

Central Church of Christ

Schedule of Services

SUNDAY

Bible Class 9:30 A.M.

Worship 10:30 A.M.
6:00 P.M.

*1st & 3rd Sundays each
month potluck lunch &
afternoon service.*

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class 9:30 A.M.

Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

SHEPHERDS

Mike Allison
Toby Brown
Larry Stewart
Daryl Tucker

DEACONS

Richard Combest
Ross James
Kevin Leatherman
Bobby Moudy
Danny Tucker

MINISTERS

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God Chooses Unlikely Candidates to be His Messengers

If you saw her backstage you never would have imagined what fame was soon to come her way. She walked out on the stage in an old fashioned dress, slightly messed up hair, seemingly a bit odd and odd for the competition. But the moment she began to sing on *Britain's Got Talent*, she took the world by storm. By the final note she was receiving a standing ovation from the crowd and a smile from Simon Cowell. The video of her performance immediately hit *YouTube* and within a week had been viewed 66 million times.

She eventually won second place in the competition but that did not stop her. An album was released in November of 2009 and by the end of the year she had the top selling record world wide of any releases, selling a total of 8.3 million copies.

You probably would never have picked him either. One first century writing describes him this way: "Bald-headed, bowlegged, strongly built, a man small in size, with meeting eyebrows, and a rather large nose." Appearances aside, he had been spending his days with a singular purpose: persecuting Christians. He pulled them from their houses and threw them in prison. Even having some killed.

But God chose him to take His story to the Gentiles. Jesus arranged a face-to-face meeting with Saul while he was on his way to Damascus to persecute his followers. By the end of the encounter his name was changed from Saul to Paul as he was given a new purpose and a new lease on life.

The rest is history. Paul, a Jew, took the gospel message to the Gentiles. Paul, the "chief of sinners" spoke as a gracious firsthand recipient of God's mercy. Paul, the well-schooled expert on the Law, became the most outspoken voice for the principle of grace.

Aren't you glad he did? Most of us wouldn't know Christ had Paul not traveled the world telling others about Him. And most of us would not know Christ unless some modern-day "Paul" walked across the cul-de-sac or the cubicle or the classroom to introduce Him to us.

Susan's look changed. So did Paul's. The description of Paul ends by saying he was "... full of grace, for sometimes he looked like a man and sometimes he had the face of an angel." An angel is a messenger and God wants to use you to take His message to your world.

Your street. Your workplace. Your school. You might not think He would choose you either. But you might just need to think again, no matter your appearance.

I love you all,
Tim

WELCOME TO CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST!!!

If you are visiting us today, we are honored you have chosen us. We hope that today's time together will help deepen your relationship with God and widen your circle of friends. We are a church family who seek to follow Jesus and be true to the Bible.

Please stay around after our assembly so that we might get to know you better. Thank you again for worshipping with us today.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

"There's A Stirring"
"Great Are You Lord"

797

Prayer

450

452

"Ancient Words"

Message

940

315

COMMUNION

Announcements and Prayer

781

NEWS AND NOTES

- ❖ Please continue to pray for Delphine Ruiz's children, **Joe and Mary Ann**, as they struggle with health issues.
- ❖ We extend our sympathy to Linda Hodges on the passing of her mother, **June Looney**.
- ❖ Please keep Juanita Ober's dad, **Joe Mondragon**, in your prayers. He is in assisted living in Rock Springs, Wyoming, and is struggling with health issues.
- ❖ **Angela Thompson**, daughter-in-law of Joe Bob and Sharon Thompson, has been diagnosed with cancer. She asks that we pray for God to give her wisdom and discernment as she makes major decisions on her treatment.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

18th - Larry Stewart, 21st - Gloria Sandlin, Louis Bevill

Please check the activity table for details on upcoming events.

- ❖ Today our study of **The Story** is over Chapter 29. Next week, we will be studying Chapter 30 in class and in morning worship. Handouts for the lessons are on the activity table in the auditorium. If you need a prior lesson that is not on the table, let us know and we will get you a copy.
- ❖ Please join us for **Potluck** and early service today. **Ken Bonham** of Boles Home in Quinlan, TX, will make a presentation about the Children's Home.
- ❖ Next Sunday, January 22nd, **Kelvin Hoover** with Orphan's Lifeline Int'l will be speaking to us during evening service.
- ❖ **Edd and Elizabeth Fry**, former Tulia church members, are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary and Elizabeth's 90th birthday. They would love to receive cards at their address, 1227 CR 44400, Powderly, TX, 75473. Check the activity table for an article about their lives together.
- ❖ **Camp Adventure** is January 19-21. Please check the activity table for more details.
- ❖ Our **Valentine's Banquet** is Sunday, February 12th, at 5:00 p.m. We will have a devotional, followed by the banquet. A sign-up sheet is on the activity table. Please choose steak or chicken when you sign up.

Supported Missions

Bible Chair
 High Plains
 Children's Home
 AIM
 Sunset School of
 Preaching

Please keep the following people in your hearts and prayers:

Our service men and women	AIM Mission Teams
Russell Treider	Jay Weddel
Darla Young	David George
Linda Hodges	Jimmie Scott
Dwight McCrary	Ann Thompson
Elmer Weddel	Cierra Perkins
Gaye Young	Darlene Riley
Angela Thompson	Peggy Stevens
Kim Hays	Our college students

Records for 1/8/17

Bible Class: 68
 Worship: 92
 Contribution: \$2,564
 Budgeted
 Contribution: \$3,955

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