

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.



Central Church of Christ

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

Sunday, September 5, 2021

Minister

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Sundays: Bible Class **9:00 am**
Worship **10:00 am**
Worship **6:00 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** (cancelled for 2 weeks)

Men to Serve:

Sunday, September 5, 2021

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **Matthew 12:38-45**
Song Leader: Britt Price
Opening Prayer: Carroll Dyson
Communion:

Michael Berry, Dick Miller, Britt Price

Sermon: **FILLING OUR HEARTS**
Closing Prayer: Robert Berry

Evening Worship (6:00 pm)

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **Acts 13:14-42**
Song Leader: Britt Price
Opening Prayer: John Goodroe
Sermon: **GOD'S PROMISES**
Communion: Larry Merrifield
Closing Prayer: Rodney Holton

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader: Alan Hill
Opening Prayer: Kerry Clark
Closing Prayer: Larry Merrifield

**“Filling Our Hearts”
Matthew 12:43-45**

INTRODUCTION:

1. Jesus was asked by the scribes and the Pharisees to show them a sign.
2. Jesus responded by saying that an evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign.
3. He said the only sign He would give them was the sign of Jonah.
4. Just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a whale, Jesus would spend three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.
5. Jesus then took this opportunity to address their spiritual condition.

DISCUSSION:

1. **THERE IS GREAT DANGER WHEN OUR HEART IS EMPTY.**
 1. Our heart can harbor both good and bad (Matt. 12:35; 15:19).
 2. Just like our homes, our heart needs to be cleansed (Heb. 10:22; 9:14; Acts 15:8-9).
 3. There is an adage “Nature abhors a vacuum.” Or “empty or unfilled spaces are unnatural”.
 4. If our heart is not filled with goodness, then the evil will return. This condition is worse than before (2 Pet. 2:20-22).
 1. Consider the Corinthians (1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Cor. 12:20-21).
 2. Our hearts can be hardened (Heb. 3:12-13; cf. 10:26-29).
2. **HOW DO WE FILL OUR HEARTS WITH GOOD?**
 1. Romans 5:5, “and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us” (ESV).
 2. Allow God to rule my life (1 Pet. 3:15; Rom. 12:1-2).
 3. Be very careful about what enters your mind (Col. 3:1-2, 16; Psalm 101:3-4; Phil. 4:8).
 4. Be involved in good works (Eph. 2:20; 1 Pet. 2:1-2; Psalm 1:1-6; Matt. 5:16).
 5. Be careful about who we choose as our friends (1 Cor. 15:33; Prov. 13:20).

Attendance: 8-29-2021

AM: 43 PM: 20 Wednesday: 22

Contribution: \$1,465

Weekly Budget: \$2,417

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES:

Dana Bell, neighbor of the McCain's, is dealing with the after effects of Covid. His wife, **Paula**, fell and broke her ankle.

Pat Mitchell has been diagnosed with Covid. She is home recovering.

Paul Hill, Alan's brother, is having heart issues. He is having tests.

CONTINUE PRAYING FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Elouise Moore; Anna Thiede; Bea & Rodney Holton; Bob & Ginger Hadley; June Cobb; Zelma Montgomery; Cheryl Jennings; Don Gilmore; Brenda Tolbert; Nancy Townsend; Dan Manuel; David Tyree; Rick Williams; Mary Lou Betts; Diane Harris; Janet Brinkmann; Bob Nowlin; Luke Ayars; Bob and Sandra Tankersley; Lawrence and Sharon McMillan; Kathryn Bullock; Raymond Jones; Lisa Coffin; Martha Sullivan; Dan Patterson; Christina O'Meila; Jason and Karla Sparks; Lynn and Cody Brantley; Whitney Shipp; Edward and Patty Palmer; Wade Hampton
Service Members: Reece Hudson; Kris Fleming; Casey Clark; Trevor Garcia; Ryan Dallas; Alexandria Dallas; Colby Kelley; Gabe Baker

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Ladies' Bible Class has been postponed for 2 weeks.

9/12 – Men's Business Meeting – 5 p.m.

9/18 – Fish Fry!

9/19 – Review of Men's Business Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

9/26 – Potluck Luncheon

11/11-13 – Men's Retreat at Camp Ida

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!**

