

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
Daryl Tucker

DEACONS

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

MINISTER

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January 15, 2023

The Game – Life Itself

Ever since man started his sojourn on the earth and in whatever state of civilization he is found, he has played games for amusement and profit. The number of players and the rules are always limited and modified to meet the circumstances and the objectives of the particular game under consideration. Since man invents and introduces the various games to suit his fancy, he has the perfect right to prescribe the rules and regulations pertaining there to.

The game of life is different. It did not originate with man. Man did not make the rules. They came from the infallible Word of God. They have not changed for nearly two thousand years and will endure to the end of the ages. Young man! You have the ball, Your Life. You are the custodian of the most valuable item that you possess — your life. You are the quarterback and will call and run all plays. There will be no substitutes or time outs. It is a continuous affair and will last until you lay your trophies down around the great White Throne.

There will be no trial runs, no scrimmages, you are in the real game from the beginning and you are responsible for the “BALL”. You can’t pass the “Buck” to some other. YOU ARE THE ONE THAT IS RESPONSIBLE. Therefore, you must “give diligence to make your calling and election sure.” Your line will possess the following characteristics: diligence, endurance, stability, integrity, vision, patience, and righteousness. Your backfield will be love, joy, peace, gentleness, meekness, goodness, faith, temperance and longsuffering. Cultivate these qualities and attributes. And then add the so-called Christian graces enumerated in 2 Peter 1:5-7 “for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.”

For participation in any game, one must have the equipment necessary for the execution of the game. Let us listen to the Apostle Paul and see just what equipment he recommends. Gird yourself with truth. Tell the truth and act the truth. Put on the breast plate of righteousness – in short, let your acts be of the right nature. Ground yourself well in the gospel of peace. Take the “shield of faith” so that you will be able to withstand the onslaught of the gainsayers. To protect your head you will put on the helmet of salvation. Your offensive weapon will be the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Finally, “Praying always with prayer and supplication in the spirit.” If you do these things with all diligence you will win the game. Then you can say with Paul, “I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”

REMEMBER SON, YOU ARE CARRYING THE BALL!

An editorial by Gorden Gatewood, *The Tulia Evangel*, January 21, 1973

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

- ❖ Please continue to pray for those affected by the car accident last Sunday morning. A young man died from his injuries and other passengers also suffered injuries.
- ❖ Ed and Sib Workman had heart tests last week and are waiting for the results. Please remember Ed and Sib in prayer.
- ❖ Kandi Stewart has a reoccurrence of cancer and will be starting chemo soon. Her address is on the back table for those who would like to send her a card.

Happy Birthday!

18th-Larry Stewart, 21st-Debi Huff, Gloria Sandlin, Louis Bevill

ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Please join us today, January 15th, for our 3rd Sunday potluck and early service.
- ❖ Movie night is also today, starting at 5:00 and featuring *Lifemark*, from the creators of *War Room* and *Fireproof*. Popcorn will be furnished.
- ❖ Please let the office know if your college student has a new address. For a Valentine gift, our ladies Bible class will be collecting money to buy Sonic cards for the college students and also our AIM students.

Supported Missions

Bible Chair
High Plains Children's
Home
AIM
Sunset School of
Preaching

Please keep the following people in your hearts and prayers:

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

Records for 1-8-2023

Tulia Bible Class: 46
Tulia Worship: 63
Kress Bible Class: 15
Kress Worship: 19
Total Contribution:
\$891
Budgeted Contribution:
\$3,595

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