

# 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  
Wes Hayhurst  
Larry Stewart  
Daryl Tucker

### DEACONS

Richard Combest  
Ross James  
Kevin Leatherman  
Bobby Moudy  
Danny Tucker

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### **When Life Feels Like It's On a Roll**

Sometimes you may feel like life is a big gamble, as if the outcome of your life is resting on how the dice roll for you. There are times when the stars seem to align just right and you find yourself basking in a bundle of blessings. Then there are times when everything seems out of sync and you find yourself wandering through a junkyard of disaster. Some would call this a coincidence. Others would call it pure luck. But another group would say that someone is working behind the scenes, working out your destiny.

Esther can understand. She is minding her own business as her people are captive in Persia. Meanwhile Haman—who has been given great authority by the King of Persia—is developing a hatred for Jews. In particular, he hates Mordecai, because Mordecai will not bow down to Haman. So Haman decides to teach Mordecai a lesson. He gets the King to sign a decree that on a certain day all the Jews can be killed. And anyone killing a Jew will be allowed to keep the personal possessions of the deceased. To determine the exact day, Haman rolls the dice.

While all of this is going on, the king is having some issues with the queen. She refuses the king's summons so she is released of her queenly duties. Then, because he needs a new queen, he holds the first "Bachelor" contest to find a new wife. The short story is that Esther gets the rose and becomes his queen.

Xerxes does not know Esther is a Hebrew, or that Esther is kin to Mordecai. When she reveals her identity, the king adds another edict that will allow the Jews to defend themselves. So what happens to Haman? Well, in a strange twist of events he ends up impaled on a pole he has put up for Mordecai.

There may be days when you think God is not around. But the story of Esther reminds us that He is around, sometimes behind the scenes, but always working things out **"for the good of those who love him"** *Romans 8:28*.

God has put you right where you are, right now, so you can make a difference. You can say the words someone needs to hear. You can be the example someone needs to see. You can help someone find freedom from sin. Remember that God has a plan, and we don't worship "coincidence".

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***

***"There's a Stirring"***

243

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Prayer

***"In Christ Alone"***

**LORD'S SUPPER**

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Message

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Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer

***"Sanctuary"***

## *NEWS AND NOTES*

- ❖ **Thelma Johnson**, aunt of the Sillemon and Yarbrough children, is now home after a stay in NWT Hospital last week.
- ❖ **Jimmie Scott** was moved back to Tulia Health and Rehab last Wednesday. He would enjoy visitors.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
11<sup>th</sup> - **Abby Caviness**

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

- ❖ Today our study of **The Story** is over Chapter 20. Next week, we will be studying Chapter 21 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.
- ❖ Everyone is invited to stay for **Potluck** and a short devotional today.
- ❖ **Men's Breakfast** is this Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 a.m.
- ❖ The **Men's Business Meeting** will be next Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, after evening service.
- ❖ **Ladies Night Out** is Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will have a choice of painting metal pumpkins or leaves. There is a sign up sheet on the activity table. The cost is \$20 per person and a meal will be provided. Please bring an apron or wear old clothes. If you have any questions, please see Toni, Joycelyn or Anna.
- ❖ November 20<sup>th</sup> is **Mission Sunday**. Please consider how you will support our missions for this coming year.
- ❖ We will be delivering **Thanksgiving hams** to families and individuals in Tulia on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, after potluck. To participate, please check the roster on the activity table and sign your name by a person who has needed help this last year. The church is providing canned hams, green beans and corn. You may bring additional grocery items for a Thanksgiving meal, but that is optional. Those interested in baking pies and rolls on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, may contact Vicki or Debbie.
- ❖ Our **Christmas Talent Show** is scheduled for Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have evening services at the building, followed by potluck and the talent show at the Senior Citizens Building. We will not have potluck at noon that day. A sign-up sheet for talent is on the activity table.
- ❖ Save the date for a concert featuring **Acapella** and benefiting the AIM program on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 7-9 p.m. at Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at [aimsunset.org/concert](http://aimsunset.org/concert). Please let the office know if you are interested in going with a group.

### 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
Eugene Ray	Peggy Stevens
Kim Hays	Our college students

### Records for 10/30/16

Bible Class: 70  
Worship: 109  
Contribution: not posted  
Budgeted  
Contribution: \$3,955

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