

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, July 10, 2022

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**

Men to Serve:

Sunday, July 10, 2022

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
 Scripture: **Matthew 8:1-4**
 Song Leader: Britt Price
 Opening Prayer: John Goodroe
 Communion:

Allen Benge, Bob Hadley, Jerry Kidd

Sermon: **SUS HEALS A LEPER**
 Closing Prayer: Rodney Holton

Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
 Scripture: **Amos 8:11-14**
 Song Leader: Allen Benge
 Opening Prayer: Allen Benge
 Sermon: **A FAMINE FOR THE WORD**
 Communion: Bob Hadley
 Closing Prayer: Robert Berry

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader: Alan Hill
 Opening Prayer: Kerry Clark
 Closing Prayer: Larry Merrifield

JESUS HEALS A LEPER
(Matthew 8:1-4, Mark 1:40-45, and Luke 5:12-16)

INTRODUCTION:

1. This event takes place shortly after Jesus began His earthly ministry. This is not His first miracle. It is recorded in John 2 where Jesus turned water into wine.
2. Jesus had just finished the greatest sermon ever recorded, the Great Sermon on the Mount.
3. The recording of this miracle is short, but powerful.
4. We could rightly call it the "Touch of the Master's Hand"!
5. A word about leprosy. This was a dreaded disease in the First Century. It was basically a death sentence. A horrible death sentence. Death came both slowly and cruelly. It is a disease of the skin. The Jews often considered leprosy as a punishment from the hand of God.
6. This left the one with leprosy without help or hope!

DISCUSSION:

1. **THIS LEPER APPROACHED JESUS IN HUMILITY.**
 1. Notice the leper came and worshiped Jesus and said, "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean" (verse 2).
 2. Humility is essential in salvation. Many are the passages which detail God's abhorrence of the proud spirit (Proverbs 6:17).
2. **THE MASTER'S TOUCH.**
 1. Jesus was moved with compassion (Mark 1:41) and healed the man immediately.
 2. What a great act of compassion! Touching a man who was unlawful to touch (Leviticus 13:45). Obviously, God was instituting the practice of confining people who were contagious.
 3. Jesus is the Perfect High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-16).

LESSONS LEARNED:

1. Jesus is compassionate when we sin (Hebrews 5:1-10).
2. We must approach Jesus in humility (James 4:10).
3. Be thankful (Luke 17:11-19).

Attendance: 6-26-22

AM: 55 PM: 36 Wednesday: 29

Contribution: \$2,960 (\$250 for Philippines)

Weekly Budget: \$2,455

Marva Adkins is doing well following surgery.

Cliff Bryan sent the following thank you: "Thanks for the card and all the prayers on my behalf! I'm doing good and the old hillbilly and I have a great nurse! (Cindy)"

Ryan Yates is still in ICU but not much improvement.

Serena Burlesmith, Laura Avant's daughter, is being treated for Lupus and **Austin Burlesmith** has left for duty with the Navy.

Continue Praying for The Following:

Anna Thiede; June Cobb; Lisa & Lloyd Flud; Doyle & Laura Avant; Debra Benge; 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; Marsha Stephens; Nicole Kirkpatrick
Service Members: Reece Hudson; Kris Fleming; Casey Clark; Trevor Garcia; Ryan Dallas; Adam Dallas; Alexandria Dallas; Colby Kelley; Gabe Baker; Austin Burelsmith

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 7/6 – Summer Series continues with: Jon McCormack – Jesus
7/16 – Baby Shower for Tad and Abby Morton
7/20 – Ken Hope – The Church
7/27 – Russ Tracy – Eternity
7/31 – Potluck Luncheon

Remember that Saturday, 7/16, we will host a baby shower for Tad and Abby Morton in the Fellowship Room from 2-4 p.m. Please come and enjoy this time of celebration with us!

Services are now available online: Please take advantage of our online services. <https://www.youtube.com>

**Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected,
Everyone Loved!**

