

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
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Bobby Moudy
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MINISTERS

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Crossed Fingers

“Though” and “through” differ only by one small letter—the letter “r.” In American Sign Language, “r” is made by crossing the middle finger over the index finger. But crossed fingers have a history as sign language that began a long time before our American Sign Language.

In the first centuries of the Church, when Christianity was illegal and Christians were violently persecuted, believers found ways to communicate their faith in subtle ways. It is believed by many that accompanying a greeting or farewell, crossed fingers were a code sign, identifying Christians to one another as “people of the cross.” The crossed fingers were a mute symbol for the cross of Christ and the redemption Christ’s death on that cross brought to all people.

Today, crossed fingers mean something very different. When placed behind one’s back, they mean that one doesn’t mean what one is saying. When held in one’s lap, they mean one is hoping something will or will not come to pass. Isn’t it ironic that the gesture of crossed fingers, first instituted by the early church as a symbol of the Cross of Christ has now come to represent the exact opposite...mere wishful hoping.

1 Peter 1:3-5

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

When it comes to the salvation that only Jesus can offer, there is a living hope through His resurrection. Crossed fingers, luck, or wishful hoping has absolutely nothing to do with it.

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

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3

4

Prayer

77

349

COMMUNION

“10,000 Reasons”

“Just As I Am, I Come Broken”

Lesson

902

Announcements and Prayer

NEWS AND NOTES

- ❖ Swisher County Senior Citizens need your help to deliver 60 meals, Mondays through Fridays, to the homebound in Tulia. You may choose the days you can volunteer, from 10:45 to noon. They desperately need deliverers and drivers! Please call Janet or Marilyn at 995-3339 or go by the Senior Citizens Center.
- ❖ Dean Whaley from Sunset Bible Institute will be speaking about Solar Missions to the adult classes and also delivering the message on Sunday morning, October 21st.

Happy Birthday!

October 3rd-Johanna Caviness, 6th-Virgie Webb

Please check the activity table for details on upcoming events.

- ❖ The church nursery is in need of updated items to be used for teaching our babies and toddlers. Please pick up a list of the needed items on the activity table. We are hoping to keep costs down by asking for any “gently” used items on the list. Please call or bring those items by the office. Thank you for your help!
- ❖ Please check the activity table for any dishes that may belong to you.
- ❖ All newcomers are invited to a Bible class every Sunday morning at 9:30 in the church library.
- ❖ A teacher training workshop for Bible teachers of all age groups will be at Green Lawn Church of Christ in Lubbock on October 6th. Registration forms are on the activity table. If interested, please contact the office.
- ❖ Potluck and early service is next Sunday, October 7th.
- ❖ Ladies, please mark your calendars for a luncheon on Saturday, October 20th, from 11:30 to 1:30 in the fellowship hall. Food will be provided, so please write your name on the sign-up sheet at the activity table.
- ❖ We are planning a Trunk or Treat event, weather permitting, at Connor Park on Broadway Sunday evening, October 28th, from 5:00-6:30. We will have a devotional followed by hot dogs and our annual Trunk or Treat. The community will be invited, so we need everyone to bring treats to pass out from the pavilion or your trunk. Please bring your lawn chairs.

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 High Plains
 Children’s Home
 AIM
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 Preaching

Please keep the following people in your hearts and prayers:

Ray Jennings	Darla Young	Brent Joy
Linda Hodges	Dwight McCrary	Susan Elliott
Gaye Young	Joe Ruiz	Gigi Barlow
Wynelle Waldo	Jay Weddel	David George
Jimmie Scott	Cierra Perkins	Terry Cash
Darlene Riley	Mary Ann Garcia	Phillip Allison
Connor Brice	Lanelle Dovel	Gary Elliff
Noe Jackson	Mickey White	David Calhoun
Charles McKone	Yvonne Nevins	Charles Hornsby
Service men and women	AIM Mission Teams	College Students

Records for

9/23/2018

Bible Class: 68
 Worship: 95
 Contribution: not
 posted
 Budgeted
 Contribution: \$3,595

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