

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 24, 2023
Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **Matthew 18:1-6**
Song Leader: Britt Price
Opening Prayer: John Vie
Communion: Michael Berry, Tad Morton, Bob Vie

Sermon: **EXCEPT**
Closing Prayer: Jerry Kidd

Afternoon Worship 12:30 pm

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **Psalm 61:1-8**
Song Leader: Britt Price
Opening Prayer: Pat Tolbert
Sermon: **LEAD ME TO THE ROCK THAT IS HIGHER THAN I**
Communion: Tad Morton
Closing Prayer: Allen Bengé

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader: Don Bentley
Opening Prayer: Kerry Clark
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

EXCEPT

INTRODUCTION:

1. Matthew 18:1-6.
2. The English word *except* is defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary as a conjunction which means, “on any other condition than that.
3. In essence Jesus taught in Matthew 18:3, unless; or if, and only if you become like a little child, will you be able to enter the kingdom of heaven.

DISCUSSION:

1. EXCEPT YE BE CONVERTED.

1. We have already defined the word except.
2. Jesus said only on the condition that one is converted may he enter the kingdom of heaven.
3. The word converted means to turn around or reverse course.
4. Jesus is teaching us conversion is a change of heart which leads to a change in action.

2. EXCEPT YE REPENT.

1. Luke 13:1-5.
2. Jesus taught that, if and only if, a person repents can they avoid spending an eternity separated from God.
3. Acts 17:30-31.

3. EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN.

1. John 3:1-21.
2. Jesus taught that the only way a man might enter into heaven was to be born of water and the spirit.

4. EXCEPT YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL EXCEED THE PHARISEES.

1. Righteousness is simply doing what is right.
2. The Pharisees were known for their strict adherence to the Law of Moses; the problem was their heart was not right with God.
3. Our service is to come from the heart (Matthew 22:37).

Attendance: 09/17/23

AM: 54 PM: 39 Wednesday: 37

Contribution: \$2,173

Weekly Budget: \$2,510

Sylvia Lewis is home recovering from knee replacement. She is doing great!

Nelda Danforth is doing much better. She is able to do therapy now.

Lloyd Flud had Botox injections in his forehead and neck. They are hoping that will help him.

Pat Bateman passed on Thursday. Please pray for Jack and the family during this time. Arrangements are pending.

Continue Praying for The Following:

Anna Thiede; Lisa & Lloyd Flud; Billy Wright; Nelda Danforth; Doyle & Laura Avant; Cheryl Jennings; Pat & Brenda Tolbert; Sandra Tankersley; Gail Kirchlind; Kathy Smith; Dell Lott; Janet Costlow; Bob & Barbara Blythe; Jimmy Dunn; Pat Bateman; Greg Marsh; Brandy Marsh; Diane Knowlton, Jeff Knowlton; Betty Ward; Mikayla Griffin; Ginger Tavenner; Bob Eubanks; Martha Sullivan; Rick Hull; Blake Grimes; Jan & Bob Owens; Linda Moore; Rickey and Beth Abbott; Benny Lewis; Buss Family; Frank Lott; Cynthia Sheppard Aton

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TODAY – Potluck –Afternoon services will be following the lunch. There will be NO 4 p.m. service at the building.

Services are now available online: <https://www.youtube.com>.
(Search for Central church of Christ Athens, TX).

*Visitors Welcomed, Members Expected,
Everyone Loved!*

