

# 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

Delphine Ruiz

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February 12, 2023

### *"Rejoice Always"* **1 Thessalonians 5:16**

This is the shortest verse in the New Testament in the original language. It is two letters shorter than "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). Phillips translates it, "Be happy in your faith at all times." "Be joyful always" is in the NIV. Let not praise be a forgotten dimension in our religion.

Christianity has been called a "religion of ecstasy." We are to look unto Jesus, "The author and perfecter of our faith, who for THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM endured the cross, despising shame, and hath sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2). It certainly wasn't the joy of suffering that led Jesus to the cross but anticipated joy of becoming the Savior of the world, of being our High Priest, of being made "perfect" through suffering, of His mediatorial reign that gave him joy. In other words, He looked beyond the cross and thus endured it.

Ceaseless praise should characterize every child of God. The Ethiopian, upon the completion of his obedience, "went on his way rejoicing." Consider who is on our side: "If God is for us, who is against?" (Romans 8:37). A Psalmist exclaimed, "Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound" (Psalms 89:15).

John Bunyan, in "Pilgrim's Progress", pictures a man sitting, always looking downward, digging in the dust and debris at his feet, searching for something of value, when suspended just above his head is a golden crown. Such a spirit was the reason why the spirit of Bunyan could not be chained to the prison where his body was incarcerated. Christianity is a joyful religion, presently and in prospect.

**Harold Kenamer**  
**The Tulia Evangel, February 17, 1983**

### **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*

- ❖ Gaye Young is traveling to Houston this week for tests and treatment. Remember Don and Gaye in your prayers.
- ❖ Please keep Wilma Hale, her daughter Pam, and their family in your prayers as Wilma's son, Mike, waits until later this week to hear from his test results.
- ❖ If you are willing to help teach our high school, junior high, elementary or pre-school age Bible classes, please let the office know. We will have training classes to help you get started.
- ❖ We are looking forward to baby showers in May! We will have a baby shower for Laura and Dylan Spann on May 21<sup>st</sup> and a baby shower for Jordan and Matthew Orr on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Please save those dates.
- ❖ Thank you for the prayers, phone calls and cards sent for Danny. It was all so appreciated by the Moore family.  
Connie Moore

### Happy Birthday!

13<sup>th</sup>-Ed Workman, 14<sup>th</sup>-Lou Stephens, Luis Betancourt, 15<sup>th</sup>-Rudy Melendrez Sr.

## *ACTIVITIES*

- ❖ Today, February 12<sup>th</sup>, will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday evening service and sandwich supper, starting at 6:00. The AIMers will be eating with us.
- ❖ Next Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday potluck and early service. It will be our last Sunday with these AIMers. Please join us to wish them well.
- ❖ Next Sunday, we will also be starting season 3 of *The Chosen* with episodes 1 and 2. The movie will start at 5, popcorn will be provided.

### 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
Margaret Huff	Steve Mondragon
Ramona Raymond	Terry Cash
Kandi Stewart	Lanelle Dovel
Jeff Swanson	Nelda Elliff
Service men and women	AIM Mission Teams
	Annette Tracy
	Duane Tracy
	Leland House
	College Students

### Records for 2-5-2023

Tulia Bible Class: 48  
Tulia Worship: 84  
Kress Bible Class: 21  
Kress Worship: 21  
Total Contribution:  
\$3,747  
Budgeted Contribution:  
\$3,595

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