

Central Church of Christ
POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
John



A PERIOD OF CONFLICT
The Good Shepherd
John 10:1-21 || October 11, 2026

WELCOME

We're Glad You're Here!

We know visiting a church for the first time can feel intimidating.

Our goal is to help you feel at home and **point you to Jesus**.

Here's **what to expect** in our worship today:

We sing acappella (voices only), take the Lord's Supper, offer prayers, and listen to a message from the Bible. **You are welcome to participate with us as** much as you are comfortable.

After worship concludes, we offer **Bible classes for all ages**.

You're welcome to stay and join whichever class fits you best.



Before the sermon, **children ages 2–7** are invited to a special time called **Wee Worship**, where they can enjoy Bible stories, songs, and age-appropriate activities in a safe, welcoming environment.

Oct 11: God looks at our hearts.

Lesson Text: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

For those 8 years old and above, **complete the fill in blanks** in this handout and show the preacher or one of the elders for a special treat or TWO Bible Bucks to spend at Central Park.

SERVICE ORDER

October 11, 2026

Announcements

Call to Worship

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Prayer

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

He Leadeth Me

Mat Sane

Steve Griggs

David Byerly

Tom Pendley

Ross Jordan

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Prepare For Communion

The Lord's My Shepherd

Communion Prayers

Oh How I Love Jesus

Children's Chat

Scripture Reading - John 10:7-16

Where He Leads I'll Follow

Sermon

Jesus, the Loving Shepherd

Shepherd's Moment

John Cox

Gary Duke

Aidan Smith

Aidan & Josh

Chris Akers

Andrew Boone

Shane Robinson

Andrew Boone

Dean Baker

GREETERS

Leslie & Patti Waycaster, Norman & Kathy Gwinn

NURSERY

Beth Bennett & Heather Williams

WEE WORSHIP

Lauren & Brinkley Smith, Vince, Theary, Elianna Boling

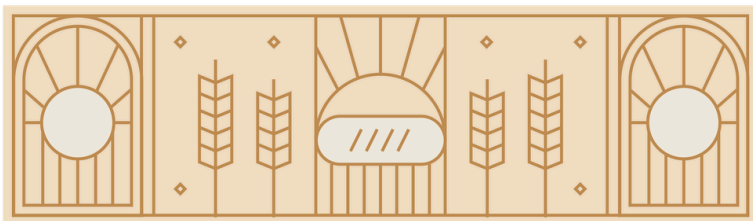
SERVE COMMUNION

Kenny Bryant, Mat Sane, Jim Brown, Nathan Bennett, Liam Martinez,
Tony Stanley, Greg Smith, Will Smith

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:7-16, NKJV

Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.



KEY WORDS

John 10:1-21

Illustration (paroimia), 10:6. A figure of speech or a saying with a hidden meaning. John never uses the usual word for parable. The Pharisees heard a story about sheep and did not see that it was about them.

Thief and Robber (kleptēs, lēstēs), 10:1, 8, 10. A thief takes by stealth, and a robber takes by force. Jesus uses both words for those who claim the sheep without coming through the door. John later uses the word robber for Barabbas (18:40).

Good (kalos), 10:11, 14. More than morally good. The word means noble, fitting, or excellent. Jesus is the shepherd every other shepherd should have been.

Hireling (misthōtos), 10:12-13. A hired worker, from the word for wages. He is not called wicked. He simply works for pay, so he leaves when the cost gets too high.

Lay Down (tithēmi), 10:11, 15, 17-18. To place or set aside. The NKJV translates it "gives" in verse 11. Jesus uses it of His own life again and again in this passage. The same word describes Him laying aside His garments to wash the disciples' feet (13:4).

Flock (poimnē), 10:16. A flock is the sheep themselves. A fold (aulē) is the pen that holds them. Jesus does not promise one fold. He promises one flock, made one by the Shepherd they follow.

For more study materials, visit ccocdalton.org/john

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Sheep need a shepherd. Israel's leaders were supposed to care for God's people, but cast out a man Jesus healed. In response, Jesus gave a message that indicted the leaders. His message also pointed people to the Good Shepherd that lays down His life for His sheep.

Understanding the Illustration

John 10:1-6 || The Picture Jesus Gives

It _____ to the events of chapter 9 (9:34-35). Israel's leaders were supposed to care for people instead of cast them out (Eze. 34).

It _____ two kinds of leaders (10:1-3). The religious leaders are thieves. Jesus is the Shepherd God promised to send (Eze.34:23).

It _____ us to follow one voice (10:3-5). Those belonging to Jesus listen to Him instead of the leaders who oppose Him (cp. 9:35-38).

Understanding the Door

John 10:7-10 || The Life Jesus Gives

It _____ the way to salvation (10:7-9). Jesus is the door through which the sheep enter and are saved (Ps. 118:20; Acts 4:12).

It _____ the sheep from those who would harm them (10:8-10). The thieves come to take while Jesus comes to give. False shepherds use the sheep for themselves; Jesus acts for the sheep.

It _____ the abundant life (10:9-10). Jesus came not merely to rescue His sheep from danger but to give them the life God intended (cp. Ps. 23:1-3; Jn. 1:4; 5:24).

Understanding the Shepherd

John 10:11-21 || The Shepherd Jesus Is

Jesus _____ for His sheep (10:11-13). The hireling gives up the sheep to save himself. The Good Shepherd gives up Himself to save the sheep (cp. Ezek. 34:2-4).

Jesus _____ His sheep (10:14-16). The Good Shepherd gathers His sheep and the "other sheep" into "one flock" (Isa. 56:8).

Jesus _____ to lay down His life (10:17-18). The Good Shepherd will lay down His life and take it again (19:10-11; Acts 2:24).

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John did not write this so that we would know more 'about' Jesus.

He wrote it so that we would 'know' Jesus. Jesus knows you and wants you to know Him.

Discernment: I will not follow a stranger.

Not every voice deserves my attention or trust. The more familiar I become with the voice of Jesus, the easier it becomes to recognize the voices that would lead me away from Him.

Provision: I will find what I need in Jesus.

People look for pasture in many places. We find pasture by staying with the flock and listening to the Good Shepherd. Jesus wants us to have abundant life now, not just later (Ps. 23:1; Eccl. 5:18-19).

Belonging: I am known by the Shepherd.

Jesus "calls His own sheep by name." Jesus knows me personally. He knows all my strengths and weaknesses. He knows all my struggles and failures. He still claims me as His own.

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Assembly Times

AM Worship

Sundays @ 9:30 AM

Sun Bible Classes

Immediately After Worship

Wed Night Meal

Wednesdays @ 5:30 PM

Wed Bible Classes

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

Reoccurring Events

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday @ 10:30 AM

LIFE Groups

Various times & locations
(Visit our website)

Food & Clothing

Tues & Thurs 10 AM-12 PM
(Go to office area)



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