

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 8, 2019

Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: Zechariah 8:23
Song Leader: Mike Gilliam
Opening Prayer: Rodney Holton
Men to Serve Communion:
Larry Merrifield, Britt Price, Pat Tolbert

Sermon: **We have heard that God is with you**
Closing Prayer: Britt Price

Evening Worship (6:00 pm)

Welcome/Announcements: Larry Merrifield
Scripture: **Luke 14:33**
Song Leader: Mike Gilliam
Opening Prayer: Larry Merrifield
Sermon: **Walking Closer to God**
Communion: Larry Merrifield
Closing Prayer: Matt Clark

Wednesday (6:00pm)

Song Leader: Rodney Holton
Opening Prayer: Bob Hadley
Closing Prayer: Larry Merrifield



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

Sunday, September 1, 2019

Minister

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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)

We have heard that God is with you The Power of our Influence

INTRODUCTION:

1. Zechariah 8:1-23
2. This is really a continuation from Chapter Seven.
3. Zechariah had been asked about continuing to fast after the Israelites had been released from captivity.
4. Chapter Eight continues the answer.

DISCUSSION:

1. I Have Returned to Zion (vs. 1-8).

1. Jehovah reminds the children of Israel of their past sins and His reason for punishing them.
2. He tells them that His wrath has been satisfied.
3. In vivid and colorful language God tells the people that there will be a full restitution of the people back to the land.
4. They are also told that there will be other people blessed by this act. Ultimately, in the new kingdom, the church; all nations will be blessed (vs. 7-8).

2. Let your Hands be Strong (vs. 9-13).

1. Zechariah reminds them that in the former days God had blessed, even to the building of the Temple, but they rejected Him.
2. Jehovah reminds them that in the past when they rejected the prophets, there were grievous consequences. People were broke, unable to pay wages (vs. 10). There was fighting among the people.
3. Now God was going to sow peace instead of war. The land would again prosper.
4. He reminds them to let their hands be strong.

3. I Have Purposed Good for You (vs. 14-17).

1. God promised to bless them.
2. But only if they continued to do His will.

4. God's Word on Fasting (vs. 18-19).

1. In the last chapter, God said the Israelites were not fasting for the right reasons.
2. In this chapter we learn they had incorporated even more fasts. God said that He had turned their mourning to joy.

5. The Power of Influence (vs. 20-23).

1. The end of this chapter foretells the coming of the new covenant.
2. In this new covenant era, the Jews would be a powerful influence to bring the rest of the world into covenant relationship with God.

Attendance: (9-1-19)

AM – 55 PM–29 Mid-Week –28

Contribution: \$3,300

Weekly Budget: \$2,370

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES:

Matson Adams (Mary's great-grandson) had surgery Friday for kidney stones.

Jean Smith (Lisa Flud's sister in Mississippi) is in a hospital in Memphis. They think she may have a bacterial infection.

Karter Whittenburg is back in the hospital with blood pressure problems.

Christina Smith had to go to ER for kidney stones Wednesday. She is better.

CONTINUE PRAYING FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Dub Moore; Peggy Shelton; Patsy & Bruce Pruett; Carroll Dyson; John Allen; Anna Thiede; Mac & Zelma Montgomery; David Baker; Cheryl Jennings; Bobbi Hensarling; Don Gilmore; Eleanor Eastep; Brenda Tolbert; Jean Smith; Ike Junell; Nancy Townsend; Barbara Cannada; David Arnold; Dan Manuel; Amy Tischler; Josh Clary; Dolores Taylor; David Tyree

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

TODAY – Men's Business Meeting – 5 pm

9/9-11 – Searching the Scriptures – Broadway Church of Christ – Tyler, TX (flyer on bulletin board)

9/15 – Review of Men's Business Meeting – 5:30 pm

9/28 – Uncle Fletch Hamburger Booth

9/29 – Potluck Luncheon

There is a directory update on the table in the foyer. Please make corrections as needed. Thank you.

Services are now available online:

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

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

