

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 3, 2023  
Morning Worship**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **John 1:14-17**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: Bob Hadley

Communion:  
Michael Berry, Tad Morton, John Vie

Sermon: **DEMANDS OF THE CROSS**  
Closing Prayer: Carroll Dyson

**Afternoon Worship 4:00 pm**

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield  
Scripture: **Matthew 16:24-28**  
Song Leader: Britt Price  
Opening Prayer: John Goodroe  
Sermon: **COME AND SEE**  
Communion: Tad Morton  
Closing Prayer: Don Bentley

**Wednesday (6:00pm)**

Song Leader: Don Bentley  
Opening Prayer: Kerry Clark  
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 **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**

# DEMANDS OF THE CROSS

## INTRODUCTION:

1. Matthew 16:24-28.
2. We often sing the song "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."
3. This song is designed to remind us of the fact that the cross of Jesus Christ has demands which come with it!

## DISCUSSION:

1. **THE CROSS DEMANDS A \_\_\_\_\_.**
  1. Either the cross is real, or it is a fake.
  2. 1 Corinthians 15:12-20.
  3. Paul tells us that if the resurrection is not real, then living the Christian life is vain .
2. **THE CROSS DEMANDS A \_\_\_\_\_ .**
  1. The debt of sin must be paid.
  2. Nahum 1:1-3.
  3. Romans 6:23.
  4. Isaiah 53:1-12.
3. **THE CROSS DEMANDS A \_\_\_\_\_.**
  1. In truth, we all respond, either positively or negatively
  2. 1 Cor. 1:18-25

## NOTES:

(We have updated the Emergency Contacts list; however, if anyone has a special medical condition (blood thinners, diabetes, etc.) that EMS may need, please let Sharon or Lynn know so that we can add that. )

Attendance: 08/27/23

AM: 54 PM: 27 Wednesday: 29

Contribution: \$2,731

Weekly Budget: \$2,510

**James and Angela Buss**, neighbors of Sarah Dyer, lost their teenage son in an automobile accident.

**Jan Owens** is home in Frankston with her daughter following surgery in Tyler. Her husband **Bob's** cancer has returned.

**Kathy Smith**, Lois Bewley's friend, lives at Oakwood. She is having serious health problems and needs our prayers.

## 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 Kirchling; 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

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 9/09 – Quarterly Singing here at 6 p.m. (see sign-up sheet in foyer to provide refreshments)
- 9/10 – Men's Business Meeting
- 9/14-15 – Fruitvale Lectures (See Bulletin Board)
- 9/15 – Game Night
- 9/17 – Review of Men's Business Meeting
- 9/23 – Workday at Building
- 9/24 - Potluck

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

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

