

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.

**Sunday, September 1, 2019**

**Morning Worship**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: Zechariah 6:12  
Song Leader: Mike Gilliam  
Opening Prayer: Rick Hull  
Men to Serve Communion:  
Larry Merrifield, Britt Price, Pat Tolbert

Sermon: **The Man Whose Name is The Branch**  
Closing Prayer: Mike Gilliam

**Evening Worship (6:00 pm)**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: Job 40:15-41:34  
Song Leader: Mike Gilliam  
Opening Prayer: Carroll Dyson  
Sermon: **What were the Behemoth and the Leviathan**  
Communion: Larry Merrifield  
Closing Prayer: Pat Tolbert

**Wednesday (6:00pm)**

Song Leader: Rodney Holton  
Opening Prayer: John Goodroe  
Closing Prayer: David Adkins



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

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**Minister**

Kerry Clark  
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**Sundays:** Bible Class 9:00 am  
Worship 10:00 am  
Worship 6:00 pm (On the last Sunday of odd months, we have potluck followed by a 12:30 afternoon worship and no evening services)

**Wednesdays:** Bible Class 6:00 pm

**Thursdays:** Ladies Bible Class 10:00

**Tuesdays:** "Mornings for the Master" on tgrn.org (9am & 9pm)

## The Man Whose Name is The Branch

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Zechariah 6:1-7:14
2. We saw Joshua anointed as high priest (3:1-7). Zerubbabel is appointed governor by the Persians, but also anointed by God (Zech. 4:6). Zechariah sees a golden candlestick attached by pipes to two olive trees (Chapter Four). In Chapter Five Zechariah sees a flying scroll. He also sees a woman in a basket returned to Shinar (Babylon).
3. As we enter Chapter Six, we see the final vision Zechariah is given. It is four chariots.
4. Chapter Seven begins with emissaries asking a question concerning fasting.

### DISCUSSION:

#### 1. **Zechariah Chapter Six.**

1. Zechariah has a vision of four chariots coming out from two mountains of brass. The horses are colored red, black, white and grised or spotted.
2. The prophet asks the meaning of these and the reply in verse 5 is that this are four winds (spirits) sent to patrol the earth.
3. Beginning in verse nine, we see Jesus crowned as King, Prophet, and Priest (High Priest).

#### 2. **Zechariah Chapter Seven.**

1. We see in Chapter Seven that Zechariah's visions are ended and now he begins one of his two "sermons."
2. First he asked a question about fasting. The children of Israel had been commanded to fast on one day of the year (Lev. 23:27). During their captivity, the Jews had started fasting in memory of the destruction of Jerusalem in the fifth month (2 Kings 25:8). The question, should we continue this fast now that we have been restored to the land?
3. The response from God is quite shocking, He says you were not fasting for Me or eating for Me; you were doing it for yourself.
4. The sermon that is preached concerns the need for pure religion tempered with justice, mercy, and compassion.

Attendance: (8-25-19)

AM – 55 PM–39 Mid-Week –30

Contribution: \$2,574

Weekly Budget: \$2,370

### **PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES:**

**Matson Adams** (Mary's great-grandson) was released from the hospital after a short stay. Still battling kidney stones in both kidneys.

**Dolores Taylor** (Mike Gilliam's sister) is home from the hospital after surgery to remove most of her right jaw. Treatment continues.

### **CONTINUE PRAYING FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Dub Moore; Peggy Shelton; Patsy & Bruce Pruet; Carroll Dyson; John Allen; Anna Thiede; Mac & Zelma Montgomery; David Baker; Cheryl Jennings; Bobbi Hensarling; Don Gilmore; Eleanor Eastep; Brenda Tolbert; Jean Smith; Ike Junell; Nancy Townsend; Barbara Cannada; David Arnold; Dan Manuel; Amy Tischler; Josh Clary; Dolores Taylor; David Tyree

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Upcoming Events**

9/8 – Men's Business Meeting – 5 pm

9/9-11 – Searching the Scriptures – Broadway Church of Christ – Tyler, TX (flyer on bulletin board)

9/15 – Review of Men's Business Meeting – 5:30 pm

9/28 – Uncle Fletch Hamburger Booth

9/29 – Potluck Luncheon

**There is a directory update on the table in the foyer. Please make corrections as needed. Thank you.**

Services are now available online:

<https://www.youtube.com> (search for Central church of Christ Athens, TX)

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

