

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 9, 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:

Men's Bible Study **4:00 pm**

Thursdays:

Ladies Bible Study **10:00 am**

Men to Serve:

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements:	Larry Merrifield
Scripture:	Psalm 103:1-22
Song Leader:	Kerry Clark
Opening Prayer:	Pat Tolbert
Communion:	

Bob Hadley, Larry Merrifield, Tad Morton

Sermon:	GRATITUDE
Closing Prayer:	Bob Hadley

Evening Worship (6:00 pm)

Welcome/Announcements:	Larry Merrifield
Scripture:	1 Peter 3:10
Song Leader:	Kerry Clark
Opening Prayer:	John Goodroe
Sermon:	HOW TO GET MORE OUT OF LIFE
Communion:	Larry Merrifield
Closing Prayer:	Larry Merrifield

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader:	TBA
Opening Prayer:	Britt Price
Closing Prayer:	Bob Hadley

GRATITUDE

INTRODUCTION:

1. Words are important. Someone has said that some of the most important words are “I love you” and “thank you.”
2. “Thank you” seems to be diminishing from our language.
3. We need to examine ourselves and find out how often we use these words. When we don’t say “thank you” people feel unneeded and unappreciated.

DISCUSSION:

1. GRATITUDE INVOLVES PERSON EXAMINATION (1-2).

1. Verses 1-2 reflect self-examination. This takes honesty.
2. Paul encourages us to examine ourselves (2 Cor. 13:5).
3. After examining himself, the Psalmist recognized that he had forgotten to thank God for all his blessings.

2. GRATITUDE INVOLVES COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS (3-5).

1. Verses 3-4 show what God has done for us (1 John 4:4).
2. The Psalmist recognized six specific things God had done for him. He forgave, He healed, He redeemed, He crowned, He satisfied, and He renewed David.

3. GRATITUDE INVOLVES GOD’S GOODNESS (6-10).

1. Notice verses 6-10. God only blesses us with good gifts (James 1:17).
2. God is merciful, slow to anger, abundant in mercy, He doesn’t stay angry, He does not deal with us in proportion to our sins, and our reward is not based on our iniquities.
3. Considering these truths, should we not have an attitude of gratitude.

4. GRATITUDE INVOLVES GOD’S FORGIVENESS (11-18).

1. Verses 11-18. God has done a perfect job in His forgiveness.
2. He knows everything about us. He is concerned for us. Do we return God’s love?

5. BLESS THE LORD (19-22).

1. Bless the LORD, ye angels (see Matthew 6:10).
2. Bless the LORD, ye ministers (servants).
3. Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Attendance: 5-2-2021

AM – 45 PM – 34 Wednesday – 25

Contribution: \$3,575

Weekly Budget: \$2,417

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES:

Sharon Crowell was baptized Wednesday night. We are so happy to have you in our family!

Rickey Crowell came forward to ask for our prayers. We welcome this family into our family!

Rick Hull is home and doing well following cataract surgery.

Bea Holton is doing well following her heart surgery. She will remain in the hospital for a few days.

Sandra Chambers, Candy’s cousin, passed away Monday.

Britt Price has been home with diverticulosis.

Please keep praying for all of these folks and families!

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; Rick Pierce; 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:

TODAY – 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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Everyone Loved!*



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