

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

STRANGER — PEOPLE —

A STUDY OF 1 PETER

OUT OF PLACE
1 PETER 2:4 - 12

JANUARY 18, 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 18: Jesus satisfies our thirst for God.
Lesson Text: John 4:5-34

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
My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less	David Byerly
Highest Place	David Byerly
Prayer	Vince Boling
My Eyes Are Dry	David Byerly
Prepare For Communion	
When I Survey The Wondrous Cross	Ross Jordan
Communion Prayers	Norman Gwinn
The Wise Man Built His House Upon...	Aidan Smith
Children's Chat	Josh & Aidan
Scripture Reading - 1 Peter 2:4-12	Mat Sane
Ring Out The Message	Ross Jordan
Sermon	Shane Robinson
Bring Christ Your Broken Life	Ross Jordan
Shepherd's Moment	Frank Brown

GREETERS

Nathan & Beth Bennett, Daryl & Teresa Williams

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Josh & Sarah Quinn

WEE WORSHIP

Amy Harrison, Rachel Kirkland, Jeff & Libby Brown

SERVE COMMUNION IN JANUARY

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

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 2:4-12, NKJV

4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." 7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," 8 and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. 9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. Living Before the World 11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, 12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

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TEXTUAL QUESTIONS

What is Christ called in verse 4?

What are Christians also called in verse 5?

What are Christians being built up into in verse 5?

What kind of sacrifices are offered in verse 5?

What two words describe the stone in verse 6?

What two titles are given to Christ in verse 8?

What are believers called in verse 9?

What are believers told to abstain from in verse 11?

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

What is one specific way you can proclaim the praises of Him this week?

What is one fleshly lust you need to abstain from this week?

What is one situation where you need to choose honorable conduct on purpose?

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UNDERSTANDING OUR PLACE

WHO WE ARE IN GOD'S DESIGN

- Peter reminds his readers that although they are _____ by men, they are _____ to God (2:4).
- We are part of a spiritual building that God is continually _____ to align with His holy purposes (2:5).
- Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of this building. Some _____ upon Him, & others _____ over Him (2:6-8).

FINDING OUR PLACE

WHY BEING OUT OF PLACE MAKES SENSE

- God is not _____ with us. He is still shaping us as living stones in what He is building (2:4-5).
- We have a _____ calling. We do not live for the same purposes as the world around us (2:9).
- We are _____ of mercy. We are here because God showed us mercy, not because we deserved it (2:10).

LIVING OUT OF PLACE

BOTTOM LINE: WE LIVE IN A WORLD THAT DOES NOT SHARE OUR VALUES.

- **We are called to _____ (2:9).** Imagine if Christians stayed focused on what God has done instead of what the world is doing (1 Cor. 9:24-27).
- **We are called to _____ (2:11).** Imagine what would change if we laid aside the desires that wage war within us (Titus 2:11-14).
- **We are called to _____ (2:12).** Imagine how strong our witness would be if we practiced what we preached (Titus 3:8-10, 14).

CHOSSEN BY GOD (LIFE APPLICATION STUDY BIBLE)

People often base their self-concept on their accomplishments. But our relationship with Christ is far more important than our jobs, successes, wealth, or knowledge.

We have been chosen by God as his very own, and we have been called to represent him to others. Remember that your value comes from being one of God's children, not from what you can achieve.

You have worth because of what God does, not because of what you do.

Barton, Bruce B. 1 Peter, 2 Peter, Jude. Tyndale House Pub., 1995, p. 61.

E V E N T S

C O M I N G U P

Smart Driver Course
Mon, Jan 26th @ 8:30 AM
Fellowship Room

**Will & Bryleigh Smith's
Wedding Shower**
Sun, Feb 8th @ 3 PM

W E N E E D Y O U R H E L P :

We still need 3-4 nursery volunteers. Contact Kathy Gwinn to join the rotation. Your help makes a difference.

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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