

# Central Church of Christ

## Schedule of Services

### SUNDAY

Bible Class 9:30 am  
Worship 10:30 am

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

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

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 6:00 pm

### SHEPHERDS

Toby Brown  
Larry Stewart  
Daryl Tucker

### DEACONS

Brian Bailey  
Richard Combest  
Ross James  
Kevin Leatherman  
Bobby Moudy  
Danny Tucker

### MINISTER

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December 11, 2022

### **Wondrous Love**

A medical doctor provides a physical description. The cross is placed on the ground and the exhausted man is quickly thrown backwards with his shoulders against the wood. The legionnaire feels for the depression at the front of the wrist. He drives a heavy, square wrought-iron nail through the wrist and deep into the wood. Quickly he moves to the other side and repeats the action, being careful not to pull the arms too tightly, but to allow some flex and movement. The cross is then lifted into place.

The left foot is pressed backward against the right foot, and with both feet extended, toes down, a nail is driven through the arch of each, leaving the knees flexed. The victim is now crucified. As he slowly sags down with more weight on the nails in the wrists, excruciating, fiery pain shoots along the fingers and up the arms to explode in the brain--the nails in the wrists are putting pressure on the median nerves. As he pushes himself upward to avoid this stretching torment, he places the full weight on the nail through his feet. Again he feels the searing agony of the nail tearing through the nerves between the bones of his feet.

As the arms fatigue, cramps sweep through the muscles, knotting them in deep, relentless, throbbing pain. With these cramps comes the inability to push himself upward to breathe. Air can be drawn into the lungs but not exhaled. He fights to raise himself in order to get even one small breath. Finally carbon dioxide builds up in the lungs and in the blood stream, and the cramps partially subside. Spasmodically he is able to push himself upward to exhale and bring in life-giving oxygen.

Hours of this limitless pain, cycles of twisting, joint-rending cramps, intermittent partial asphyxiation, searing pain as tissue is torn from his lacerated back as he moves up and down against the rough timber. Then another agony begins: a deep, crushing pain deep in the chest as the pericardium slowly fills with serum and begins to compress the heart.

It is now almost over--the loss of tissue fluids has reached a critical level--the compressed heart is struggling to pump heavy, thick, sluggish blood into the tissues--the tortured lungs are making a frantic effort to gasp in small gulps of air.

He can feel the chill of death creeping through his tissues. He can now allow his body to die.

All this the Bible records with the simple words, "And they crucified Him." (Mark 15:24).

What wondrous love is this?

Adapted from C.Truman Davis, M.D. in *The Expositor's Bible Commentary, Volume 8*

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### ***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

### **COMMUNION**

Song  
Song

Lesson

Song

Closing Prayer

**NEWS AND NOTES**

- ❖ Susan Jennings has been discharged from the hospital and is now in rehab in Dallas near her family.
- ❖ Juanita Ober's brother, Steve, is waiting to have surgery. He lives in Rock Springs, Wyoming, and will be driving to Salt Lake City, Utah, for his surgery. He has kidney cancer. We have added him to our prayer list.
- ❖ Kandi Stewart, daughter-in-law of Tommy and Judy Stewart, has cancer in her lymph nodes. She will have surgery Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, followed by chemo and radiation. Kandi and Johnathon live in Bedford. She is also now on our prayer list.
- ❖ Remember Gaye Young in prayer as she starts treatment this week in Amarillo.
- ❖ If you would like to contribute to today's Dollar Days campaign for the Children's Home of Lubbock, please see an elder or Bobby.
- ❖ Congratulations to Hayley and Maddy Klein! They both made the High School All Region Band! Great Job!

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

**ACTIVITIES**

- ❖ This evening, December 11<sup>th</sup>, is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday early service and sandwich supper. You may bring sandwiches, dips and desserts, but please don't bring chips. We have plenty of chips!
- ❖ We are having a wedding shower for Sydney Miller, AIM coordinator, during our sandwich supper tonight. If you would like to contribute to a money tree for Sydney and her fiancée, Landon Ubrig, see Anna or Debbie. If you prefer to bring a gift, we will also have a gift table. Sydney and Landon are registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond.
- ❖ Next Sunday will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday potluck and early service. Please make plans to join us. We will have a movie at 5, featuring *The Christmas Present*, a new movie starring Candace Cameron Bure. Popcorn will be provided.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Supported</u></b> <b><u>Missions</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bible Chair</p> <p style="text-align: center;">High Plains Children's Home</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AIM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunset School of Preaching</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please keep the following people in your hearts and prayers:</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Ray Jennings</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Gaye Young</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joshua Moore</td> <td>Linda Hodges</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bill Huff</td> <td>Dony House</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Margaret Huff</td> <td>Steve Mondragon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ramona Raymond</td> <td>Terry Cash</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kandi Stewart</td> <td>Lanelle Dovel</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lena Allison</td> <td>Jeff Swanson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nelda Elliff</td> <td>Leland House</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Service men and women</td> <td>AIM Mission Teams</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>College Students</td> </tr> </table>	Ray Jennings	Gaye Young	Joshua Moore	Linda Hodges	Bill Huff	Dony House	Margaret Huff	Steve Mondragon	Ramona Raymond	Terry Cash	Kandi Stewart	Lanelle Dovel	Lena Allison	Jeff Swanson	Nelda Elliff	Leland House	Service men and women	AIM Mission Teams		College Students	<p style="text-align: center;">Records for 12-4-2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tulia Bible Class: 56</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tulia Worship: 77</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kress Bible Class: 16</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kress Worship: 18</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Total Contribution:</b> <b>\$3,734</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Budgeted Contribution:</b> <b>\$3,595</b></p>
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