

Central Church of Christ

Schedule of Services

SUNDAY

Bible Class 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:30 A.M.

1st Sunday each month,
potluck lunch &
afternoon service.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 6:00 P.M.

SHEPHERDS

Toby Brown
Larry Stewart
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October 17, 2021

Simon the Leper

In Mark 14, we read the following:

Mark 14:3

While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper...

In this text, Jesus was most likely having a meal at "Simon the Leper's" home. Evidently, Simon was actually a healed leper because according to the law, he would have had to be healed of his leprosy in order to host a party. But the thing I find interesting is, even though all evidence points to Simon as being healed at this point, he was, and still is known as "Simon the Leper."

A leper's life was difficult not just because of the leprosy but maybe more so because leprosy was believed to be a curse from God. It was believed during those days that a leper was a leper because of some outrageous sin in their lives and they were under God's judgment. But we also know that when Jesus heals, He heals completely.

So are we guilty of labeling people this way still today? You know what I mean, once a drug addict, once an alcoholic, once an unwed mother, once an illegitimate child, once a divorcee...are they known as a "Simon the leper" forever, even after they give their lives to Jesus and He heals them completely?

Or once a liar, once a thief, once an adulterer...we talk and preach on Sunday's that God can and does forgive completely, and that He can wash away all those labels, but are we, as people, ever guilty of never completely forgetting?

As followers of Jesus, we are called to always receive all those who Jesus receives, completely. God can heal the labels that so many carry around, and if God can heal it, then shouldn't we as followers of His forget that label as well? Love people until they ask you why.

I love you all,
Tim

WELCOME TO CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST!!!

If you are visiting us today, we are honored you have chosen us. We hope that today's time together will help deepen your relationship with God and widen your circle of friends. We are a church family who seek to follow Jesus and be true to the Bible.

Please stay around after our assembly so that we might get to know you better. Thank you again for worshipping with us today.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements, Prayer

484

"Cornerstone"
"Firm Foundation"

Scripture Reading
Wee Worship
Message

915

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COMMUNION

63

Closing Prayer

NEWS AND NOTES

- ❖ We extend our deepest sympathy to Mike and Jessica Guerra on the passing of their son, Brandon. Funeral services were Friday.
- ❖ Our thoughts are with Jerry and Betty Herndon on the loss of her sister-in-law, Lillian Gatewood. Memorial services will be held at a later time, when Lillian's daughter, Candace, recovers from lymphoma and is able to travel to Corpus Christi for the service.
- ❖ Linda Hayhurst has been in the hospital since last Wednesday. She is dealing with several issues. Please keep her in your prayers.
- ❖ Rudy Melendrez has some health issues, but got a good report from a procedure he had last Wednesday. Keep him in prayer.
- ❖ We are sending 19 Sonic cards to college students and AIMers. Thank you to everyone who responded with donations.
- ❖ Dear Church Family, Thank you all for the love you have always shown us. You have always been so special to us and will always be in our hearts. Thank you for the send-off! The mailbox is so pretty and the notes are a treasure! The contributions will help get us started in our new place. We will miss you! We love each one of you, Wayne and Yvonne Nevins
If you would like Wayne and Yvonne's new mailing address, please contact the office.

*Happy Birthday
20th-John Brookins*

ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Remember movie night is tonight. Episode 2 of *The Chosen* will start at 5:00 and Episode 3 will start at 6:00. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Popcorn will be furnished.
- ❖ Please join us to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Mike and Patti Allison next Sunday, October 24th, from 1-2:30, at 41 Travis Road. No gifts please...but cards are welcomed! Please mail cards to the address above if you're unable to attend.
- ❖ We are planning a Trunk or Treat event, weather permitting, at Connor Park on Broadway Sunday evening, October 31st, from 5-6:30. We will have hot dogs and our annual Trunk or Treat. The community will be invited, so we need everyone to bring treats to pass out from the pavilion or your trunk. You may want to bring your lawn chairs. The AIMers will be here to help us.

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Please keep the following people in your hearts and prayers:

Ray Jennings	Darla Young	Gaye Young
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Bill Huff	Dony House	Nelda Elliff
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Linda Magallanes	Terry Cash	Duane Tracy
Tommy Stewart	Linda Hayhurst	Theron Culwell
Lena Allison	Myrna Dickey	Carolyn Culwell
Dony House	Yvonne Nevins	Jeff Swanson
Charles McKone	Blake Pigg	
Service men and women	AIM Mission Teams	College Students

Records for 10-10-2021

Kress Bible Class: 18
Kress Worship: 20
Tulia Bible Class: 37
Tulia Worship: 84

Total Contribution:
\$4,287

Budgeted Contribution:
\$3,595

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