

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
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When You are Holding on for Dear Life

One afternoon they came to his cell in Rome and opened the door. His executioners led him out of the city. As they were walking out, other travelers would have been walking into Rome. They would have paid him little attention. No one would have recognized his face. No one would have known his crime. He was just another prisoner, just another "dead man walking."

After traveling a few miles out, the executioners would have stopped. A block would be laid down. His head would be placed upon it. A sword would be raised. And in an instant the head of the most influential writer of all times would roll upon the ground.

Paul had known his share of suffering, but he did not shrink back from his calling. If we could look closer, we would see how scars spread across his back like a windshield crack and how wounds stiffened his joints. His own account of his hardships included floggings, lashings, beatings with rods, pelting with stones, shipwrecks, dangers from rivers and bandits and Jews and Gentiles, danger in the city and in the country, danger at sea and from false believers. He knew hard labor, lack of sleep, hunger, thirst, cold and nakedness (2 Cor. 11:23-29).

It's a wonder that he could move at all, but move he did. From Corinth to Ephesus, from Thessalonica to Colossae, he left his footprints all over the known world of his day. His visits to these cities were not for sightseeing. He worked, long days of preaching and establishing churches.

When he wasn't walking he was writing. He wrote letters to the church in Rome and Corinth and Galatia and Ephesus. He wrote to Titus and he wrote to Timothy, letters that continue to bless followers still today. God's grace turned his world upside down and his life was spent telling others about it, until that day on that dusty road, when he drew his last breath.

When you face struggles because of your faith, remember Paul. He anchored himself to a purpose that was higher and greater than his life. There are many fights you can fight, but Paul trained himself for the "good fight" (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

His fight did not end at death. His writings still encourage and educate followers of Christ today and will continue until Jesus returns. Paul gave himself totally to eternal things. And so can you. Fight the good fight. And like Paul, finish the race well.

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

288

290

291

Prayer

454

269

COMMUNION

408

410

Message

943

Announcements and Prayer

NEWS AND NOTES

- ❖ **Jimmy Scott** is moving to Ussery Roan Veteran's Home in Amarillo. Jimmy and Gail's son-in-law, **Russell Treider**, is doing well. His medications are effective and he has gone back to work. Gail really appreciates all of our prayers.
- ❖ **Angela Thompson** will have surgery February 10th. She is awaiting test results to determine the extent of the surgery.
- ❖ **Lela Mae Nevins** is in Swisher Memorial Hospital, room 8. She is doing well as she recovers from a broken arm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

26th - Tonya James, 28th - Jan Malone

Please check the activity table for details on upcoming events.

- ❖ Today our study of **The Story** is over Chapter 30. Next week, we will be studying Chapter 31 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.
- ❖ **Kelvin Hoover** with Orphan's Lifeline Int'l will be speaking to us today during our evening service.
- ❖ We will be sending Valentines to our **college and AIM students**. Please let the office know of any changes to their addresses.
- ❖ **Creation Apologetics Conference** will be February 10-11 in Lubbock at L.C.U. The workshop theme is "Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis" and includes a fossil walk. Please check the activity table for information.
- ❖ The men of our congregation invite the ladies to a **Valentine's Breakfast** on Saturday, February 11th, at 8:00 a.m.
- ❖ 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. We need all the youth of the church to help serve.
- ❖ Please save the date Sunday, February 26th, for the **Men's Chili Cook-off**. More details will be coming in the future.

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
Lela Mae Nevins	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
Joe Ruiz	Our college students

Records for 1/15/17

Bible Class: 65
Worship: 96
Contribution: \$3,131
Budgeted
Contribution: \$3,955

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