# Welcome to Central Church of Christ



April 6, 2025

### **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 1st & 3rd Sundays: potluck lunch, afternoon service

### Bible Studies & Children's classes

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

### The Bible Says

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). On the evening before His crucifixion, Jesus gave a lengthy private teaching to His disciples. These words were spoken just after the Lord's announcement that one of the disciples would betray Him. The unmistakable meaning of the passage is that obedience to Christ's commandments is both a sign and a test of our love for Him. The connection between love for Christ and obedience to Him is a recurring theme in the apostle John's writings. In the same upper room discourse, John quotes Jesus saying yet again, "Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them" (John 14:21).

What does Jesus mean when He says, "Keep my commands?" Is Jesus referring to keeping a list of rules and laws like the Ten Commandments, or does He have something else in mind? These "commands" encompass all of Jesus' words, teachings, and actions. Jesus, in Matthew 22:36-40, identified the two greatest commands: To love God and to love our neighbor. He then equated these to the keeping of all the law. Because if we love God, we will do what pleases Him. And if we love our neighbor, we will not sin against them. We have a model for this concept of obedience to the law because of love: Jesus Christ and His life of obedience to the Father. He said in John 14:31, "I love my Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me." Loving Jesus is not merely a feeling; it is an active, abiding, ongoing relationship of following and obeying our loving Master. "We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands" (1 John 2:3).

THE LORD IS COMING

Stacy McCasland

These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. Colossians 2:6

If you love me you will keep my commandments





The Proverbs Project continues! Join in!

### **News and Notes**

Ricardo Saucedo, son of Annie Saucedo and nephew of Noe Jackson, had heart surgery. He is at UMC and having complications with his recovery. Annie would appreciate our prayers.

Wanda Page, Lisa's mom, got a pacemaker on Thursday. Everything went well. Continue prayers.

Deadline for Grace and Ernan's cards, gifts, or money tree is next Sunday, April 13. Thank you! Hayley Klein is hoping to leave for New Zealand with the AIM program in June! However, she is short on her monthly support. If you would like to support her monthly, or with a one-time donation, please see an elder or let Jamie know as soon as possible.

### **Activities**

Join us today for our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday potluck and early service.

Movie night is also today, including popcorn, at 5.

Next Tuesday's Ladies Class, April 8, will be on Roman's 12:15, "Bless Your Persecutors." We will not have class the following week, April 15.

Calvin and Jamie will be taking the youth to Abernathy, the final rally, on April 13<sup>th</sup>, leaving at 4. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday evening service and sandwich supper is next week, starting at 6:00.

# We will have a men's meeting Vafter our sandwich

supper on April 27.
Elders, deacons
and all men are
encouraged to

attend.

### To Emberlyn Bales On April 11<sup>th</sup>!

Worship

Leaders

Welcome:

Scripture:

Message:

Song Leader:

Lord's Supper:

**Closing Prayer:** 

Next Week
April 13
ilev Brian Bailey

Brian Bailey Toby Brown Zach McDaniel Stacy McCasland

**Today** 

April 6

Danny Tucker Bubba Bales Calvin Klein

Bobby Moudy Larry Stewart Toby Brown
Carson McDaniel
Stacy McCasland
Danny Tucker
Bubba Bales
Calvin Klein
Bobby Moudy
Ross James

### **Prayers**

**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).

Community: Velen Benavidez

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

Children's Bible Class Teachers: Wed night, April 9-Ross, Tonya Nursery, April 13-Jennifer

## Records 3/30/2025

Tulia Bible Class: 49 Tulia Worship: 88

Total Contribution: \$2,929 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.