

# Welcome to Central Church of Christ



December 8, 2024

## 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.*

## Worship

Sunday Mornings 10:30  
2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday evenings 6:00  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays: potluck lunch, afternoon service

## Bible Studies & Children's classes

Sunday Mornings 9:30  
Ladies Bible Class Tuesdays 10 am  
Wednesday Evenings 6:00



*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23*

## The Bible Says

John said, "I am both your brother and companion in suffering and the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 1:9). I point out John's assumption that all Christians are aware of the importance of patience. I once heard that patience is simply the art of concealing your impatience. Most of us will recognize the humor in that statement because, if you are anything like me, impatience is a reoccurring struggle. Finding patience, being patient and staying patient can be frustrating, discouraging, and difficult.

Bill McGlashen once said, "Patience is something we admire in the driver behind us, but not the one ahead." Excuses come easily and most of us are better than we should be at rationalizing our impatience. It is the frenetic pace of modern life. It is the instant gratification nature of American culture. It is the stress and demands of the job. It is bad drivers. It is the heat. The service is too slow. The traffic lane is too slow. The kids will not listen. We could go on and on. The Bible does not allow for excuses. It tells us to be patient in love, patient in bearing fruit, patient in trials, patient with people, patient in good works, patient in teaching, patient in hope, patient in our inheritance, and patient with the Lord. The direction of God's word leaves no room for impatience.

As Christians, we recognize the value and importance of patience. Scripture of course, has much to say about patience. Patience is one of the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). One of the shortest and most powerful passages about patience is found in 1 Thessalonians 5:14. Paul said, "We urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone." I am convinced that no matter what our relationship is with people, or how much we love them, there will be a time with each of them that we must practice patience. Paul simply tells Christians, "Be patient with everyone."

THE LORD IS COMING

Stacy McCasland



**AIM Schedule  
Fall Semester  
December 8  
December 15**

## News and Notes

Please keep Joann Hayhurst in your prayers. She fell and broke her wrist. She has seen an orthopedic surgeon. Vicky Culwell's daughter, Halle, will have two procedures in the coming weeks to treat kidney stones. Toby Brown's mother, Judy, had knee replacement last Thursday in Lubbock. Please keep her in your prayers. Kathy Carlisle had her knee replaced Thursday in Amarillo. Please also remember her in your prayers.



### Activities

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Christmas angels this year! They are due in the office today. Thanks! Please join us today for our evening service and sandwich supper, starting at 6. The AIMers will be eating with us. Our Christmas party is scheduled for next Sunday, December 15, 5 pm, in the fellowship hall. Lasagna will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring breads, salads, or desserts. A sign-up sheet is on the activity table. The AIMers will be eating with us. We also need 3 people to sign up to decorate tables! That sign-up sheet is also on the table.

### Prayers

**Our Family:** Jay Jennings

**Assisted Living:** Ramona Raymond, Lanelle Dovel, Patsy Baggett

**Extended Family:** Duane Tracy (Debi Huff's family), Kevin Daniel (Jim Ober's nephew), Dony House, (Judy Leatherman's nephew), Nelda Elliff (Becky's sister-in-law), Ashley Darnall (Buttons & Kathy's granddaughter).

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



**Children's Bible Class Teachers:**  
**Wed night, Dec 11-Vicky**  
**Nursery, Dec 8-Deborah, & 15-Lisa**

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

### Worship

#### Leaders

**Welcome:**

**Song Leader:**

**Scripture:**

**Message:**

**Lord's Supper:**

**Closing Prayer:**

### Today

**December 8**

Brian Bailey

Nathan Odle

Matthew Orr

Nathan Odle

Rudy Melendrez Jr.

Bobby Moudy

Calvin Klein

J Kinnaird

Caiden Compton

### Next Week

**December 15**

Brian Bailey

Caiden Compton

Carson McDaniel

Stacy McCasland

Rudy Melendrez Jr.

Nathan Odle

Calvin Klein

J Kinnaird

Bob Colson

### Records

**12/1/2024**

Tulia Bible Class: 71

Tulia Worship: 106

Kress Bible Class: 13

Kress Worship: 13

Total Contribution:

\$3,747

Budgeted

Contribution:

\$3,595

### Our Shepherds

Toby Brown

Larry Stewart

Daryl Tucker

### Our Deacons

Brian Bailey

Richard Combest

Kevin Leatherman

Bobby Moudy

Danny Tucker

### Our Minister

Stacy McCasland

If you would like to donate to the work of the Lord's church, please locate the contribution basket at the back of the auditorium.