

# Central Church of Christ

## Schedule of Services

### SUNDAY

Bible Class 9:30 A.M.

Worship 10:30 A.M.

Life Groups 6:00 P.M.

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays each  
month potluck lunch &  
afternoon service.

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Class 9:30 A.M.

Bible Study 6:00 P.M.

### SHEPHERDS

Mike Allison

Toby Brown

Larry Stewart

Daryl Tucker

### DEACONS

Brian Bailey

Richard Combest

Ross James

Kevin Leatherman

Bobby Moudy

Danny Tucker

### MINISTERS

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## The Unopened Gift

Rob Drinkwater, with the Western Star, reports,

*Back in 1970, Adrian Pearce was a 17-year-old Grade 12 student at George S. Henry Secondary School in Don Mills, Ontario, looking forward to Christmas vacation. Then his girlfriend — his first serious girlfriend — broke up with him.*

*"She gave me a present at the same time and I took the present home. I had a long walk home and I was all upset and angry and all the things you feel when somebody breaks up with you," Pearce recounted. "And so I threw the present under the Christmas tree. After my family opened their gifts at Christmas, there was still one Christmas gift left and it's the gift this girl Vicki had given me. I told my family I'm never going to open that present."*

*He never did. For years, Pearce continued placing the present under the tree, even after he got married and had children. His kids kept asking him if they could open it, but Pearce refused. Eventually, his wife put her foot down and said it wasn't welcome under the tree anymore. Now he just pulls out the old gift, which is wrapped in shiny blue paper that's fading, and just looks at it before putting it away again.*

Many people have a difficult time receiving. They have been made to feel unworthy in the past and that feeling has stayed with them. To address this, God stepped in. He did this by sending His only Son into the world to give His life for our redemption.

Have you been rejected or abused? Have you been made to feel unworthy? As a result, do you have a difficult time receiving the gifts of praise and recognition? Perhaps you even find it hard to believe and to accept what Jesus has done for you. God wants you, above all else, to understand that He loves you.

Don't be like Mr. Pearce, who refuses to open the gift that has been given to him, or like countless others who, every year, celebrate Christmas without actually receiving the gift that's been offered.

**John 10:10-11 New International Version (NIV)**

**<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. <sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.**

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**

153

97

77

Prayer

351

**COMMUNION**

**"Days of Elijah"**

**"There's a Stirring"**

Message

903

**Announcements and Prayer**

## *NEWS AND NOTES*

- ❖ Please keep Bill and Margaret Huff, the brother and sister-in-law of Debi Huff, in your prayers. They are facing multiple surgeries.
- ❖ Christy Melendrez requests prayers for her brother, Cary Calhoun. He has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- ❖ We pray for Linda Hayhurst as she struggles with health issues.

**Happy Birthday!**

**6<sup>th</sup>-Joann Hayhurst, 7<sup>th</sup>-Melody Jennings, Tyler Klein, Elizabeth Gabel, 9<sup>th</sup>-Dakota Hayhurst,  
11<sup>th</sup>-Linda Hayhurst**

*Please check the activity table for details on upcoming events.*

- ❖ Please join us for potluck and early service today. Deacons are meeting today following potluck.
- ❖ Family night is this Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:15, followed by singing at 6:00.
- ❖ Men's breakfast is this Saturday, January 11, at 7:00 am.
- ❖ Mary Milam will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at a reception hosted by her children on Saturday afternoon, January 11, from 2-4 at the Methodist Church fellowship hall. The gift of your presence is all the gifts necessary to help Mary celebrate. JK and Bonnie Milam, Mike and Lorie Milam, Marcia and Eckart Kiser
- ❖ Our home group lessons will begin next Sunday evening, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00.

### Supported

#### Missions

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

### *Please keep the following people in your hearts and prayers:*

Ray Jennings	Darla Young	Gaye Young
Melody Jennings	Linda Hodges	Lanelle Dovel
Dwight Rampley	Wynelle Waldo	David George
Janet Wright	Butch Moore	Bill Huff
Don Elliott	Terry Cash	Margaret Huff
Sean Chambers	Linda Hayhurst	Cary Calhoun
Lena Allison	Yvonne Nevins	
Noe Jackson	Mickey White	
Charles McKone	Carolyn Cox	
Service men and women	AIM Mission Teams	College Students

### Records for 12/29/2019

Classes: 62  
Worship: 103  
Contribution: \$3,055  
Budgeted  
Contribution: \$3,595

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