

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 3, 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**

Men to Serve:

Sunday, July 3, 2022

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
 Scripture: TBA
 Song Leader: Britt Price
 Opening Prayer: Carroll Dyson
 Communion:

Allen Benge, Bob Hadley, Jerry Kidd

Sermon: **JOHNNY EASTEP**
 Closing Prayer: Bob Vie

Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm

Welcome/Announcements:
 Scripture: TBA
 Song Leader: Allen Benge
 Opening Prayer: Britt Price
 Sermon: **JOHNNY EASTEP**
 Communion: Bob Hadley
 Closing Prayer: Larry Merrifield

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader: Alan Hill
 Opening Prayer:
 Closing Prayer: David Adkins

THE GOLDEN RULE
(Matthew 7:12 and Luke 6:31)

It was a cold, windy day, January 24, 1848. James Marshall was struggling to cut a channel out of the rock of the South Fork of the American River. It is said that in his frustration, he put in a bigger charge than usual of dynamite. When the smoke, dust, and water cleared; James Marshall uttered these now famous words, "Boys, I think we found gold."

The city of Placerville, CA now stands close to the ghost town of Coloma. It was called Dry Diggin's before it was called Placerville. It would be called "Hangtown" for many years because of a numerous hangings which took place there. The sleepy port town of San Francisco, at first became a ghost town with its population heading for the mountains to find gold, grew from 1,000 to 25,000. It is estimated that 200,000 people came to California looking for gold.

There are usually four rules of life practiced by mankind. Each of these "rules" can be seen in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

1. **IRON RULE:** might makes right (Thieves in the story of the Good Samaritan).
2. **BRASS RULE:** take care of number one (Priest and Levi).
3. **SILVER RULE:** stated this way by Confucius (551 BC), "Do nothing unto others, you would not have them do to you." This rule is good, but it does not encourage me to actually help my fellow man.
4. **GOLDEN RULE:** treat your fellow man the way you desire him to treat you.

WHAT IF WE PRACTICED THE GOLDEN RULE?

In our **COUNTRY?** Crime would perish. Peace Officers could return to their actual duties. Criminal Lawyers would not exist. No divorce. No prisons, etc.

In our **CONGREGATIONS?** What if everyone here at Central practiced the Golden Rule? Would our working together be easier? We would evangelize our community because we would want them to evangelize us if the shoe were on the other foot!

In our **FAMILIES?** Husbands, would you act differently toward your wife? Wives, would you act differently toward you husband? Young people, would you act differently toward your parents. There would be no divorce in our families. There would be no spouse abuse. There would be no child abuse. What a glorious thought!

Attendance: 6-26-22

AM: 59 PM: 40 Wednesday: 39

Contribution: \$2,245 (\$300 for Camp Ida)

Weekly Budget: \$2,455

Marva Adkins will have ablation surgery Tuesday, 7/5. Please keep her in your prayers.

Cliff Bryan is doing well following his surgery.

Judy Vie has had some trouble with a tooth. She is doing better now.

Both **Brenda's** are doing well.

Debra Benge is scheduled for surgery August 8.

Please keep all these in your prayers.

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; Emily Hill and family; Rhonda Glana; 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:

7/3 – 7/8 – Camp Ida!

7/6 – Summer Series begins with: Ed Stover – The Bible

7/13 – 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

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

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

