

Central Church of Christ

Schedule of Services

SUNDAY

Bible Class 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am

*1st & 3rd Sunday each
month, potluck lunch
and afternoon service.*

*2nd & 4th Sunday each
month, evening service
& sandwich supper at
6:00 pm.*

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 6:00 pm

SHEPHERDS

Toby Brown
Larry Stewart
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Brian Bailey
Richard Combest
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FEAR

From an editorial by Gordon Gatewood, The Tulia Evangel, November 5, 1972

"Early and provident fear is the mother of safety." It is only the fear of God that can deliver us from the fear of man. **"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."** (Prov. 9:10) The fear of other men was probably the earliest fear of man. Robinson Crusoe seemed to have conquered the fears of loneliness, of his environment, and the wild beasts of his locale. But when he saw the footprint of a human being in the sand, mortal fear came over his being and he was so terrified that he shut himself up in his cabin for some time. It has been said that man is man's greatest enemy. In man's primitive habitat, when the heart of the enemy knew no mercy to man, woman or child, then, indeed, the fear of man was awful reality. But when the church of Jesus Christ began her victorious march from the Holy Sepulcher, this was her most notable characteristic-- her glorious disregard for the fear of man.

This fact is borne out by the fact that thousands and thousands suffered as martyrs to the cause. Note their attitude as revealed in Acts 4:19, **"But Peter and John replied, 'Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God'."** If one reads further in this chapter, he will learn that the apostles disregarded the threats of men and continued teaching the Word. From their conduct they literally believed what Jesus said when he stated, **"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."** (Matt. 10:28) In that new spirit they went forward singing: to prison, to torture, and to death, so that the world wondered at this new antidote toward the fear of man.

Banishing fear from our lives does not mean that we are to go about our daily activities in reckless abandon. We are to exercise prudent judgement in matters over which we have control. Then, in those things which are out of our control, God will exercise what is best for us. **For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."** (2 Tim. 1:7). From this we learn that God does not want us to be afraid.

Men, women, and children have fear of failure, poverty, bereavement, sickness and old age. How can one banish fear? The answer is to trust God. **"Behold, God is my salvation: I will trust and not be afraid; For Yah the Lord, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation,"** (Isaiah 12:2).

"And free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death," (Heb. 2:15). When we are young, the word "death" has little place in our thoughts. However, as we grow older, death becomes a greater and greater reality in our thoughts, until there are some from whom its shadow is seldom far away. Yet we are comforted thinking he who has lived today will live tomorrow. **"...it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgement,"** Heb. 9:27). **"Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world,"** (Matt. 28:20). We can take consolation that Jesus conquered death.

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

Announcements, Prayer

Song
Song
Song

Scripture Reading

Message
Song

Song

COMMUNION

Song
Closing Prayer

NEWS AND NOTES

- ❖ Roy Garcia's nephew passed away Monday night. He lived in Plainview. Roy will soon be in Houston getting treatment for his cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- ❖ Central Church of Christ, Thank you so much for allowing us to be in the fellowship hall after my husband's memorial service. Thank you for the food and love shown to us. A special thank you to my dear friends from the church who served us and showed so much kindness. Love, Dianne Crowley
- ❖ To our Central Church of Christ Family, Thank you for organizing and providing food for the meal before our mom's funeral service. We are so grateful that the church was able to provide our family with a delicious meal during a difficult time. We appreciate each and every one of you. Love, The Family of Linda Hayhurst
- ❖ Dear Church Family, I want to express my thanks for the surprise banquet last Sunday evening. It was a huge surprise! Also, I thank you for the Cabela's gift card! I can't begin to find the words to tell you all what you have meant to me and my family. It has been and will continue to be an honor and privilege to serve you all. Again, I want to say "thank you" and I truly love you all. Toby
- ❖ Dear Church family, We really appreciate the kindness you extended to our family. The lunch before the funeral was wonderful. Thank you for the beautiful cross! We love it. Love, Wesley and Joann

No birthdays this week. Please let us know if we have overlooked anyone.

ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Everyone is invited to the city park on Broadway for Trunk or Treat this evening, October 30th, from 5:00 to 6:30. We will decorate our trunks for trunk or treaters. The AIMers will be joining us. We will serve hot dogs to the community. We need everyone to bring candy to pass out to the trick or treaters and lawn chairs for you and an extra chair or two for guests.
- ❖ Turn your clocks back Saturday, November 5th. Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday, November 6th.
- ❖ Next Sunday, November 6th, will also be our first Sunday potluck. We will be feeding the AIMers.
- ❖ Our Thanksgiving Ham Giveaway is scheduled for Sunday, November 20th, after potluck. We will be delivering bags of groceries to those who have asked us for help this past year.
- ❖ Mission Sunday will be November 27th. Be planning for how you want to give; weekly, monthly, or a one-time contribution.
- ❖ Please mark your calendars for our annual Christmas party and talent show on Sunday, December 4th, at the Senior Citizens Building, starting at 5:00. We will not have a potluck at noon.

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Missions

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Please keep the following people in your hearts and prayers:

Ray Jennings	Gaye Young	
Joshua Moore	Linda Hodges	Lanelle Dovel
Bill Huff	Dony House	Annette Tracy
Margaret Huff	Butch Moore	Duane Tracy
Ramona Raymond	Terry Cash	
Tommy Stewart	Jared Farwell	
Lena Allison	Jeff Swanson	
Nelda Elliff	Leland House	
Service men and women	AIM Mission Teams	College Students

Records for 10-23-2022

Tulia Bible Class: 50
Tulia Worship: 92
Kress Bible Class: 13
Kress Worship: 16
Total Contribution:
\$4,289
Budgeted Contribution:
\$3,595

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