b>Sundays:</b>	Bible Class	<b>9:00 am</b>
	Worship	<b>10:00 am</b>
	Worship	<b>6:00 pm</b> (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**

**Men to Serve:**

**Sunday, May 23, 2021**

**Morning Worship**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield

Scripture: **Mark 4:35-41**

Song Leader: Kerry Clark

Opening Prayer: John Goodroe

Communion:

Bob Hadley, Larry Merrifield, Tad Morton

Sermon: **SURVIVING THE STORMS OF LIFE**

Closing Prayer: Carroll Dyson

**Evening Worship (6:00 pm)**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield

Scripture: **1 Thessalonians 5:21**

Song Leader: Kerry Clark

Opening Prayer: Pat Tolbert

Sermon: **PROVE ALL THINGS (P. 2)**

Communion: Larry Merrifield

Closing Prayer: Rodney Holton

**Wednesday (6:00pm)**

Song Leader: Kerry Clark

Opening Prayer: John Goodroe

Closing Prayer: David Adkins

## SURVIVING THE SUDDEN STORMS OF LIFE

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Mark 4:35-41.
2. The Sea of Galilee is a sparkling jewel in the northern part of Israel. It is not large, but because of the geography of the land; it can have very sudden, violent storms.

### DISCUSSION:

#### 1. BEING A CHRISTIAN IS NO GUARANTEE AGAINST STORMS.

1. We are reminded that although Jesus is on the boat, it is no guarantee against the sudden—in this case, a sudden storm (v. 37).
2. Joseph went to prison. Job lost everything but his life. Jeremiah was put in prison. Paul had a thorn in the flesh.

#### 2. IT MAY APPEAR GOD IS NOT DOING ANYTHING.

1. We might think that God isn't doing anything when He is. Think of the other little ships; what was going on in their minds. It may appear to us God is asleep.
2. In life, things come at us that we cannot control.

#### 3. FEAR CAN REPLACE FAITH.

1. If we are not careful, fear can replace faith.
2. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind (2 Tim. 1:7).

#### 4. JESUS HEARS OUR CRIES.

1. Isa. 59:1.
2. Romans 8:33-34.

#### 5. SUDDEN STORMS SHOULD TURN US TO JESUS.

1. Mark 4:38.
2. Some tend to turn away from and blame God.

#### 6. STORMS DO NOT LAST FOREVER.

1. 2 Corinthians 4:7-18.
2. Even though the minutes seem to become hours during this time, God is still there.

#### 7. GOD IS IN CONTROL.

1. That boat could not sink because God's plan for the world was on it.
2. Song: "No water can swallow the ship where lies, the master of heaven, and earth, and skies." (Mary A. Baker, "Peace Be Still," 1941)

Attendance: 5-16-2021

AM – 46 PM – 28 Wednesday – 28

Contribution: \$1,855 (\$200 in memory of Mary J. Clark)

Weekly Budget: \$2,417

### PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES:

**Bea Holton** is home and doing well.

**Pat Mitchell** is home and doing well also.

**Peggy McCain** has a blood clot in her left leg. They are treating it with medication at this time.

**Mac Montgomery** has been moved to rehab and is progressing well.

**Helen Covey** is having some tests run this week.

Please be praying for all of the above.

### 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; June Cobb; Janet Brinkmann; Bob Nowlin; Billy Pippen; Luke Ayars; Sarah Watters; Mary Allen; Bob Tankersley; Lawrence and Sharon McMillan; Kathryn Bullock; Raymond Jones; Lisa Coffin; Bob and Barbara Blythe

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

5/30 – Potluck Luncheon

**Services are now available online: Please take advantage of our online services if you are unable to attend!**

<https://www.youtube.com> (search for Central church of Christ Athens, TX).

*Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected,  
Everyone Loved!*

