

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 28, 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 28, 2022

### Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **Jonah 1:1-4:11**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: Don Bentley  
Communion:

Michael Berry, Bob Vie, Tad Morton

Sermon: **THE BOOK OF JONAH**  
Closing Prayer: John Vie

### Afternoon Worship 12:30 pm

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **Psalms 51:1-19**  
Song Leader: Don Bentley  
Opening Prayer: Jerry Kidd  
Sermon: **BLOT OUR MY TRANSGRESSIONS**  
Communion: Bob Vie  
Closing Prayer: Pat Tolbert

### Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader: Don Bentley  
Opening Prayer: Kerry Clark  
Closing Prayer: Larry Merrifield

# THE BOOK OF JONAH

## INTRODUCTION:

1. Solomon correctly stated that there is nothing new under the sun.
2. In our lesson this morning, we are going to look at the life of the prophet Jonah.
3. We are immediately struck with the fact that Jonah is not like most prophets of God. When God called Isaiah, he said, "Here am I; send me" (Isa. 6:8). When God called Jonah, he ran.
4. It is sad, but true that most of us are more likely to react like Jonah.

## DISCUSSION:

### 1. RUNNING FROM GOD (PROUD).

1. Nineveh is approximately 500 miles northeast of Jerusalem.
2. Tarshish is about 2500 miles west of Palestine.
3. The idea is clear; with God you can run, but you cannot hide.

### 2. RUNNING TO GOD (PENITENT).

1. Sometimes we must find ourselves at the bottom of the ocean before we become penitent!
2. Jonah recognized the futility of running from God (Luke 15:17).

### 3. RUNNING WITH GOD (POWERFUL).

1. Our power comes from God (Phil. 4:13).
2. Only when we acknowledge God, and His power can we truly become powerful!
3. Nineveh – a great city. It was 60 miles in circumference. It was surrounded by a wall that was said to allow three chariots ride abreast. The wall was said to have 1500 watch towers 200 hundred feet tall!
4. The city hears the message of God! This brought repentance from the greatest to the smallest. Oh, how we long for honest hearts to hear God's message today!

### 4. RUNNING AHEAD OF GOD (POUTING).

1. Sadly, many times we find ourselves in this position. We are not immune to the desire to run ahead of God. How many times do we seek to "change" God's word so that it will suit ourselves?
2. Again, we see the pride of Jonah, he did not want to "look bad" in the sight of the people (verse 2).

Attendance: 8-21-22

AM: 55 PM: 35 Wednesday: 30

Contribution: \$1,866

Weekly Budget: \$2,455

**Welcome, Zane Morton!** Zane was born Monday, weighing in at 6 lbs. 9 oz.! Congrats to all the family and we can't wait to meet Zane! Bree is a BIG sister!



**Sylvia Lewis** is scheduled for knee replacement tomorrow morning. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Kim Vie** is waiting for results from her scan for a lump near her arm. They would like for us to pray for her results to be good.

## Continue Praying for The Following:

Anna Thiede; June Cobb; Lisa & Lloyd Flud; Doyle & Laura Avant; Debra Benge; Janet Brinkman; 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; Ryan Yates

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**TODAY - Potluck Luncheon – afternoon worship following lunch. No 6 p.m. service at the building. Please stay and enjoy this time with us!**

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