

# Welcome to **Central Church of Christ**

*September 3, 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.*

## **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 at 6:00 pm.

### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible classes at 6:00.

## **THE BIBLE SAYS...**

APOSTLE PAUL SAID... "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32). Nothing is harder than forgiveness. The scriptures are replete with teachings and amazing examples of forgiveness. As Jesus was dying on the cross, He forgave those who had crucified him. As Stephen was being stoned to death, he forgave those who were stoning him. Forgiveness is something that we may try to escape, but as followers of Jesus, we cannot ignore this resounding directive from God's Word.

There are various degrees of difficulty in forgiveness. All forgiveness is not the same. Sometimes forgiveness is easy because the wrong is either committed ignorantly or unintentionally. Sometimes we can easily forgive because the injury is minor. It is easy to move past the offense because it cost us very little. Then there are times when forgiveness is extremely difficult. The cost to us may be great physically or emotionally. The wounds are deep and painful and the attack against us is premeditated. It is also natural that we might make greater effort to forgive those we love than we might a stranger or an enemy.

Paul tells us that we are to forgive as God, in Christ, forgives us. So, how does God forgive us? Here are three things that we might consider: God, in Christ, forgives us freely, without merit on our part. We did not and do not now deserve His forgiveness. God, in Christ, forgives us fully, of every offense. There is no offense so egregious that He, through the cleansing of the blood of Christ, will not forgive. God, in Christ, forgives us liberally. Our sins against Him are numerous, but there are no limits with God. As in all things, disciples of Christ can find their example and standard and power to forgive in Christ alone.

**THE LORD IS COMING**

--Stacy McCasland--



*Sharing light  
in the darkness*

## **Our Shepherds**

Toby Brown

Larry Stewart

Daryl Tucker

## **Our Deacons**

Brian Bailey

Richard Combust

Ross James

Kevin Leatherman

Bobby Moudy

Danny Tucker

## **Our Minister**

Stacy McCasland

## News and Notes

Funeral services for Gwynette Sturgess, wife of Jerry Sturgess, will be this Tuesday morning, September 5<sup>th</sup>. The graveside service will be at 10:30, and the memorial service will be at 1:00. We will serve the family a meal at noon. A visitation will be on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 7:30 at Kornerstone. We extend our sympathy to the Sturgess family, including Lanette Roach and Penny Sturgess.

Wanda Page, Lisa McCasland's mother, is feeling a lot better.

Sue Jennings had another bad fall two weeks ago, hitting her head. She got a CAT scan and is getting therapy for balance.

### Activities

Please join us for potluck and early service today as we meet and fellowship with our new AIM students and their coordinators.

We have two sign-up sheets on the activity table for those who can make the AIMers breakfast and for those who can feed them lunch. We will be feeding 6 AIMers and 3 coordinators.

The Milwaukee Church of Christ in Lubbock will have a men's conference on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Details are on the activity table. Please let the office know if you would like to go

Calvin and Jamie Klein will be taking the church van to the South Plains Youth Devotional at LCU on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. They must turn in a head count by next Sunday, so please let the Kleins know by then if you're going. They will meet at the building by 3:30 and leave at 3:45.

We will be hosting a "**Ladies Fall Blessing**" on Sat. Oct. 7, from 9:00 to 1:00, with Carolyn Bloodworth speaking on "Seek Ye First."



### Prayers

**Our Family:** Gaye Young, Ray Jennings, Noe Jackson

**Assisted Living:** Ramona Raymond, Linda Hodges  
Lanelle Dovel, Lou Stephens

**Extended Family:** Mark James (Ross's brother), Bill Huff, Margaret Huff, Duane Tracy (Debi Huff's family), Kandi Stewart (Tommy Stewart's daughter-in-law), 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 AIM students

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

### Children's Bible Class Teachers

Wednesday night, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, -Vicky C. and Miko  
Sunday morning nursery, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, -Jennifer

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

6TH-, JERRY HERNDON  
7TH-, TREVA MURREL

#### Worship

#### Leaders

	Today	Next Week
<b>Welcome:</b>	Brian Bailey	Brian Bailey
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Terry Cash	Toby Brown
<b>Scripture:</b>	Calvin Klein	Rudy Melendrez
<b>Message:</b>	Stacy McCasland	Stacy McCasland
<b>Lord's Supper:</b>	Bobby Moudy	Bobby Moudy
	Anthony McDaniel	Anthony McDaniel
	Danny Tucker	Danny Tucker
	Larry Stewart	Larry Stewart
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Brian Bailey	Dwight Rampley

#### Records

8/27/2023

Tulia Bible Class: 57  
Tulia Worship: 91  
Kress Bible Class: 30  
Kress Worship: 26  
Total Contribution: \$2,773  
Budgeted Contribution: \$3,595