

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 28, 2023  
Morning Worship**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **Jonah 1:1-2**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: Bob Hadley

Communion:  
Michael Berry, Jim McCain, Bob Vie

Sermon: **JONAH – GOD’S RELUCTANT PROPHET**  
Closing Prayer: Rodney Holton

**Afternoon Worship 12:30 pm**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **Psalms 57:1-11**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: John Goodroe  
Sermon: **MY HEART IS FIXED**  
Communion: Michael Berry  
Closing Prayer: David Adkins

**Wednesday (6:00pm)**

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



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

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

**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

## JONAH – GOD’S RELUCTANT PROPHET

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Most of the time, when we think of a prophet of God, we think of a man willing to instantly do whatever God commands.
2. We should realize this is not always the case.
3. Instead of obeying God, Jonah tries to run away from his responsibility.

### DISCUSSION:

#### 1. JONAH – RUNNING AWAY FROM GOD.

1. God told Jonah to go to Nineveh (vs. 1-2).
2. Nineveh is approximately 500 miles northeast of Israel.
3. Instead of obeying God, Jonah heads to Tarshish, about 2500 miles in the opposite direction.

#### 2. JONAH – RUNNING TO GOD.

1. Sometimes we have to find ourselves at the bottom of the ocean before we repent!
2. Jonah recognized the futility of running from God.

#### 3. JONAH – RUNNING WITH GOD.

1. Our power comes from God (Philippians 4:13).
2. Only when we acknowledge God and His power can we truly become powerful.
3. Nineveh was a great city full of thousands of people.

#### 4. JONAH – RUNNING AHEAD OF GOD.

1. Sadly, many times we find ourselves in this position.
2. How many times do we seek to “change” God’s word so that it will suit us?
3. Again, we see the pride of Jonah.

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

Attendance: 05/21/23

AM: 54 PM: 35 Wednesday: 25

Contribution: \$3,125

Weekly Budget: \$2,510

**Lois Bewley** fell Thursday morning. She is sporting bruises and stitches but doing well.

**Lynn Brantley, Sr.** passed away last Monday. His services were Saturday.

Drew’s daughter, **Mikayla**, will have surgery June 14<sup>th</sup> to begin her battle with cancer. Treatment will be decided at that time.

### 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; Bob & Barbara Blythe; Jimmy Dunn; Pat Bateman; Greg Marsh; Brandy Marsh; Diane Knowlton, Jeff Knowlton; Betty Ward; Mikayla Griffin; Wanda Clark

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### TODAY – Potluck Luncheon

6/3 – Congregational Breakfast

6/10 – 2023 VBS 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

6/11 – Men’s Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

6/16 – Game Night

6/18 – Review of Men’s Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

6/24 – Celebration of Life for Alan Hill – 12-4 p.m.

6/25 – Potluck Luncheon

*Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected,  
Everyone Loved!*

