

# Central Church of Christ

## Schedule of Services

### SUNDAY

Bible Class 9:30 A.M.

Worship 10:30 A.M.  
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 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

Tim Johnson  
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### God's Search and Rescue Plan Involves You

William Pilkenton was one month away from turning eight years old. His family had traveled from Bellingham, Washington, to Tofino, British Columbia for a vacation. He and his father were walking up from the beach when his father turned to look for him and realized he was gone.

When children go missing, fathers start looking. Before long, the entire community was helping him search for this missing child. Search and rescue crews scoured the area. Search coordinator Garth Cameron said, *"I don't think there's a square foot in this town that doesn't have footprints."*

When children go missing, parents go looking. And that's what God has done. There's not a square foot on earth that doesn't have his footprints. He began searching for them the moment Adam and Eve made a choice and lost their way. He sent the nation of Israel looking. He sent his Son to ***"seek and save what was lost"*** **Luke 19:10.**

Today he sends his church. In **Acts 1:8** we find his search and rescue plan: ***"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."***

Jesus sent the disciples into the middle of Jerusalem and told them to wait. While they were waiting, a crowd gathered for Pentecost. Some estimate Jerusalem swelled to over one million people during this time. The Holy Spirit came on them, Peter preached, and the church swelled from 120 to over three thousand.

It didn't stop there. They devoted themselves to "the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" Acts 2:42. That first church in Jerusalem grounded its people in the Word, in deep community, to sharing meals and sharing Christ, and to prayer. They had to. The task at hand was too big for them to accomplish on their own. They needed each other. Mostly they needed God.

That hasn't changed, has it? We still have the same commission to be witnesses for Jesus in our "Jerusalems" and in our world. We are still called to the Word, to love each other, to share life, and to prayer. And we are still searching for those who have lost their way.

We are still searching because the Father still has children who are missing. So go to your Jerusalem and wait. God will bring you power as you serve him there. Let's not leave a square foot without our footprints.

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**

167

180

214

Prayer

375

376

## **COMMUNION**

448

484

Message

928

Announcements  
Shepherd's Prayer

## NEWS AND NOTES

- ❖ **Joe Ruiz**, Delphine's son, has cancer. His doctors are in the process of determining a treatment for him.
- ❖ We greatly appreciate the lovely plant, kind words, and thoughts and prayers over the loss of my dad, J.D. James. **In His Love, Ross W. James**
- ❖ **Jordan Glidewell**, granddaughter of Linda and Wade Littlefield and **Jordan Littlefield**, daughter of Carol and Julie Littlefield, were baptized last Sunday. We rejoice with Vicki and Kenneth Littlefield!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

9<sup>th</sup> - Dakota Hayhurst, 11<sup>th</sup> - Linda Hayhurst, 12<sup>th</sup> - Shirley Myers, 13<sup>th</sup> - Lanelle Dovel, 14<sup>th</sup> - David Malone

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

- ❖ Today our study of **The Story** is over Chapter 28. Next week, we will be studying Chapter 29 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.
- ❖ We welcome our **AIMers** this morning. Jordan Bertram and David Aguilar Barrosa will be going to Alaska in May. We are also happy to have coordinators Andrew Shipley and Katie Reynolds with us again.
- ❖ **Men's Business Meeting** is tonight following evening service. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.
- ❖ This Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, is the **Men's Breakfast** at 7:00 a.m.
- ❖ Please check the activity table for a schedule of **Camp Adventure 2017** and opportunities in AIM.

### 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
Lanelle Dovel	Peggy Stevens
Kim Hays	Our college students

### Records for 1/1/16

Bible Class: 72  
Worship: 106  
Contribution: \$3,441  
Budgeted  
Contribution: \$3,955

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