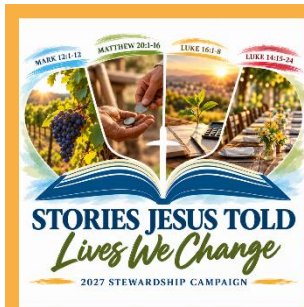




Stewardship 2027

October 4-25, 2026



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

OCTOBER 4, 2026, 9:15 AM
Central Christian Church

About our service:

Feel free to bring your **coffee** with you into the worship area.

You are welcome to leave an **offering** with us if you are motivated. Deposit your offering in the box on the north wall behind the worship area or text 217-212-2173 for text-to-give or visit www.cccdisciples.org to give online.

MEDITATION TABLE:

STONES & VASE

Stones represent burden. Put the stones in the vase and leave the burden with God.

CANDLE

Light a candle for any praise or prayer concerns you have.

COMFORT CROSS

Take one with you as a reminder that Jesus loves you unconditionally.

SCRIPTURE CARDS

Take one and place it where you will see it throughout your week.

PRAYER WALL

Stop by our prayer wall and leave a prayer for others to offer with you or to pray for those already posted.



Enjoy The Music



Click on the QR Code to follow the latest C3 Praise Band Set List

Jesus Loves, Jesus Saves



Wifi= CCCGuest
(No password)

Like & share us on Facebook!

Directory Make Up Photos are Happening!!

We had several families ask if there would be "make up" photos for the Directory appointments, as some couldn't make it that last week of August.

*****October 21st, 2:00 - 8:30 PM*****

If you missed the last session of Directory photos, feel free to get into the portal and schedule an appointment for October 21st.

*****WE MUST HAVE 18 FAMILIES TO HOLD THIS DATE!*****

As of 9/29/26, we had only 4 families signed up. If we don't have 18 families sign up, we will not be able to have the make-ups, so please, if you know of anyone who was wanting to have Directory photos but couldn't make it, make sure they know about this date.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT IS COMING

Central will be hosting our annual Trunk-or-Treat event on Saturday, October 31 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. We need your help to make it a fun time!

Here's how you can help:

- We need 15-20 people to decorate their vehicle (car/truck) with a Halloween theme and hand out candy/prizes to Trunk-or-Treaters.
- We need donations of candy and non-edible prizes (dollar-store items). Some children are unable to have candy for one reason or another.

Please bring donations of candy and simple prizes to the Friendship Center or the Great Hall by Sunday 10/25 and put them in the trunks.

Please look for sign-up sheets in the Friendship Center and the Great Hall, to let us know that you will decorate your vehicle or would like to volunteer at the event.

This is an outreach of hospitality to our community. In 2024, we estimated that we welcomed 500 children! Thanks so much for your generous support.

Are you interested in joining Central?

The only thing required to be a member of Central Christian is having faith in Jesus Christ. If you are moved during the service to confess your faith, or transfer your membership to Central, simply come up to the minister at the communion table **during the communion time**. If you wish to talk with a minister more about membership, simply let a pastor know after worship.

Mark 12:1-9, NRSVUE

¹Then he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the winepress, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went away. ²When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. ³But they seized him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. ⁵Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. ⁶He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ⁷But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' ⁸So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others.

The Parables of Jesus***10 Things to Remember***

- Parables are more than fables or stories for children
- Parables invite our full engagement (we should not settle for easy explanations)
- Parables have been puzzling scholars for centuries and can be interpreted differently based on who is reading it.
- Parables should challenge us and make us feel uncomfortable.
- Parables have a "curveball" – something that shocks us.
- Parables are comparisons. They use every-day examples and compare it to the Kingdom of God.
- Parables are part of the overall gospel message. They are not meant to be viewed in isolation or by themselves.
- Parables show us a new way of seeing the world (God's way).
- Parables point to the Kingdom of God – God's vision for the world now! (Not just some far-off time and place)
- Parables proclaim God's vision for the world more than they explain it. They reveal who God is and what God does (whether we understand why or not).

Questions for Reflection when Reading the Parables

- 1) Where do I see God in this parable?
- 2) Where do I see myself in this parable?
- 3) What challenges or confuses me about this parable?
- 4) Where do you find hope in this parable?

Serving Today, 10/4

Elder – Julie Martin
 Deacon – Steve & Marci Baumann
 Greeter – Steve & Marci Baumann
 Liturgist – Marci Baumann
 Snack Table – Steve & Marci Baumann

Serving Next Sunday, 10/11

Elder – Tom Spry
 Deacon – Deb & Randy Trei
 Greeter – Deb & Randy Trei
 Liturgist – Travis Wilcoxen
 Snack Table – Deb & Randy Trei