Church of Christ

Schedule of Services

SUNDAY

Bible Class 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am

1^s & 3^d Sunday each month, potluck lunch and afternoon service. 2^d & 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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March 5, 2023

Little Things

Little drops of water and little grains of sand, make the mighty oceans and the pleasant land.

We are all familiar with these and other jingles and proverbs which make up our heritage of folklore. Sometimes we are prone to pass them by as mere proverbial sayings, little realizing that they are quite profound. They point to the fact that the world is made of little things. Our tasks in the everyday work-aday world are ultimately made up of numerous small acts. A postal clerk working the stamp window deals in small individual tasks while serving the customers. He handles small amounts of money in his transactions and delivers items as small as one letter. But in the course of a day he has done a large amount of work, just a little bit at a time, giving attention to endless small details. Likewise our Christian service is made up of numerous, incredibly minute acts.

It is quite possible that sometimes we neglect to do some humane or Christian act because, measured by our standards, it seems so insignificant. We will wait until something we think is BIG comes along, and then we will expend our energies and talents so that we can make a BIG SPLASH. The Lord appreciates big projects, but a lot is said about little things.

Generally speaking Christians go about doing good in the community as individuals. One person going about committing deeds of kindness and performing small tasks of benevolence might appear as a very small effort. But when an assembly of Christians performs these tasks in a community, they thoroughly permeate the entire area. In the aggregate this becomes a large project and the leavening influence of Christians has powerful influence in the community for good and righteousness.

Christians in Tulia perform many, many benevolent tasks that are not heralded abroad. They are not seeking praise and acclaim. They are simply doing their Christian duty because they love to serve. Consider these deeds of kindness: a young mother cooking for her family makes some additional stew for a sick or unfortunate neighbor; taking care of small children while a busy mother runs errands for her family; administering to the needs of the elderly and shut-ins; sitting with an invalid while the regular attendant needs to go someplace; that word of encouragement to the downcast; visiting the ill and the bereaved; the friendly smile; etc. etc. These acts and deeds are legion. Taken separately they seem small but when totaled they reach enormous proportions.

Let us not get the idea that God does not take notice of the menial performances. So minute and detailed is God's power of observance, the very hairs of your head are numbered, Matthew 10:30. The demise of a small bird attracts God's attention, Matthew 10:29. Even a cup of cold water given has its reward, Matthew 10:42. Those who were rejected in Matthew 25 were rejected, not because they had not performed great voluminous service, but because they had failed to administer to the needs of those about them.

Beloved! Let's each of us go about doing all the good we can and as little harm as humanly possible.

Editorial by Gorden Gatewood, from The Tulia Evangel, March 11, 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 COMMUNION Song Song Lesson Song Closing Prayer

NEWS AND NOTES

- Don and Gaye Young are now home until Gaye goes to Houston for tests during the first week of April.
- Steve Mondragon's surgery went well. He is now recuperating at home and appreciates all of our prayers.
- Virginia Sprawls is now in Swisher Memorial to recuperate from surgery after a bad fall.
- Pam McCrary is doing better and recovering from Covid and a strep infection.

Happy Birthday! 8th-Alex Melendrez, 11th-Blake Raymond

ACTIVITIES

- ★ Today, March 5th, is our 1st Sunday potluck and early service.
- ★ This evening will be our Movie Night, continuing with episodes 3 and 4 of *The Chosen*, starting at 5:00.
- Next Sunday will be our 2^{st} Sunday evening service and sandwich supper, starting at 6:00.

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 Joshua Moore Bill Huff Margaret Huff Ramona Raymond Kandi Stewart Jeff Swanson Service men and women

Gaye Young Linda Hodges Dony House Leland House Terry Cash Lanelle Dovel Nelda Elliff AIM Mission Teams

Annette Tracy Duane Tracy

Mike Hale Leland House College Students Records for 2-26-2023

Tulia Bible Class: 50 Tulia Worship: 80 Kress Bible Class: 15 Kress Worship: 17

Total Contribution: \$2,473 Budgeted Contribution: \$3,595

Central Church of Christ