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MEETING TIMES AT THE BUILDING

SUNDAY:

BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM

WEDNESDAY:

BIBLE STUDY 7:30PM

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CHURCHOFCHRIST-CENTRAL.ORG
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We are live streaming our worship services on Facebook under
[www.Facebook.com/Central.CofC](https://www.facebook.com/Central.CofC)

Meeting Times

FACEBOOK MEETING: Sunday Morning Bible Study – 9:30pm
FACEBOOK MEETING: Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30am
ZOOM MEETING: Sunday Evening - Prayer meeting – 6:00pm
ZOOM MEETING: Monday Evening Men's Class – 7:30pm
ZOOM MEETING: Tuesday Ladies Book Class – 2nd/4th wk 7:30pm
ZOOM MEETING: Wednesday Ladies Class – 10:00am
FACEBOOK MEETING: Wednesday Bible Study – 7:30pm
ZOOM MEETING: Monday – Saturday - 8:30AM Daily Check In

WORSHIP SERVICE GUIDELINES

OUR DOORS ARE OPEN for Bible Study at 9:30am and Worship Service at 10:30am. We are also now resuming our **Wednesday Bible Study** at 7:30pm. Temperatures will be checked. If you are not comfortable attending services at the building, we are still live streaming on Facebook.

All persons who attend must: • Wear a mask the entire time (ages 12 and up). • Will be checked in with a questionnaire and temperature ck • Maintain 6ft distancing from others. family units sitting together. • Refrain from hugging, shaking hands, and physical contact. • Refrain from fellow-shipping inside the building.

Please fellowship outside in the parking



The Proclaimer

Sunday, May 02, 2021

Growing Conditions

About 12 years ago a close friend gave my wife some saw tooth oak seedlings he brought back from Arkansas. We took them and planted them all over our place. One particular tree was planted out back near where we had burned brush while cleaning the place up after we bought the property. Another was planted out front near where the old railroad line used to run. The tree planted out back where the soil was rich with ashes and plant material immediately began to grow while the tree in the front didn't seem to grow at all. Now, after all these years the tree in the back is over 30 feet tall while the tree in the front planted in the rocks and clay struggles to top 12 feet even though the trees were planted at the same time.

Jesus told a similar story about growing in Matthew 13. There He told of seeds being planted in different growing conditions and the results there of. Our spiritual growth is dependent upon the conditions we allow ourselves to live in and the everyday things we do. We must ask ourselves, "Am I feeding my spirit with God's word? Am I doing things which will grow my faith?" or "Am I slowing my spiritual growth by neglect and over exposure to things of the world?" By reading the bible daily, regular worship, and living a life full of love and good works will provide the necessary growing conditions for a healthy spiritual life.

WELCOME

The Shepherds and members of Central welcome you to our Sunday Worship Service. We hope that you feel the warmth and love of a congregation that is striving to serve God and share His love in our community. At Central we want to be about two important things; Passion for God and compassion for people. We do this by honoring God as we obey the Bible and by serving others with the same heart of Jesus.

Here is what you can expect at Central:

- A positive worship service with a practical message from the Bible
- Bible classes that help us grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ
- A place that is filled with love, kindness and support
- A people involved with outreach, benevolence and evangelism.

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

This weeks' reading are as follows:

Sunday	May 02:	Isaiah 56
Monday	May 03:	Matthew 21
Tuesday	May 04:	Matthew 22
Wednesday	May 05:	Matthew 23
Thursday	May 06:	Matthew 24
Friday	May 07:	Matthew 25
Saturday	May 08:	Micah 06

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Belinda Pate: Phone: 407-547-9939

CONTRIBUTIONS

Weekly Budget: \$3,200

April 04	\$ 4,065
April 11	\$ 3,310
April 18	\$ 6,575
April 25	\$ 2,520

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES DAY: Sanford Church is holding their annual Ladies Day, May 8th, at 9:00am. RSVP to Amy at 407-322-7781.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: On Sunday Afternoon, May 23rd beginning at 3:00pm, the Sanford Church will have a youth fellowship_Led by Nick Jones, Youth Minister.

SUMMER CAMP 1021 – CFBC: If you plan on going to camp this year, you can register on-line at www.cfiblecamp.org. There is a \$20-\$30 discount for early registration.

EQUIP CONFERENCE 2021: If you are interested in attending this years Equip Conference at the Rosen Centre Hotel, in Orlando, you can register at www.equiporlando.org. The conference will begin July 22nd and to thru July 25th.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

Interested in becoming a study helper by doing evangelism online through World Bible School? You will communicate online with students, & grade the bible studies they do. See Mark for details.



Kevin Ratliff.....May 10
Lilly Knowles.....May 16
Clay Hurley.....May 17
Susan Allen.....May 19
Jennifer Branson.....May 27



**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

No Anniversaries for the month of May

CENTRAL'S WEBSITE:

Please visit our website which has the latest sermons on audio. You can listen on your PC or Phone.

Website: churchofchrist-central.org

Wi-Fi Network:

Central Church of Christ

Password: romans58

SPIRITUAL FOOD FROM THE PULPIT

SUNDAY AM:

The Challenging Christ Series:
Lesson 6
"To Give As Christ Gave"

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our Wed. Bible Study Classes are now being held at the Building, beginning at 7:30pm. For those not ready to come back yet, we will also still be streaming on Facebook.

LADIES CLASS

Every **Wednesday** morning at **10:00am** all Ladies are invited to join us on Zoom for our weekly Ladies Class. **Beginning MAY 5th, we will start meeting at the church building,** but will still be on zoom if you aren't ready to come back yet.

LADIES BOOK CLASS

On **Tuesday, May 11, at 7:30pm,** the Ladies will meeting on Zoom to study the book "Live Wisely – the study of James". If you would like to join the class, please let Becky know so she can email you the zoom link.



DUE TO COVID, OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS AT NURSING HOMES HAVE BEEN LIMITED. TOM CONTINUES TO REACH OUT TO THE RESIDENTS BY PHONE DAILY.

This Past Week:

50 Phone Calls

44 Bible Readings & Studies

28 Resident Group Bible Studies

PRAYER REQUEST

- Jack Baugh • Wills Joseph • Pat Brennan
- Steve & Karen Mayhue • Gale Harnish
- Sherry Mooney • Brenda Schmidt • Jim & Gussie Keeney • Jesse Mathews, Sr.
- Sarah Hall • Brenda Ali • Belinda Pate
- Susan Allen • Jim Richards • Sue Weller

- **Pam Hatter:** Diane Faircloth
- **Debbie Johnson:** mother Joyce Hanson; Bob Skalski
- **Pat Brennan:** Her Family, sons' PJ & Kyle, Linda & Dennis Lochman; Meredith & Sean; Mary & Mack
- **Lisa Knowles:** daughters' Angie & Brandi; Friend, Janice Olrich
- **Bruce Hurley:** parents Ap & Carolyn Hurley, Melissa Holifield, Bill & Stephanie Neeley
- **Steve Mayhue:** son Jay Mayhue
- **Karen Mayhue:** brother Gene French
- **Chelsea Johnson:** Kimberly (mom) Sarah (sister)
- **Deborah Ratliff:** Her Daughter, Terri Williams
- **Shane Ledford:** Mark Ledford & Holy-daughter-n-law
- **Joanna Turner:** father Bill Berry
- **Kristi Holder:** Her mom Sue
- **Wanda Ritchie:** Parents, Bill & Doris Fulks
- **Brenda Schmidt:** Erin Smith; Sister Sheila Bishop
- **Kendra Criss:** Vickie Stephens
- **Jerry Holder:** Father, Tom & extended family
- **The Jenkins:** daughters, Shelly & Cathy
- **Mark Knowles:** Mom, Jennifer Sauer, The Olivieri Family & Jackson Anderson
- **Members at Florida Living Nursing Home**
- **Brandon Johnson:** Parents, Maryanne & Larry
- **The Starlings:** Daughter-in-law, Jamie
- **Jesse Johnson:** Friend's daughter, Kerry Thomas
- **Dillingham's:** Grandson, Max Ramirez – Paula's mom, Virginia Collins
- **Melissa Knowles:** Her Grandmother, Dottie; student, Major and his family
- **The Cain Family:** son, Ryan