

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.



Central Church of Christ

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

Sunday, August 22, 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, August 22, 2021

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements:	Larry Merrifield
Scripture:	2 Corinthians 5:9-11
Song Leader:	Kerry Clark
Opening Prayer:	John Goodroe
Communion:	

Alan Hill, Larry Merrifield, Pat Tolbert

Sermon:	THE POWER OF PERSUASION
Closing Prayer:	Carroll Dyson

Evening Worship (6:00 pm)

Welcome/Announcements:	Larry Merrifield
Scripture:	Exodus 4:1-5
Song Leader:	TBA
Opening Prayer:	Britt Price
Sermon:	WHAT IS IN YOUR HAND?
Communion:	Larry Merrifield
Closing Prayer:	David Adkins

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader:	Britt Price
Opening Prayer:	Kerry Clark
Closing Prayer:	David Adkins

THE POWER OF PERSUASION
2 Corinthians 5:9-11

INTRODUCTION:

1. Persuasion defined, “the act or process or instance of persuading.
2. Persuade, “to move by argument, entreaty, or expostulation to a belief, position, or course of action”
3. Biblical persuasion (Acts 2:40; 1 Cor. 1:18-21).

DISCUSSION:

1. WHY PERSUADE OTHERS?

1. It is pleasing to God (verse 9).
2. It prepares people for the Judgment Day (verse 10).
3. Because we fear the Lord (verse 11).

2. WHAT DO PEOPLE NEED TO BE PERSUADED ABOUT?

1. Their sins (Acts 11:18; 2 Corinthians 7:10; Acts 2:37; John 16:8).
2. Their need for the Savior (Romans 3:9 and 6:23).
3. Their accountability to God (2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:12; Acts 17:30-31).

3. HOW DO WE PERSUADE THEM?

1. With the Word of God (Luke 16:27-31; Romans 1:16; John 6:45).
2. With a sense of urgency (John 4:35; 9:4; 2 Corinthians 6:2).
3. With boldness (Ephesians 6:20; Acts 4:29).
4. With love and concern (Ephesians 4:5; 2 Timothy 4:2).

4. WHO SHOULD DO THE PERSUADING?

1. The faithful (2 Timothy 2:2)
2. Every one of us (Acts 8:4)

5. WHEN SHOULD WE PERSUADE THEM?

1. Now (2 Corinthians 6:2).
2. As we have opportunity (Galatians 6:10).

Attendance: 8-15-2021

AM: 46 PM: 27 Wednesday: 29

Contribution: \$2,938.05

Weekly Budget: \$2,417

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES:

Christine O’Meila, the Holton’s granddaughter-in-law, is in the hospital with Covid.

Leon Bow, friend of the Holton’s, paralyzed from previous surgery and now going to a different surgeon to try and correct it.

Bob Hadley has been moved to Park Highland Rehab here in Athens. Visitors welcome but you must mask, gown, etc.

June Cobb seems to be doing much better.

Brother Dub Moore’s memorial service will be in Abilene on September 3. Contact Kerry if you would like to ride along.

CONTINUE PRAYING FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Elouise Moore; Anna Thiede; Bea & Rodney Holton; Bob & Ginger Hadley; June Cobb; Mac & Zelma Montgomery; Cheryl Jennings; Don Gilmore; Brenda Tolbert; Nancy Townsend; Dan Manuel; David Tyree; Rick Williams; Mary Lou Betts; Diane Harris; Janet Brinkmann; Bob Nowlin; Luke Ayars; Bob and Sandra Tankersley; Lawrence and Sharon McMillan; Kathryn Bullock; Raymond Jones; Lisa Coffin; Martha Sullivan; Dan Patterson

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

8/29 – Potluck Luncheon

9/12 – Men’s Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

9/18 – Fish Fry!

9/19 – Review of Men’s Business Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

9/26 – 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!*

