

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

Ladies Class 10 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

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Prayer Changes Me

In the 2003 movie *Bruce Almighty*, Jim Carrey portrays a television reporter named Bruce Nolan. Bruce is a man who constantly complains about God. At one point he complains that, "God is a mean kid sitting on an anthill with a magnifying glass, and I'm the ant. He could fix my life in five minutes if He wanted to, but He'd rather burn off my feelers and watch me squirm."

God (played by Morgan Freeman) confronts Bruce and says, "You've been doing a lot of complaining about me, Bruce. Quite frankly, I'm tired of it." To prove to Bruce that He knows what He's doing, God offers to let Bruce try to run the world in His place.

Feeling confident he is up to the task, Bruce excitedly accepts. He soon realizes, however, the enormity of God's work, particularly in answering prayers. In one scene, Bruce is so overwhelmed at the amount of prayers he has to answer, that he has them all put into a database and answers "Yes" to everyone. As a result, over 400,000 people get the winning lottery numbers, but they only win \$17.00 each.

We all understand that God cannot say yes to every request we bring before Him, but I imagine many of us have wondered why He doesn't say yes more often. We have difficulty understanding why some people seem to have their prayers answered, but when we pray for the same thing, heaven seems silent. We wonder, "Does prayer really change things?" Yes, it most certainly does. But it might not always bring the change we are expecting.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed, "**Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.**" Jesus' initial request was not granted but the ultimate desire of His heart was. God's will was done. And Jesus' own heart was prepared for what would follow because He submitted Himself to God's will ahead of time. He went from "deeply sorrowful" to accepting of His circumstances.

God cannot say yes to every request, but desiring His will before our own changes the most important thing ... us.

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

15

18

38

39

Prayer

376

377

Lesson

945

269

COMMUNION

Announcements and Prayer

NEWS AND NOTES

- ❖ **Mark Moudy**, cousin of **Judy Hill** and **Bobby Moudy**, is showing improvement after a recent heart attack. He went home from the hospital last week.
- ❖ **Cabe Lamb**, seven year old great-nephew of **Carol Martin**, has been diagnosed with leukemia. He is in I.C.U. in Lubbock. His mother is **Kim Jolly** and the family lives in Turkey. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- ❖ **Dear Church Family**, Thank you so much for the surprise retirement get-together Sunday night at church. Thank you for all the many cards. Your loving words of encouragement mean so much to me. You are a great church family. I loved teaching preschool kids, and I miss that, but I'll move on to this next chapter of my life. **Love to all, Verna Dutton**

Happy Birthday!

19th - Delphine Ruiz, 21st - Hunter Leatherman, 24th - Danny Tucker

Please check the activity table for details on upcoming events.

- ❖ Please join us on this **Father's Day** for **Potluck**.
- ❖ Our **Summer Ladies Class** meets this Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. The class is studying the book "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan. Ladies, please come and enjoy a special experience this summer. Books are available for everyone!
- ❖ The **Summer Series** has started. **David Pounds** will be speaking this Wednesday, June 21st, at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ We are collecting boys' S/M overnight diapers for **The Children's Home of Lubbock**. Please drop your packages off at the office by July 14th.
- ❖ Help raise our kids living at **High Plains Children's Home** by filling a can this summer in our 33rd annual "Change for Children" campaign. Cans are on the activity table and the table in the back of the auditorium.

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	Darla Young	Brent Joy
Linda Hodges	Dwight McCrary	Penny Sturgess
Gaye Young	Angela Thompson	Joe Ruiz
Wynelle Waldo	Jay Weddel	David George
Jimmie Scott	Paul Montandon	Cierra Perkins
Darlene Riley	Mary Ann Garcia	Ann Thompson
Mark Moudy	AIM Mission Teams	Carol Martin
Our College Students		Cabe Lamb

Records for 6/11/17

Bible Class: 71
Worship: 100
Contribution: \$2,559
Budgeted
Contribution: \$3,955

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