

# 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

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## **Roller Coaster Ride**

At Six Flags Over Texas, there is a famous ride known as Texas Giant. It is a giant wooden roller coaster that claims to be the largest wooden roller coaster in the world. With a drop of 70 degrees, it is said to have the steepest drop of any wooden roller coaster. It is death defying.

I am not much of a roller coaster participant these days, but more of a spectator. And as you watch the dare devils ride in the trains that replicate the 1961 Cadillac Deville, you see that some people are riding, screaming, with their heads in their hands and eyes shut. They're afraid to see what's coming next.

At the same time you see others on the same ride enduring the same lifts, sharp turns, and drops, but with their hands in the air, eyes wide open, and screaming with a confidence that seems almost reckless. Their attitude is one of confidence. They're saying, "Bring it on."

Life is so much like a roller coaster ride. It may start slowly but steadily speed up, experience sharp turns and sudden sharp falls, followed by much higher climbs and even steeper falls. But just as we should expect ups and downs from a roller coaster ride, we should expect the same in life.

However, unlike a roller coaster ride, we don't have the choice of 'watching,' as I did, the ride of life. We are on the ride and the only choice is how we will ride. Do we have our head in our hands with eyes closed or do we handle it with our hands in the air, with confidence that only comes because we know who really controls the ride?

For the Christian, it is faith in God that builds confidence on the roller coaster of life, knowing that He is in control.

*Romans 8:28*

**<sup>28</sup> And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.**

As we at Central Church of Christ this week honor Justin Brown and Jake Waldo, we want you two to know how much we love you, how we will continue praying for you, and that we know that God will use both of you in ways that will glorify Him. Face the roller coaster ride of life with confidence, because you know the One who controls the ride.

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***

869  
881  
882  
Prayer  
779  
781  
810  
Lesson  
912  
361  
Communion  
Announcements and Prayer  
214

## NEWS AND NOTES

- ❖ **Justin Brown** got Best of Show and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Underwater Welding in the Top of Texas welding competition.
- ❖ **Laura Brown** got 2<sup>nd</sup> in 5-D Junior Incentive Barrel Racing in Oklahoma City.
- ❖ **Tiffani DeGraff**, granddaughter of Verna Dutton and step-daughter of Jana Dutton, got her GED and will soon receive medical assistant certification.
- ❖ **Michael DeGraff**, son of Tiffani DeGraff, is graduating from Frenship High School and has enlisted in the army.
- ❖ **Crystal Leatherman** will be leaving for Northern Ireland on June 6<sup>th</sup>. She still needs \$400-\$600 in monthly support. Her deadline to receive support is May 21<sup>st</sup>. For those interested, support sheets are on the back table and activity table. Crystal appreciates everyone's support.

### *Happy Birthday!*

*April 9<sup>th</sup>-Wayne Nevins, 15<sup>th</sup>-Brandy Hayhurst, 17<sup>th</sup>-Ross James, Lanette Roach, Pete Medellin, 18<sup>th</sup>-Gayle Scott  
20<sup>th</sup>-Terry Dutton, Gaye Young, 22<sup>nd</sup>-Vick Littlefield, 27<sup>th</sup>-Bryan Tole, 29<sup>th</sup>-David Leatherman,  
May 1<sup>st</sup>-Sharon Thompson, 4<sup>th</sup>-Kevin Leatherman, 6<sup>th</sup>-Bobby Moudy, 7<sup>th</sup>-Hulan Hill, 8<sup>th</sup>-Judy Hill*

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

- ❖ Congratulations to our Seniors of 2017, **Jake Waldo** and **Justin Brown!** The Senior Banquet is today following morning services. The meal is furnished and **everyone** is invited to celebrate with Jake and Justin and their families.
- ❖ This Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, will be our last **Friday Lunch** for this school year.
- ❖ **Men's Breakfast** is this Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. This will be our last breakfast until fall.
- ❖ Next Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, is the **Men's Business Meeting** following evening services.
- ❖ You may start bringing your **Change for Cuba** cans to the office. They are due by May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Our annual picnic to **Caprock Canyon** is Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, after morning services. Our potluck and early service will be at the canyon. Please bring sandwiches and sides for lunch. We will cook hamburgers for the evening meal. We will not have potluck or an evening service at the church building.
- ❖ **Crystal** and her family want to show their appreciation for your love and support by inviting everyone to a going away party for Crystal on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. It will be at Nancy Jones' house, 304 Comanche Trail. Come for good food, fellowship, and to say goodbye to our girl!

### 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	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	Penny Sturgess
Our college students	Brent Joy	Mae Brown
AIM Mission Teams	Paul Montandon	

### Records for 4/30/17

Bible Class: 67  
Worship: 112  
Contribution: \$3,338  
Budgeted  
Contribution: \$3,955

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