

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 29, 2019

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: TBA
Song Leader: Rick Hull
Opening Prayer: Bob Hadley
Men to Serve Communion:

Larry Merrifield, Britt Price, Pat Tolbert

Sermon: **Matt Clark**
Closing Prayer: Britt Price

Evening Worship (6:00 pm)

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: TBA
Song Leader: Rodney Holton
Opening Prayer: Pat Tolbert
Sermon: **Rick Hull**
Communion: Larry Merrifield
Closing Prayer: Mike Gilliam

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader: Rodney Holton
Opening Prayer: Bob Hadley
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)

Are You a Player or a Sitter?

Like many “old-timers” that I knew growing up, my granddad loved to play dominoes. It was a passion for him that even surpassed “Saturday Night Wrestling.” Which, by the way, he thought was real! Anyway when you played dominoes with my granddad, if it took you over five seconds to make your next play he would always say, “Are you a player or a sitter?” The implication was obvious, if you don’t make your move quickly enough then you were a sitter. Now, let’s take this thought and make some spiritual application from it.

In the New Testament the word “work” is found 180 times. We all remember the story Jesus told of two brothers. It went like this, **“But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you”** (Mat. 21:28-31). Brethren there is no doubt that God wants us to be workers in His vineyard.

Now to the “sitters” in the church; when it comes time for a work day, we often find that there are a lot of “sitters” in the church. They don’t show up for the work day and then they complain because something was not done the way they thought it should have been done. Well, maybe if they showed up for the work day they could have done it the way they wanted.

When it comes time for getting teachers for Bible Class, there are a lot of “sitters” in the church. How many times since you have been a Christian have you taught Bible Class? Compare that with the number of times that you have been asked and you might be shocked by the difference.

Remember that the writer Hebrews wrote, **“For when for the time ye ought to be teachers...”** (Hebrews 5:12). Paul is telling us that there should come a time in the life of a Christian when they become a teacher. Sadly, some never reach that level of maturity.

Brethren, next Saturday (8-5) we are going to knock doors in our area. We plan to meet here at the building after the Congregational Breakfast to go over the plans for our campaign. You are welcome to knock as few or as many doors you would like. We will have a map for considering which areas we will campus. You might ask yourself this question before next Saturday arrives, “Am I a player or a sitter?”

Kerry Clark

Attendance: (9-22-19)

AM – 46 PM– 36 Mid-Week – 29

Contribution: \$1,971

Weekly Budget: \$2,370

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES:

Wilma Hendrick has been diagnosed with shingles. Please keep Wilma in your prayers.

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; Ike Junell; Nancy Townsend; Barbara Cannada; David Arnold; Dan Manuel; Amy Tischler; Josh Clary; Dolores Taylor; David Tyree; Matson Adams; Karter Whittenburg; Kay Webster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

TODAY – Potluck Luncheon (no 6 pm service at building) Everyone is invited! Please stay and enjoy this time with us!

10/5 – Congregational Breakfast/Door Knocking - 9 a.m.
Athens’ Café

10/6-9 – Gospel Meeting with Ken Hope (meal will be served Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 5:30)

10/13 – Men’s Business Meeting

10/17-19 – Men’s Retreat – Camp Ida

10/20 – Review of Men’s Business Meeting

Services are now available online:

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

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

