

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

STRANGER PEOPLE

A STUDY OF 1 PETER

STRANGE SUFFERING
1 PETER 4:12 - 19

MARCH 01, 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.

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KIDS

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.

March 1: Jesus Gave Us The Recipe For Happiness.
Lesson Text: Matthew 5:1-12

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.

ORDER OF SERVICE

MARCH 1, 2026

Call to Worship	Nestor Pozo
Lord, I Lift Your Name On High	Ross Jordan
Soldiers of Christ, Arise	Ross Jordan
Prayer	Timothy Udumula
Shield About Me	Ross Jordan

Prepare For Communion

When My Love to Christ Grows Weak	John Cox
Communion Prayers	Ross Jordan
I'm Happy Today	Aidan Smith
Children's Chat	Josh & Aidan
Scripture Reading - 1 Peter 4:12-19	Tommy Hill
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms	John Cox
Sermon	Shane Robinson
Do You Know My Jesus	John Cox
Shepherd's Moment	Frank Brown

GREETERS

James Dick, Linda Jackson, Gary & Becky Duke

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Sonja & Suzanna Russell

WEE WORSHIP

Jeremy & Erin Wininger & Tony & Yvonne Coley

SERVE COMMUNION IN FEBRUARY

Noah Robinson, Chris Akers, Mark Stanley, Carter Pendley, Chris Smith, Danny Smith, Rhett Stanley, Leslie Waycaster

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 4:12-19, NKJV

12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a [c]busybody in other people's matters. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. 17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?" 19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

STRANGE ATTITUDES

1 PETER 4:12-19

TEXTUAL QUESTIONS

According to 3:13-14, when are believers called “blessed”?

How are Christians to give a defense of their hope (3:15)?

What kind of conscience are believers to maintain (3:16)?

In 4:14, what rests upon those who are reproached for Christ’s name?

What kinds of wrongdoing does Peter list in 4:15?

What should a Christian do if he suffers as a Christian (4:16)?

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

How can we tell the difference between suffering for doing wrong and suffering for doing right?

How can suffering create opportunities to share our hope?

What are some modern examples of verbal or emotional suffering for faith?

How does believing in future glory help endure present hardship?

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TYPES OF SUFFERING

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

- Physical suffering: to face pain or _____ because of ones faith (3:13; cp. 2:20; 4:14).
- Verbal suffering: to be spoken evil of, _____, or threatened with harm (3:16; cp. 2:12; 4:14).
- Emotional suffering: to face fear, shame, or _____ distress for following Christ (3:14; cp. 1:6; 2:19; 4:16).

REASONS FOR SUFFERING

WHY IT HAPPENS

- Because we took a _____ for the name of Christ and His right way of living (3:14; 4:14, 16).
- Because we did _____ and have to endure the consequences (3:17; cp. 2:20; 4:15).
- Because we did _____ in a world that resists God and His values (3:16-17; 4:4).

RESPONSES TO SUFFERING

HOW WE RESPOND

- _____ **it**. Suffering is part of following Christ (4:12; cf. 2:21; Jn. 15:20). We should not be surprised at fiery trials or at the way unbelievers think of us or treat us. They treated Jesus the same way.
- _____ **in it**. Suffering connects us to Christ (4:13; Ac. 5:41–42; Gal. 6:17). Suffering for the name of Christ is not something to apologize for. It is evidence that we are His.
- _____ **through it**. Suffering gives us an opportunity to explain our hope (3:15; 4:13; Rom. 8:16–18). When we expect to share in Christ's sufferings, we also believe we will share in His glory. Endurance becomes an opportunity.



IN HARM'S WAY

(LIFE APPLICATION STUDY BIBLE)

The answer to Peter's question, "Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?" is "Only a fool," of which there are many in the world, then and now. That's why Peter offered no guarantees about the pain any given day might bring. Life is not foolproof.

Only one guarantee is bona fide and tamperproof: the Lord Jesus Christ walking with us through the trouble. No matter how jagged your day, God promises peace, comfort, and joy. Who can harm you for doing good? Today, the heartless and cruel. But tomorrow is all yours, by God's promise. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31 NIV). Trust in him to protect you.

Barton, Bruce B. 1 Peter, 2 Peter, Jude. Tyndale House Pub., 1995, p. 94.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Ladies Quarterly Fellowship
Mon, March 2 @ 6:30 PM

Young @ Heart Fellowship
Sat, March 21 @ 5 PM

Blood Drive
Wed, March 4 @ 3-7:30 PM

Life Line Screening
Fri, March 27 @ 9 AM

Mental Wellness Seminar
Sat & Sun, March 14-15

Church Spring Cleaning
Sat, March 28 @ 8 AM

Men's Leadership Conf.
Sat, March 21 @ 8:30 AM

Easter Egg Hunt
Sun, March 29 @ 2 PM

Assembly Times

AM Worship
Sundays @ 9:30 AM

Wed Night Meal
Wednesdays @ 5:45 PM

Sun Bible Classes
Immediately After Worship

Wed Bible Classes
Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

Reoccurring Events

Ladies Bible Class
Tuesday @ 10:30 AM

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

LIFE Groups
Various times & locations



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