

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

STRANGER PEOPLE

A STUDY OF 1 PETER

STRANGE ATTITUDES
1 PETER 3:8 - 12

FEBRUARY 22, 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.

February 8: We Surrender To God's Will.
Lesson Text: Genesis 32:22-31

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	Dean Baker
Praise Him, Praise Him	Ross Jordan
Sunshine In My Soul	Ross Jordan
Prayer	Tony Stanley
Purer In Heart, O God	Ross Jordan
Prepare For Communion	
When We Meet In Sweet Communion	John Cox
Communion Prayers	Terry Shepherd
Thank You Lord	Aidan Smith
Children's Chat	Josh & Aidan
Scripture Reading - 1 Peter 3:8-12	Noah Robinson
He Leadeth Me	John Cox
Sermon	Shane Robinson
I Have Decided To Follow Jesus	John Cox
Shepherd's Moment	George Brock

GREETERS

Leslie & Patti Waycaster, Porter & Lavelle Marcus

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Becky Duke & Kathy Gwinn

WEE WORSHIP

Andy Hughes, Erin Miller, Amanda & Reagan Edwards

SERVE COMMUNION IN FEBRUARY

Kenny Bryant, Mat Sane, Richard Milburn, Don Kittle, Liam Martinez, Nathan Bennett, Greg Smith, Will Smith

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 3:8-12, NKJV

⁸ Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; ⁹ not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. ¹⁰ For “He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. ¹¹ Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. ¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

The New King James Version. Thomas Nelson, 1981.

SPIRITUAL SETBACKS ROMANS 8:6-7

Pride. A heart that rejects God and His ways (Rom. 1:18–25).

Rebellion. A heart that resists God’s Word and refuses correction (Hebrews 3:12–13).

Self-righteousness. A heart that trusts in its own goodness instead of God’s mercy (Luke 18:9–14).

Partiality. A heart that values people differently than God does (James 2:1–4).

Retaliation. A heart that denies God as the righteous Judge (Romans 12:19).

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TEXTUAL QUESTIONS

What does Peter say Christians should be “of” in verse 8?

In verse 9, what are Christians not to return?

Why were believers called to bless others (v. 9)?

In verse 10, what must a person refrain from to “love life and see good days”?

According to verse 12, whose eyes are on the righteous?

What is God’s posture toward those who do evil (v. 12)?

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

What does being “of one mind” look like in a church setting?

How can compassion change the tone of a disagreement?

In what ways can a group reflect brotherly love in difficult moments?

How does blessing instead of retaliating change the direction of conflict?

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Definition:
An attitude is a settled way of thinking about someone or something.

Formation:
Attitudes are often formed through personal experiences and social interactions.

Function:
Attitudes guide behavior, express values, and shape how we interact with the world.

NEGATIVE ATTITUDES ARE OFTEN DESTRUCTIVE MINDSETS THAT HINDER GROWTH AND DAMAGE RELATIONSHIPS.

ATTITUDES TO AVOID

WHAT DAMAGES COMMUNITY

- **Self-centeredness.** Life is focused primarily on _____ rather than others.
- **Resentment.** Holding grudges and _____ deep-seated anger.
- **Jealousy.** Envy _____ people's success or advantages.
- **Complaining.** Constantly focusing on _____ instead of solutions or gratitude.
- **Cynicism.** Assuming the _____ about others.

1 Peter 3:8 - "Finally, = summary of previous discussion (2:13-3:7)
all of you..." = community of believers (1:1-2; 2:11)

ATTITUDES TO EMBRACE

WHAT BUILDS COMMUNITY

- **Unifying.** Committing to a _____ goal and working together in harmony (3:8a).
- **Sympathetic.** Being _____ to the needs and feelings of others (3:8b).
- **Brotherly.** Loving fellow believers as _____ (3:8c).
- **Compassionate.** Being _____ moved by both the pain and the joy of others (3:8d).
- **Humble.** Maintaining an _____ view of self before God and others (3:8e).

Think About It: Do you think the attitudes Peter calls Christians to embrace came naturally to this hot-headed, impulsive, strong-willed fisherman?

POSTURES TO PRACTICE

WHAT SUSTAINS COMMUNITY

- **Big picture.** See life through the lens of _____ (4:7).
- **Constant love.** Love people even when you don't _____ what they're doing (4:8).
- **Hospitality.** Show kindness and do not _____ about it (4:9).
- **Gifted.** Utilize your _____ for God's glory (4:10).
- **Dependence.** Serve people in the _____ that God supplies (4:11).

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

Life Line Screening
Fri, March 27 @ 9 AM

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

Church Spring Cleaning
Sat, March 28 @ 8 AM

Mental Wellness Seminar
Sat & Sun, March 14-15

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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