

APRIL
27, 2025

WELCOME TO
CENTRAL CHURCH
OF CHRIST DALTON

CHURCH MEMBER — MATTERS —

*OUR DESIRE IS FOR YOU TO DISCOVER WHAT IT MEANS
TO BELONG, SERVE, LOVE, AND GROW AS PART OF THE
CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY.*

WEEK ONE

BELONGING & THE LOCAL CHURCH
SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 12:3-8

WELCOME

TO THE CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Whether you're visiting or a regular, **we're glad you're here!**
We pray today's worship encourages your heart and
strengthens your faith.

"FROM WHOM THE WHOLE BODY, JOINED AND KNIT TOGETHER BY
WHAT EVERY JOINT SUPPLIES, ACCORDING TO THE EFFECTIVE
WORKING BY WHICH EVERY PART DOES ITS SHARE, CAUSES
GROWTH OF THE BODY FOR THE EDIFYING OF ITSELF IN LOVE."
EPHESIANS 4:16, NKJV

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We offer **Wee Worship** for children ages 2-7 during the sermon
& **nursery care** for babies and toddlers. Restrooms are located
in the main hallway.

CONNECT WITH US

Whether you're a first-time guest or a regular member, we'd
love to know you're here!

Text "**Check In**" to **706-278-8051**

Let us know you're worshipping with us today and how we can
serve or pray for you.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2025

Call to Worship
They'll Know We Are Christians
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Prayer
Jesus, Let Us...
Welcome
Faithful Love
Communion Prayers
Be Careful Little Eyes...
Children's Chat
Scripture - Romans 12:3-8
Living By Faith
Message
All Things Are Ready
Shepherd's Moment
Bind Us Together
Closing Prayer

Dean Baker
David Byerly
David Byerly
Eddie Sane
John Cox
Steve & Ben
Ross Jordan
Joe Tate
Ross Jordan
Josh & Aiden
Carter Goble
John Cox
Shane Robinson
Ross Jordan
George Brock
Tyson Russell
Kelly Cherry

Pass Communion: Danny Smith; Scott Shepherd;
Tony Coley; Mel Sane; Jeff Shepherd;
Liam Martinez; Nathan Bennett;
Nestor Pozo

Greeters: Sam & Samantha Lewis;
Connie Shepherd; Barry Miller

Nursery: Sarah Miller & Audrey Miller

Wee Worship: Heather Williams; Rachel Kirkland;
Vince & Theary Boling

A printed monthly schedule is available in the foyer.

TABLE 1

3 JOURNEY POINTS

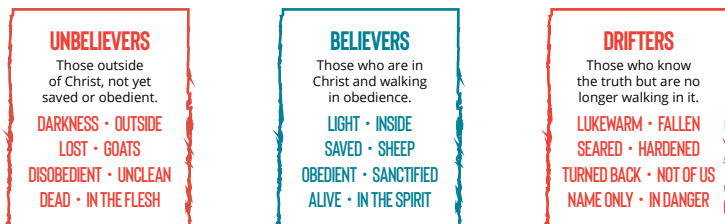
"Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them** to observe all things that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20, NKJV)



Where am I and what specifically am I doing to make progress in my journey?

TABLE 2

3 SPIRITUAL CATEGORIES



What category am I in and how would those closest to me describe my walk?

TABLE 3

3 LEVELS OF ENGAGEMENT



Am I an attendee or an active member of Central Church of Christ?

Have I found my place to serve and grow within the church family?

MADE TO BELONG

HOW WE FIT INTO THE CHURCH

ROMANS 12:1-8

**CHURCH
MEMBER
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HINDRANCES TO BELONGING

- **WORLDLINESS** (Romans 12:1-2). Conforming to the values of the world makes it hard for the church to embrace you and for you to embrace the church.
- **ARROGANCE** (Romans 12:3). Thinking too highly of ourselves breaks unity and causes people to want to avoid us instead of approach us.
- **INDIFFERENCE** (Romans 12:4-8). Choosing to not use your gifts disconnects you from the life of the church and causes the body to weaken and suffer.
- **ISOLATION** (Romans 12:5). Believing you don't need others leads to spiritual loneliness and denies that the church is a "coherent unified social organism."

HELPS TO BELONGING

- **HOLINESS** (Romans 12:1-2). Offering our lives in service to the kingdom of God sets us apart for His purposes and draws us closer to His people.
- **HUMILITY** (Romans 12:3). Finding our identity in Christ is both humbling and encouraging. Grace reminds us we didn't earn our place and levels the playing field.
- **SERVING** (Romans 12:4-8). Using your gifts builds connection, strengthens others, and gives you a tangible sense of purpose within the local church.
- **CONNECTION** (Romans 12:5). Belonging grows when we see ourselves as part of something bigger than us. Mutual independence says, "we are members of one another."

MADE TO BELONG DISCUSSION

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BELONG?

1. What are some words or phrases that come to mind when you think about “belonging”?
2. What are some reasons we struggle with belonging? Consider how past experiences, insecurities, or choices may create barriers.

BELONGING CASE STUDIES

Zacchaeus || Luke 19:1-10

Why would someone want to avoid Zacchaeus?

What did Jesus do to include Zacchaeus?

Woman @ Well || John 4:1-26

What barriers potentially keep people from belonging?

Lazarus, Martha, and Mary || John 11:33-36

How does sharing struggles, listening well, or showing compassion create closer relationships with God’s people?

PERSONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT BELONGING

Do I Belong Here?

Do you feel like you belong at the Central Church of Christ in Dalton, GA?
What has helped or hindered that sense of belonging for you?

What Am I Doing Here?

What’s one step you can take to become more connected? What’s one step you can take to help others become connected?

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

There will be a **Memorial Service** to Celebrate the Life of **Margie Barton** this **Sunday @ 2:30 pm** at the Central Church building. The family will receive friends prior to the service.

Last weekend, several of our young people participated in the **Lads to Leaders** convention. We're proud of their **hard work & thankful** for everyone who encouraged them along the way!

There will be a **Women's Ministry event Monday, May 5 @ 6:30 PM**. The theme is "Created with Purpose." Be part of a night of encouragement & connection. Child care and snacks provided.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ CENTRAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Camp Wetoga Work Day - Postponed until May 17
Marge Barton Memorial - Sun, April 27 @ 2:30 PM
Central Softball - Mon, April 28 @ 7:30 PM (Heritage Park)
Men's Golf Retreat - Fri & Sat, May 2-3
Women's Ministry Event - Mon, May 5 @ 6:30 PM
LIFE Group Leaders - Sat, May 31 @ 6 PM (Country Club)

ONGOING EVENTS

AM Worship - Sun @ 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes - After worship (~10:45 AM)
Ladies Bible Class - Tues @ 10:30 AM (Rm 134)
Food & Clothing - Tues & Thurs 10 AM - 12 PM
Wed Night Meal - Wed @ 5:45 PM (fellowship hall)
Wed Bible Study - Wed @ 6:30 PM
LIFE Groups - Various times & locations



SCAN TO SUBSCRIBE

We send this handout and additional info out by **email** each week. Scan the QR code to get it delivered to your inbox.

SCRIPTURE READING

ROMANS 12:3-8

"For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness." (NKJV)



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