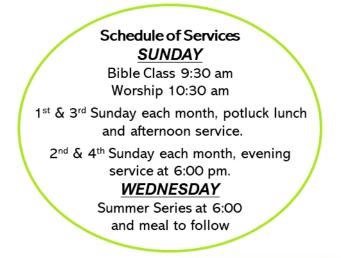
Welcome to Central Church of Christ

August 13, 2023

TO OUR GUESTS

We are honored that you are here today. We are a church family who seek to be followers of Jesus and to be true to the Bible. We hope you will find our worship spiritual and uplifting. Our wish is to get to know you and that you feel welcome here.



THE BIBLE SAYS...

JESUS SAID... "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again" (Matthew 5:13)? Many of us have heard the expression, "Worth one's salt." There are several different ideas about this expression concerning its origin, its meaning, and its application. No matter how it is used, it is certainly someone's assessment of the value of other people. This might refer to the value of their abilities, their fortitude, their morals, or even their friendship.

If measured by today's value of salt, someone would have to be worth a lot of salt to be of much value at all. But salt has not always been so cheap. There was a time when salt was highly valued, mostly for its preservation qualities, and was a very sought after commodity. I read of a time when Roman soldiers were paid in salt. It is fascinating that the English word "salary" derives from "salis," the original Latin word for salt.

Jesus said these words to His disciples when the value of salt was at its peak. The main thought of this passage is that Jesus would soon leave this world. And before He leaves, Jesus teaches His disciples of their value in continuing what He had begun. The charge of allowing Jesus' influence to continue impacting the world falls directly on our shoulders. We are asked to imitate Him in our teaching and in our example to the world. Our active acceptance of this charge is referred to as saltiness. Then He also warns us of the difficulty of regaining our saltiness if, for any reason, we neglectfully lose this zeal to be an influence in this world. Though it is a humbling thought that Jesus has given us this responsibility, His encouragement is, Be Salty!

Sharing light in the darkness

Our Shepherds Toby Brown Larry Stewart Daryl Tucker

Our Deacons Brian Bailey

Richard Combest Ross James Kevin Leatherman Bobby Moudy Danny Tucker

Our Minister Stacy McCasland

THE LORD IS COMING

Stacy McCasland

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. -John 12:24

News and Notes

Gaye Young's final week of radiation went well. Her blood pressure is back to normal.

Kathy Carlisle will have shoulder replacement surgery this Thursday at Physician's Hospital in Amarillo.

Christy Melendrez must wait three to four weeks for the results on her second test. Please pray that she will get negative results. That will be good news for her and her family.

As our children begin school on August 15th, we pray for our teachers and students to have a very successful year!

Activities

Our Summer Series will continue at 6:00 this Wednesday, August 16, with Layton Leatherman from Panhandle Church of Christ. A meal will be served after the lesson.

Please bring your items for the Christmas Smiles boxes next Sunday, August 20. We will get the boxes ready after potluck and early service. Thank you!

Children's Bible Class Teachers Wednesday night, August 16th-Elaine Sunday morning nursery, August 20th,-Jennifer

Happy Birthday! 13th-Christy Melendrez, 14th-Addy Trevino

Worship

Leaders Welcome: Song Leader: Scripture: Message: Lord's Supper:

Today Bobby Moudy Terry Cash Matthew Orr Stacy McCasland Terry Cash Calvin Klein Richard Combest David Leatherman Closing Prayer: John Brookins

Next Week

Bobby Moudy Toby Brown Zach McDaniel Stacy McCasland Terry Cash Calvin Klein **Richard Combest** David Leatherman Louis Bevill

Prayers

Our Family: Gaye Young, Ray Jennings, Terry Cash

Assisted Living: Ramona Raymond, Linda Hodges Lanelle Dovel

Extended Family: Mark James (Ross's brother), Bill Huff, Margaret Huff, Duane Tracy (Debi Huff's family), Kandi Stewart (Tommy Stewart's daughter-inlaw), Kevin Daniel (Jim Ober's nephew), Dony House (Judy Leatherman's nephew), Nelda Elliff (Becky's sister-in-law), Karen Duvall (Virginia's daughter)

Community and Friends: Joshua Moore, George Caldwell

As Always: Our service men and women

Our Missions: Bible Chair, High Plains Children's Home, AIM, Sunset School of Preaching



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Scripture Readers

Matthew Orr Zach McDaniel Carson McDaniel Calvin Klein Dustin Rampley Rudy Melendrez



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