

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 7, 2022**

**Minister**

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<b>Sundays:</b>	Bible Class	<b>9:00 am</b>
	Worship	<b>10:00 am</b>
	Worship	<b>4:00 pm</b> (On the last Sunday of each month, we have potluck followed by a 12:30 afternoon worship and no evening services).

<b>Wednesdays:</b>	Bible Class	<b>6:00 pm</b>
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<b>Special Studies:</b>		
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	Men's Bible Study	<b>4:00 pm</b>

<b>Thursdays:</b>	Ladies Bible Study	<b>10:00 am</b>
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**Men to Serve:**

**Sunday, August 7, 2022**

**Morning Worship**

Welcome/Announcements:	Larry Merrifield
Scripture:	<b>Daniel 6:1-28</b>
Song Leader:	Britt Price
Opening Prayer:	Carroll Dyson
Communion:	

Michael Berry, Bob Vie, Tad Morton

Sermon:	<b>DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN</b>
Closing Prayer:	Rodney Holton

**Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm**

Welcome/Announcements:	Larry Merrifield
Scripture:	<b>Isaiah 53:1-12</b>
Song Leader:	Don Bentley
Opening Prayer:	Britt Price
Sermon:	<b>GOD'S GRACE GAVE US THE SUFFERING SAVIOR</b>
Communion:	Bob Vie
Closing Prayer:	Bob Hadley

**Wednesday (6:00pm)**

Song Leader:	Don Bentley
Opening Prayer:	Kerry Clark
Closing Prayer:	Bob Vie

## DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN

(Daniel 6:1-28)

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Daniel is by far one of the most loved characters in the Bible.
2. His courage as a young man to defy the king's command to eat his meat and drink his wine still stands as one of the greatest acts of courage ever recorded.
3. Still yet, his courage to defy another king's command not to pray to any other than the king when he was around 80 years old still stands as an act of great courage for all who are "more mature."
4. Daniel is indeed a man worthy to be studied.

### DISCUSSION:

#### 1. THE PLOT AGAINST DANIEL (1:1-9).

1. Daniel, once again, demonstrating his wisdom from God has risen to be second in command in the Persian Empire under king Darius.
2. The other officers in the king's court are jealous of Daniel and seek an occasion against him to have him demoted.
3. They are unable to find any occasion to defame Daniel in the affairs of the kingdom, so they devise a plan to use against in his service to God.
4. Recognizing Daniel's devotion to prayer they devise a scheme to entrap Daniel.

#### 2. DANIEL'S RESPONSE TO THE DECREE (1:10-13).

1. Daniel continues to pray to God in his usual fashion (10).
2. His fellow workers inform the king about Daniel (11-13).

#### 3. DANIEL IS THROWN INTO THE LIONS' DEN (1:14-17).

1. The king realizes what has happened but is unable to find a way around the decree.
2. Daniel is thrown into the lions' den.

#### 4. GOD PRESERVES DANIEL FROM THE LIONS (18-28).

1. The king spends the night fasting hoping to find Daniel alive.
2. In the morning he rushes to the den to see if God had saved Daniel.
3. Daniel responds by saying God had saved him because he was innocent.
4. Darius has Daniel's accusers thrown into the lions' den.

Attendance: 7-31-22

AM: 57 PM: 38 Wednesday: 31

Contribution: \$5,250

Weekly Budget: \$2,455

**Debra Benge** will have surgery tomorrow, 8/8.

**Janet Brinkman**, Jim McCain's daughter, will have cancer surgery this month.

**Sandra Tankersley**, Donna Howard's daughter, had a CT scan Saturday to follow-up her treatment for cancer.

**Carol and Jimmy Hudson** are both home with the virus.

**Bob Hadley** has travelled to New Mexico to be with his mother who is in the hospital with pneumonia.

### 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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

8/14 – 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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Everyone Loved!*



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