

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, August 14, 2022

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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, August 14, 2022

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield

Scripture: **Daniel 3:1-30**

Song Leader: Britt Price

Opening Prayer: John Vie

Communion:

Michael Berry, Bob Vie, Tad Morton

Sermon: **THEY WOULD NOT BOW, BEND, OR BURN**

Closing Prayer: Jerry Kidd

Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield

Scripture: **Psalms 22:1-31**

Song Leader: Don Bentley

Opening Prayer: Pat Tolbert

Sermon: **GOD'S GRACE GAVE US THE SUFFERING SAVIOR (2)**

Communion: Bob Vie

Closing Prayer: Larry Merrifield

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader: Don Bentley

Opening Prayer: Kerry Clark

Closing Prayer: David Adkins

They would not bow, they would not bend, and they would not burn!

INTRODUCTION:

1. Nearly twenty years pass between chapter two and chapter three.
2. Nebuchadnezzar had many successes in the years after his dream.
3. No doubt the power of his position is going to his head.

DISCUSSION:

1. Nebuchadnezzar's Golden Idol (3:1-7).

1. The statue (idol) is 90 feet tall and 9 feet wide.
2. The king calls all his officers and leaders to come and bow before the idol.
3. Anyone refusing to bow before the idol would be cast into a fiery furnace.

2. The Fiery Furnace (3:8-25).

1. It is brought to the attention of the king that some have refused to bow before the idol.
2. Their names are Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego (8-12).
3. Nebuchadnezzar is infuriated by their refusal to bow before the idol. He gives the captives one more chance to bow.
4. They steadfastly refuse the king's command. They answer with these words, "we are not careful to answer thee in this matter." In essence they proclaim, we have no need to defend ourselves in this matter, because the God we serve can deliver us from you, but if He chooses not to then we still will not bow before your idol.
5. The king demands the fire to be intensified and the men who cast the three into the fire die.

6. The fourth man is seen walking like the "son of God."

3. Nebuchadnezzar Praises the God of Heaven (3:26-30).

1. The king calls out to the captives who had no marks from the fire.
2. Nebuchadnezzar makes a new decree; no person will be allowed to speak against the God of the Jews.
3. Daniel's companions are promoted by the king.

Attendance: 8-7-22

AM: 63 PM: 29 Wednesday: 30

Contribution: \$2,560

Weekly Budget: \$2,455

Debra Benges's surgeries went well. She was planning to come home Friday.

Ryan Yates, Cathy Garrett's nephew, has been moved to rehab and is doing well so far. They are praying for a full recovery from his motorcycle accident.

Continue Praying for The Following:

Anna Thiede; June Cobb; Lisa & Lloyd Flud; Doyle & Laura Avant; Debra Benges: 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; Janet Brinkman

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TODAY – Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

8/21 – Review of Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

8/28 – Potluck Luncheon

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*Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected,
Everyone Loved!*

