

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

STRANGER — PEOPLE —

A STUDY OF 1 PETER

UPSIDE DOWN
1 PETER 1:13 - 2:3

JANUARY 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.

January 11: Do what you tell others to do.
Lesson Text: Matthew 23:1-12

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

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Call to Worship	Shane Robinson
The Battle Belongs	David Byerly
We Will Glorify	David Byerly
Prayer	Joshua Holloway
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus	John Cox
Prepare For Communion	
Oft We Come Together	John Cox
Communion Prayers	David Byerly
Be Careful Little Eyes	Josh & Aidan
Children's Chat	Josh & Aidan
Scripture Reading - 1 Peter 1:13-21	Eddie Sane
Hide Me Away O Lord	Ross Jordan
Sermon	Shane Robinson
I Have Decided	Ross Jordan
Shepherd's Moment	Dean Baker

GREETERS

Jane Cherry, Amanda Edwards, Bruce & Luanne Holloway

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Patti Waycaster & Leigh Ellen Griggs

WEE WORSHIP

Lauren Smith, Rachel Edwards, Vince & Theary Boling

SERVE COMMUNION IN JANUARY

Mel Sane, Jeff Brown, Jim Brown, Greg Tilley, Tony Stanley, Tyson Russell, Patrick Goble, Carter Goble

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 1:13-21, NKJV

13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; 15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." 17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you 21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

STRANGERS IN EXILE

1 PETER 1:13 - :2:3

TEXTUAL QUESTIONS

What are believers told to do with their minds in verse 13?

What are believers told not to conform themselves to (1:14)?

How are believers told to be “in all your conduct” (1:15)?

How does God judge each one’s work (1:17)?

From what were believers redeemed (1:18)?

When was Christ foreordained (1:20)?

What are believers told to lay aside in 2:1?

What are believers told to desire in 2:2?

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

What is one thing this passage tells Christians to stop doing?

What is one thing this passage tells Christians to start doing?

What is one thing you need to stop doing?

What is one thing you need to start doing?

STRANGER PEOPLE

U P S I D E D O W N

1 P E T E R 1 : 1 3 - 2 : 3

THINKING DIFFERENTLY

A RENEWED MIND = TRANSFORMED LIFE.

- Because of what God has done, is doing, and will do, we have a _____ to respond (1:13, 17, 22).
- Being born-again is a _____ and turns your life upside down from the inside out (1:3, 23; cp. 1:14, 18; 2:1).
- God's plan for redemption is deeply _____ to Him and should be deeply _____ to us (1:18-21).

THINKING CLEARLY

OLD WAYS NO LONGER FIT OUR NEW LIFE.

- Our _____ matters. Peter uses a figure of speech to stress the importance of being prepared to act (1:13-14).
- Our _____ matter. Our calling is connected to holiness, reverential living, and sincere love (1:15, 17, 22).
- Our _____ matters. Progress requires putting away harmful practices & embracing what leads to maturity (2:1).

THINKING FORWARD

BOTTOM LINE: WHAT HAPPENS ON THE OUTSIDE BEGINS ON THE INSIDE.

- _____ **your mind for action (1:13).** Mental preparation is essential to surrendering our lives to God and allowing Him to shape our priorities (Rom. 12).
- _____ **feelings that are evil (1:14; 2:1a).** Put away attitudes and actions that no longer define who you are in Christ (1 Thess. 4).
- _____ **what sustains life & produces growth (2:1b–3).** Progress requires both putting away harmful practices and embracing what leads to maturity (2:1).

SO MUCH FUN TO TALK (LIFE APPLICATION STUDY BIBLE)

Most of us wince to admit it, but having “the goods” on someone and commanding a group’s attention by reporting our news is just plain fun. We like to share intimate details of someone else’s weakness.

Peter warns that our conversation should not slip into slander. You’re getting close to the border when you are glad that the subject is out of earshot. You’ve crossed the border when your report begins: “It doesn’t leave this room, but ...”

If you cannot avoid gossip or spreading rumors, tell your story to a tape recorder, and don’t bother using a tape.

Real friends don’t broadcast each other’s weaknesses. Real Christians strive to build each other up in love. When it comes to gossip, *don’t pass it on.*

Barton, Bruce B. 1 Peter, 2 Peter, Jude. Tyndale House Pub., 1995, p. 50.

2026 CHURCH CALENDAR

AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY

Our 2026 calendar is available in the lobby. The calendar has birthdays and anniversaries listed for each month as well as scheduled events for the year. There is a simple reading plan for 2026 in the back. This plan includes information tied to our lesson series later in the year connected to the gospel of John as well as chapters related to L2L.

Assembly Times

AM Worship

Sundays @ 9:30 AM

Sun Bible Classes

Immediately After Worship

Wed Night Meal

Wednesdays @ 5:45 PM

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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