

Central Church of Christ
POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
John



A PERIOD OF CONFLICT
I Am the Light of the World
John 8:11-30 || September 20, 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.

Sept 20: God is faithful in keeping His promises.

Lesson Text: Genesis 9:8-17

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

September 20, 2026

Announcements

Call to Worship

Here I Am to Worship

Light the Fire

Prayer

Walking in Sunlight

Prepare For Communion

Oh the Depth and the Riches

Communion Prayers

Blue Skies and Rainbows

Children's Chat

Scripture Reading - John 8:12-18

Stepping in the Light

Sermon

Trust and Obey

Shepherd's Moment

Sam Lewis

Shane Robinson

David Byerly

David Byerly

Eddie Sane

John Cox

John Cox

Larry Cole

Aidan Smith

Aidan & Josh

Bruce Holloway

Ross Jordan

Shane Robinson

Ross Jordan

Frank Brown

GREETERS

Jim Cook, Lauren Smith, Mel & Sylvia Sane

NURSERY

Cami & Callie Pendley

WEE WORSHIP

Luanne Holloway, Jennifer, Sophie & Mia Robinson

SERVE COMMUNION

Noah Robinson, Jeff Brown, Matt Locke, Chris Akers, Greg Tilley,
Rhett Stanley, Clint Russell, Tyson Russell

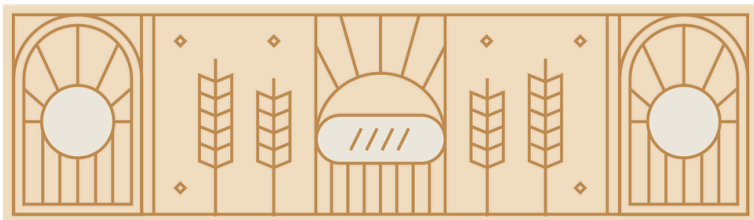
SCRIPTURE READING

John 8:12-18, NKJV

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” The Pharisees therefore said to Him, “You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true.”

Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going. You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me. It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.”

The New King James Version. Thomas Nelson, 1982



KEY WORDS

John 8:12-30

Light (phōs), 8:12. The source of visibility itself, not simply what is illuminated by it. Jesus makes this His second great “I am” claim, likely spoken near the tall lampstands lit during the Feast of Tabernacles. Whoever follows Him will not walk in darkness.

Witness (martyria), 8:13-18. Legal testimony, the kind that requires more than one voice to hold up in court. The Pharisees dismiss Jesus’ testimony as self-serving. Jesus answers that His Father also testifies on His behalf.

Die (apothnēskō), 8:21, 24. To die, whether physically or under judgment. Twice Jesus warns that they will die in their sin if they do not believe. The warning is tied to refusing to believe who He is.

I Am (egō eimi), 8:24, 28. The exact phrase God used to name Himself to Moses at the burning bush. Jesus tells the Pharisees that unless they believe “I am,” they will die in their sins. He is not simply claiming a title. He is claiming the name.

Lift Up (hypsoō), 8:28. To raise up physically and to exalt, both at once. Jesus says that when they lift Him up on the cross, they will know who He is. The moment meant to destroy Him becomes the moment that reveals Him.

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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In the wilderness, Israel faced needs they could not meet themselves. God provided water, light, and deliverance. Generations later, Jesus invites the thirsty to come to Him, declares Himself the Light of the world, and offers life to all.

There Is Water to Drink

John 7:37-39 || The Rock Who Gives the Spirit

God provided _____ in the wilderness (Ex. 17:1-7; Deut. 8:15).

Israel faced a situation they could not meet themselves.

Jesus is the _____ who sustains us (Jn. 7:37-38; 1 Cor. 10:4).

As water from a rock sustained Israel, Jesus provides what we need.

The Holy Spirit is the _____ Jesus gives (Ex. 17:6; Jn. 4:13-14; 7:39; 8:20, 28). After Jesus was glorified, He gave the Holy Spirit to sustain His people on their way to the Promised Land.

There Is Light to Follow

John 8:12-20 || The Light Who Leads Through Darkness

God _____ light in the wilderness (Ex. 13:21-22; Num. 9:15-23). The pillar of cloud and fire guided Israel in the wilderness.

Jesus _____ light into the darkness (Jn. 1:4-5; 12:46). As Israel received light to guide them through the wilderness, Jesus brings light to the world to expose sin and reveal the way to life.

Jesus _____ us through the darkness (Jn. 3:19-21; 8:12; Lk. 1:78-79). Jesus came so that those who believe in Him would not remain in darkness and walk in the way of peace.

There Is Time to Respond

John 8:21-30 || The Savior Who Must Be Lifted Up

God provided _____ in the wilderness (Num. 21:4-9). God provided a way to be healed for those who sinned in the wilderness.

Jesus reveals _____ on the cross (Jn. 3:14-17; 8:28-29).
Just as Moses lifted the serpent, Jesus would be lifted up to give life.

Jesus calls us to _____ in Him (Jn. 8:21-24, 30; Rev. 14:13).
We can die in our sins or die trusting in our Savior. His warning calls for us to respond while we have the opportunity.

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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.

There is still water to drink (Eph. 3:16)

After Jesus was glorified, He gave the Holy Spirit to His people. The Spirit strengthens us inwardly so that we can live faithfully. We can depend on God's power when our own strength is insufficient.

There is still a light to follow (Eph. 5:8-10)

The lamp of God's Word exposes what needs to change and teaches us what pleases the Lord. Even when the future is uncertain, we trust God's direction and take the next faithful step.

There is still time to respond (Heb. 3:7-15)

God's invitation calls for a response today. Each time we resist Him, we risk hardening our hearts. While we have the opportunity, we can turn from sin, turn to Jesus, and follow Him.

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Assembly Times

AM Worship

Sundays @ 9:30 AM

Sun Bible Classes

Immediately After Worship

Wed Night Meal

Will start back in September

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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