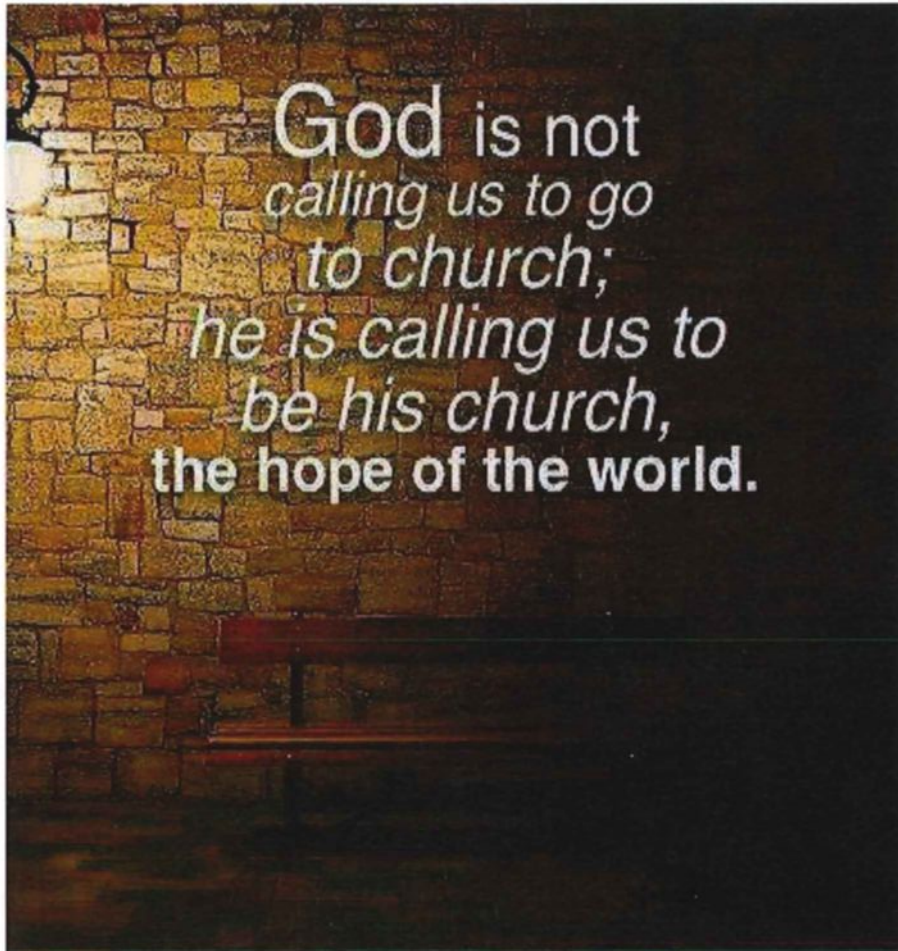


# Central Christian Church

Growing Our Faith, Living Our Faith, Sharing Our Faith —  
Together



## A STRONG CASE FOR THE CHURCH

**August 21, 2016**

1602 South Main Street  
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817-594-3053, Fax 817-596-0204  
[www.cccweatherford.org](http://www.cccweatherford.org)

**August 21, 2016**

Prelude—Nancy DeWees (11:00)

**Arioso** by JS Bach

Welcome—Michelle Fritz

*The Light of Christ is brought in as the service begins.*

**Praise Him! Praise Him!** Red 93 (8:30)

Call to Worship—Judi Kleinschrodt (11:00)

**When We Are Living** Red 536

Blessing of the Backpacks

Children are invited to Worship & Wonder

Time of Prayer—Danny Couch

**As The Deer** Purple 108

Prayer—Danny Couch

Special Music—Choir

Scripture Reading—Judi Kleinschrodt  
James 1:19-27

Sermon—Shannon Moore

**Spirit Song** Red 352

Invitation to Communion—Dan Simmons (8:30); Seth Rash (11:00)

**The Circle of Faith** (8:30)

**Praise Him! Praise Him!** Red 93 (11:00)

Changing the Light of Christ

Closing Prayer—Shannon Moore

Postlude—Nancy DeWees (11:00)

## Mission of the Church

*Growing Our Faith,  
Living Our Faith,  
Sharing Our Faith...  
Together*

## 7 Elements of Our Faith

- Worship
- Studying Scripture
- Praying and Meditating
- Building Relationships
- Sharing Our Spiritual Gifts
- Sharing Our Resources
- Sharing Our Faith



What's happening at CCC—

## Bible Study

*NOW* on Wednesday &  
*Thursday Evenings*

6:15 - 7:30 pm

Church Parlor/Sanctuary



# PROMOTION SUNDAY

August 28

An Open House for the Children's Education Building will also be on Promotion Sunday, August 28 from 9:30 - 9:50 am.

Coffee Fellowship will be hosted by The Friendship Class in the Luke 2:52 Classroom.

*Your money. Your story. Your life.*

## THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING.

9 week course beginning September 6

DAVE RAMSEY'S  
**FINANCIAL** *Peace*  
UNIVERSITY

Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 pm  
Church Parlor

The advertisement features a portrait of Dave Ramsey on the left. The background is dark blue with white and yellow text. The text includes the tagline 'Your money. Your story. Your life.', the main headline 'THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING.', the course duration '9 week course beginning September 6', the logo for 'DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL Peace UNIVERSITY', and the class schedule 'Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 pm Church Parlor'.

Contact the church office, 817-594-3053, for more info and material for class.

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## FALL RETREAT

Sunday, 11th of September

Family Swim Time from 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Opening Session - 2:45 pm

Evening Meal served at 5:30 pm

Texas Star Retreat Center

5950 FM Rd 920, NW of Weatherford

(There are no fees or charges for attending!)

**LIVING OUR FAITH—TOGETHER**

Register on our website at  
[www.cccweatherford.org](http://www.cccweatherford.org)



## Picking Up Bones by *John Paul Carter*

When I first visited the home of my now son-in-law Rob, his taste in art added to his already impressive qualities. Not only did he make my daughter Kristen very happy, he also had a beautiful Georgia O'Keefe print hanging in his living room.

There was a time when I would have been unimpressed because I have always favored Charles Russell over all other western artists. Learning to appreciate the very different style of Georgia O'Keefe has required some time and effort.

I was finally won over by her painting of a huge tree depicted from its base, looking skyward through its massive limbs. It reminded me of my "grandfather" cedar tree in the Brazos bottoms and the many times that I laid on a quilt gazing through its branches at the heavens.

Rather than painting fields of flowers, O'Keefe preferred to fill her canvas with one or two blooms. The resulting vivid colors and provocative shapes - like her "Red Canna" - strongly communicated her feelings about her subjects as well as her vision and imagination.

O'Keefe was also fond of using such unlikely objects as rocks, pieces of wood, and bones to express the wonder of her New Mexico desert world. Especially fascinating to me is the way that she used the shape of bones with their empty sockets to frame the horizon. Viewing life from that perspective reinforces for me its preciousness and beauty.

"In the desert," O'Keefe wrote, "I began picking up bones because there were no flowers. The bones seem to cut sharply to the center of something that is keenly alive even tho' it is vast and untouchable - and knows no kindness with all its beauty."

In that sense, God is the greatest artist of all, having an eye for beauty even in the most barren of places. Instead of waiting for perfect people, He chose the likes of Abraham, Sarah, Jacob, Moses, Ruth, David, Israel, Saul of Tarsus, Jesus' cross, and even us, to bring grace and healing to our broken world.

George McDonald wrote, "The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one has to do." Sometimes, like the artist, we find ourselves in desert places where there are no flowers, only bones. At such times, God - even in His silence - is with us, helping us to find meaning in what remains of life.

Lord, whether we are surrounded by flowers or in the valley of the dry bones, awaken us to Your Spirit within that we may experience life's preciousness and beauty. Amen.

### **Church Staff**

Senior Minister—Danny Couch

Associate Minister—Shannon Moore

Faith Development Minister—Dan Simmons

Youth Minister—Seth Rash

Children's Minister—Michelle Fritz

Pianist/Assistant Choir Director—James Buckner

Organist—Nancy DeWees

Guitarist—Tony Brancato

Media Technician—Ryan Grant

Summer Intern—Remy Tercero

Child Care Workers—Christy Butler, Tessa Moore, Ellary Pardington

Administrative Assistant—Joy Ellis



## Calendar

### Sunday, August 21

#### **Blessing of Backpacks Sunday**

7:45 am—8:30 Choir  
8:30 am—Worship  
9:30—9:50 am—Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 – 10:45 am—Sunday School  
11:00 am—Worship  
4:00 pm—Prayer Shawl Group

### Monday, August 22

9:00 am—Prayer Group  
6:30 pm—Grace Movers Disc Group

### Wednesday, August 24

6:00—7:30 pm—Child Care  
6:15—7:30 pm—Adult Bible Study  
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, August 25

6:15 pm—Thursday Evening Bible Study  
6:30 pm—Infinity Discipleship Group

### Sunday, August 28

#### **Promotion Sunday**

7:45 am—8:30 Choir  
8:30 am—Worship  
9:30—9:50 am—Coffee Fellowship,  
Children's Education Building  
10:00 – 10:45 am—Sunday School  
11:00 am—Worship  
12:15 pm—Growing Your Faith Team  
4:00 pm—Prayer Shawl Group

**Contact the office at  
[office@cccweatherford.org](mailto:office@cccweatherford.org)  
or 817-594-3053, to check  
availability on church calendar  
for meetings or equipment use to  
avoid any conflicts.**

**Thank you.**

*Thank  
you*

To my church family,  
Thank you so much for your cards & thoughtfulness and especially your prayers. They have gotten me through. Thanks to Danny, Shannon, Dan, Seth, Remy, and Bog Riders. You made it just right and I appreciate everything!

*Leola Lawrence*

There are no words to express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy you have extended to our family during this time of our sorrow.

We wish to thank each of you for your thoughts, prayers, words of kindness, visits, flowers, memorials and the delicious lunch provided following the service. The support of Central Christian Church and its staff has been of great comfort. He would be honored.

*The Family of Gene Jordan*

Thank you so very much for all the cards, calls and prayers of support as we recently lost Don's mother, Cherrie Wade.

We also want to extend sincere appreciation for our church members who made the long trek to Dallas for the funeral service in the extreme heat.

As always, we know we are surrounded by God's love and have great comfort sharing our lives with our church community.

*Don, Betty Wade and family*

## Prayer Updates

### In Need of Prayer

Ruby Fay Newton, Joy Nichols, Diane deSteiguer, George Fowler, Dorothy Henderson

### In Remembrance & Celebration of Life

The Family of Eric Goll

### Homebound

Jo Alexander, Judy Cassels, Randy Culpepper, Ann Sampler

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Serving Schedule



Sunday, August 21

Elders: 8:30 Service: Sheri Stewart & Jay Larmer  
11:00 Service: Jill Mitchell & Bill Mitchell  
Communion Prep: 8:30 Service: Martha & Warner Killough  
11:00 Service: Deacon Team Two  
Greeters: 8:30 Service: Cathy Simonds  
11:00 Service: Thurman Family  
Acolytes: 8:30 Service: Tia Thurman  
11:00 Service: Aydin Griffin  
Coffee Fellowship: Sonrise/Seekers Class

Sunday, August 28

Elders: 8:30 Service: Sheri Stewart & Jay Larmer  
11:00 Service: Craig Atherton & John Paul Carter  
Communion Prep: 8:30 Service: Marth & Warner Killough  
11:00 Service: Deacon Team Two  
Greeters: 8:30 Service: Cathy Simonds  
11:00 Service: Pat Simon  
Acolytes: 8:30 Service: Ariana Guerrero  
11:00 Service: Emily Carroll  
Coffee Fellowship: Friendship Class

Memorials for August 14 will be listed in next week's NewsBulletin.

**Attendance and Giving**

**August 14, 2016**

8:30 Worship: 93  
11:00 Worship: 76  
Sunday School: 110

Weekly Budget	11,550.25
General Offering	13,854.74
Plate Offering	12,148.50
Electronic Giving (Vanco)	1,706.24
Memorials	25.00
Memorials for Building Fund	565.00
Eric Goll Memorial Fund	4,685.00
Agape Outreach (Includes Vanco)	214.27
Bridging Cultures (Includes Vanco)	10.00
Children's Ministry	100.00
Crossroads (Includes Vanco)	20.00
Youth Missions (Includes Vanco)	10.00
Building Fund (Includes Vanco)	1,040.00



**Online Giving**

Electronic Giving is a convenient and consistent way of supporting the ministries of the church, growing our faith, living our faith, and sharing our faith— together.

Call the church office to get started today or you can visit our electronic giving site on your smart phone directly with the QR Code.



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