

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
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Shared Meals Create Opportunities to Share Jesus

In his book *A Meal with Jesus*, Tim Chester shares the following stories about how various church communities in England are sharing Jesus through shared meals:

To celebrate the Kurdish New Year ... we provided kebabs and live music. Over one hundred Kurds from across the city converged on the party. Our main worry was whether the floor would hold. Standing in the basement, we could see that the Kurdish men dancing in sync above was causing the floor to flex by at least an inch. The floor held, and the evening ended with my friend Samuel telling everyone we had put this party on to express God's love for Kurds.

Every month one of our missional communities hosts a curry night for Pakistani men. A dozen or so come to enjoy homemade curry and conversation. That's it Except that relationships are growing and gospel opportunities are increasing. More recently they've started a similar venue for Pakistani women.

In a community hall underneath a soccer stadium, more than a hundred people of all nationalities gathered. Our church had paid a Pakistani friend to make biryani curry, and church members provided desserts. At a couple of points in the meal we told stories of meals—the story of the woman who washed the feet of Jesus in Luke 7 and the story of the prodigal son in Luke 15.

Chester concludes:

These are all forms of mission Jesus would recognize. They are the kinds of events he might have attended But they are also ways of doing mission that you could do When you combine a passion for Jesus with shared meals, you create potent gospel opportunities.

We see in the Gospels many significant moments take place as Jesus is sharing a meal with people. During these times friendships are strengthened and life is shared. As we begin to approach Easter, we will be looking at some of these times around the table with Jesus. I want to invite you each week to come hungry, pull up a chair next to Jesus, and take it all in.

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

Song
Song
Song

COMMUNION

Song
Song
Prayer
Song
Lesson
Song

Announcements and Prayer

NEWS AND NOTES

- ❖ **Charles McKone** fell and broke his collar bone, along with suffering other injuries. He is now recuperating at home. Please remember Charles in your prayers.
- ❖ **Mae Brown**, Charles' sister, is undergoing tests and has serious health issues. Please keep her in your prayers.
- ❖ **Penny Sturgess** had day surgery in Lubbock last Thursday. Please be praying for Penny.
- ❖ **Brent Joy** has moved to assisted living at Santa Fe Place in Plainview. His new address is: 3404 SW 5th Street, Room 128, Plainview, TX 79072.
- ❖ Congratulations to **Justin Brown!** He competed yesterday in the state team tennis competition in Round Rock.
- ❖ We are proud of **Tyler** and **Tayleigh Johnson** and **Emily George**. They are cast members of the one-act play. The play won 2nd in District and Tyler made All-Star Cast. It will be performed for the public next Sunday, March 19th, at 3:00 p.m. Bi-District competition will be in Tulia on Saturday, March 25th.
- ❖ **Dear Christian family and friends**, I appreciate the thoughts, concerns and prayers for me during my recent surgery and rehab. I am now home but still have a ways to go. I request your continued prayers. God bless each of you. In Christian love, **James and Anita Cox**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

14th - Sharla Moudy, 18th - Patti Allison

Please check the activity table for details on upcoming events.

- ❖ **Men's Business Meeting** is tonight after evening services.
- ❖ We will **not** have **Wednesday Morning Bible Class** this Wednesday, March 15th.
- ❖ Please join us next Sunday for **Potluck** and early service.
- ❖ Everyone is invited to a gospel meeting with C.L. Thomas on March 19-22 at the **Borger Church of Christ**.
- ❖ **Trish Johnson** is collecting old maps for the Senior Banquet. Please give her **any type of old maps** you are willing to donate. Details on the Senior Banquet and Caprock Canyon picnic will be coming when the dates are set.

Please keep the following people in your hearts and prayers:

Our service men and women	Lela Mae Nevins	Darla Young
Linda Hodges	Dwight McCrary	Elmer Weddel
Gaye Young	Angela Thompson	Joe Ruiz
Wynelle Waldo	Jay Weddel	David George
Jimmie Scott	Ann Thompson	Cierra Perkins
Darlene Riley	Mary Ann Garcia	
Faye Gene Rampley	Our college students	
AIM Mission Teams		

Supported Missions

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

Records for 3/5/17

Bible Class: 64
Worship: 113
Contribution: \$4,256
Budgeted
Contribution: \$3,955

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