

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.

Men to Serve:

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements:	Larry Merrifield
Scripture:	Exodus 3:1-4:17
Song Leader:	Britt Price
Opening Prayer:	Bob Vie
Communion:	

Jim McCain, Britt Price, Pat Tolbert

Sermon:	THE EXCUSES OF MOSES
Closing Prayer:	John Vie

Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm

Welcome/Announcements:	Larry Merrifield
Scripture:	Ephesians 1:3
Song Leader:	Britt Price
Opening Prayer:	Pat Tolbert
Sermon:	FIGHTING THE UNHOLY TRINITY
Communion:	Britt Price
Closing Prayer:	Bob Hadley

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader:	Britt Price
Opening Prayer:	Don Bentley
Closing Prayer:	Rodney Holton



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

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Minister

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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**

“THE EXCUSES OF MOSES”

Exodus 3:1-4:17

INTRODUCTION:

When God appeared to Moses at the burning bush...

1. He called him to the task of leading the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage.
2. In response, Moses gave excuses as to why he did not think he was the man for the job.

The excuses of Moses, and God’s response to them, will serve as the basis for our study...

3. For in a similar way, as God’s people today, we have received from God a special calling.
4. Not to go to a country to deliver those in physical bondage, but to a world to deliver those in the bondage of sin – cf.
 - Too often, though, we behave just like Moses, making the very same excuses!

“WHO AM I?”

A. FOUND IN EXODUS 3:11

1. Though Moses was once a member of the ruling house of Egypt.
2. But God’s response was quick, and should have been adequate.

B. SOME USE THIS SAME EXCUSE TODAY

1. Trying to excuse ourselves by believing that we are insufficient for the task.
2. Through Jesus, God has provided us the same assurance given Moses
3. With His help, we can accomplish anything He wants us to do!

“WHAT SHALL I SAY?”

A. THIS EXCUSE IS FOUND IN EXODUS 3:13

1. Moses knew that should he go to the children of Israel, there were bound to be questions.
2. Again, God’s response was quick.

B. AGAIN, A SIMILAR EXCUSE IS SOMETIMES GIVEN TODAY

1. We try to excuse ourselves by saying that our knowledge is inadequate.
2. But God has told us what to say.

“SUPPOSE THEY WILL NOT BELIEVE ME:”

A. THIS EXCUSE IS FOUND IN EXODUS 4:1

1. Now that he knows what to say, he balks at the idea that the people may not listen.
2. God responds by equipping him with several convincing proofs.

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Attendance: 9-4-22

AM: 70 PM: 36 Wednesday: 34

Contribution: \$3,722 (\$500 for Camp Ida)

Weekly Budget: \$2,455

Ella Parnell, Julie Miller’s step-sister, is in the hospital with Covid.

Pat Mitchell is recovering from a fall.

Terrie Gray’s granddaughter has returned to school following a 4-wheeler accident.

Rylann Loper Lisa and Lloyd’s granddaughter got a good report from the heart doctor. They think she just needed to hydrate more during exercise.

Lynda Allen, Lynn Palmer’s friend’s mother, was taken to Tyler with sepsis. She needs our prayers.

Please continue to pray for **Nicole Kirkpatrick**. They are awaiting results from testing.

June Cobb went to the ER for a fall. They patched her up and sent her home.

Continue Praying for The Following:

Anna Thiede; June Cobb; Lisa & Lloyd Flud; Nelda Danforth; Doyle & Laura Avant; Debra Bengel; Ginger Tavenner and family; Terrie Gray; 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; Marsha Stephens; Nicole Kirkpatrick; Ryan Yates; Randy Wilson; Richard Hutchison, Robin Evans

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

9/25 – Potluck Lunch

10/1 – Ladies Brunch – Crandall Church of Christ – 9-11 a.m.

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!*



“THE EXCUSES OF MOSES” continued

Exodus 3:1-4:17

B. SOME HESITATE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL FOR THE SAME REASON

1. The fear of failure keeps them from trying.
2. But just as God gave Moses convincing proofs, so He has given us the evidences necessary to convince the honest and sincere person.

“I AM SLOW OF SPEECH AND SLOW OF TONGUE”

A. WE FIND THIS EXCUSE IN EXODUS 4:10

1. Moses claims that he is not an eloquent speaker.
2. God is not moved by this objection.

B. SOME CHRISTIANS TRY TO USE THIS EXCUSE AS WELL

1. But it did not stop the apostle Paul
2. It has not stopped others
3. At the very least, we can make use of those who can speak by arranging studies for them with others (as did Cornelius).

“PLEASE SEND... WHOMEVER ELSE YOU MAY SEND”

A. MOSES SIMPLY DID NOT WANT TO GO!

1. The previous excuses were simply a smokescreen attempt to hide this fact!
2. Now that the smokescreen is removed, God’s impatience with Moses becomes evident.

B. BRETHREN, THE SAME IS TRUE WITH US TODAY!

1. Any and every excuse we could offer is only a smokescreen.
2. We really would rather that God use someone else!
3. We really don’t want to do what God has called us to do!
4. But brethren, the anger of the Lord is kindled against those who do not live up to their calling!

--If we have been making excuses, we need to repent!

CONCLUSION:

1. With Moses, we know the rest of the story.
 - a. He answered the call, and went to Egypt.
 - b. With the help of God, he delivered the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage.
2. But what about us? What will be the rest of our story?
 - a. Shall we heed the call to preach the gospel to the lost?
 - b. Or shall we make excuses and one day suffer the wrath of God?

--Only time will tell, but I pray that I’ve encouraged all not to make excuses.