Welcome to Central Church of Christ



# December 10, 2023

### **TO OUR GUESTS**

We are honored that you are her 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 <u>SUNDAY</u>

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 classes at 6:00.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:3

# THE BIBLE SAYS...

JESUS SAID... "By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." This is how Jesus tells His followers that they will be identified. Love would be their banner and their identity would be the disciples of Jesus. We all have a need to identify with a group or an organization. There are many groups in this world that are very identifiable and exclusive. Exclusive simply means that many are excluded. Most people want to feel included, welcomed, appreciated, validated, and identified.

A lot is being said about identity these days. Identity has evolved from something that is no longer only desired but demanded, as if the entire world were in the middle of an identity crisis. Identity is being fought for in areas of nationality, education, race, rights, gender, politics, and religion. I have heard these referred to as culture wars. They stir up emotions, insight anger, and may cause more exclusion and divisiveness than inclusion and unity. Why do we find it so important to identify with a particular group? We tend to have an ardent desire within us to belong. We feel a measure of validation when we are accepted, appreciated, and loved by others who are like us.

Jesus invites all people to be His disciples. Jesus loves, guides, and protects His own. He has already conquered their enemies and overcome their shortcomings through His crucifixion and resurrection. As Christians, our attention should turn toward our identity in Christ. Our identity is not of this world or of any group that is of this world. "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1-2).





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### **News and Notes**

Treva Murrell is doing well after a day surgery procedure last Thursday. She would like to thank the Ladies Bible Class for all the cards of encouragement, and she appreciates the congregation for all the visits, cards and prayers.

A memorial service for Noe Jackson is pending here at the building. Noe passed away last Saturday, Dec. 2. Mission Sunday was very successful! We exceeded our goal! Please note "Missions" or "Mission Sunday" on ar

Mission Sunday was very successful! We exceeded our goal! Please note "Missions" or "Mission Sunday" on any further contributions to that fund.

Everyone is invited today!
Stew Dinner, \$10, THS cafeteria
December 10, 11:30-1:30
proceeds benefit THS Band
followed by
THS Band concert 2:00
free admission
THS auditorium
Go Hayley, Maddy
and Rudy Jr.!

# Activities

Today is our Christmas party here at the fellowship hall, beginning at 5:00. Mexican stack will be provided, but everyone is asked to bring a dessert.

Next week, December 17, is our 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday potluck and early service. Please join us!

No birthdays this week. Please let us know if we have overlooked anyone.

### **Prayers**

Our Family: Gaye Young, Ray Jennings, Noe

Jackson, Sharla Moudy

Assisted Living: Ramona Raymond, Linda

Hodges, Lanelle Dovel

Extended Family: Mark James (Ross's brother), Bill Huff, Margaret Huff, Duane Tracy, Randy 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), Patsy Baggett (Calvin's grandmother)

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, December 13 - Elaine Sunday morning nursery, December 17 - Lisa

Worship **Today Next Week** Leaders December 10 December 17 Welcome: Brian Bailey Brian Bailey Song Leader: Nick Newlin **Toby Brown** Scripture: Calvin Klein Zach McDaniel Stacy McCasland Stacy McCasland Message: Lord's Supper: Don Young Don Young Terry Cash Terry Cash Larry Stewart Larry Stewart Carson Tate Richard Combest Closing Prayer: Caleb Boe Zach McDaniel

# Records 12/3/2023

Tulia Bible Class: not posted Tulia Worship: 88

Kress Bible Class: 20 Kress Worship: 24 Total Contribution:

> \$3,742 Budgeted Contribution: \$3,595

#### **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