

**MAY**  
**25, 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 FIVE**

**MISSION: WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO**  
**SCRIPTURE: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:9-15**

# 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 MAY 25, 2025

Call to Worship	Nestor Pozo
<i>All Hail The Power of Jesus Name</i>	Ross Jordan
<i>How Great Is Our God</i>	Ross Jordan
Prayer	Tony Stanley
<i>My Eyes Are Dry</i>	Ross Jordan
Welcome	Steve & Ben
<i>He Paid A Debt</i>	John Cox
Communion Prayers	Vince Boling
<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	Ross Jordan
Children's Chat	Josh & Aiden
Scripture - 2 Corinthians 5:9-15	Jeremy Wininger
<i>Jesus Is Coming Soon</i>	David Byerly
Message	Shane Robinson
<i>Light The Fire</i>	John Cox
Shepherd's Moment	Frank Brown
<i>We'll Work Till Jesus Comes</i>	John Cox
Closing Prayer	Nathan Bennett
Pass Communion:	Richard Milburn; Mat Sane; Chris Smith; Mark Stanley; Greg Tilley; Jim Cook; Norman Gwinn; Daryl Williams
Greeters:	Gary & Becky Duke; David & Beth Byerly
Nursery:	Kathy Johnston & Debbie Quinn
Wee Worship:	Erin & Jeremy Wininger; Yvonne & Tony Coley

*A printed monthly schedule is available in the foyer.*

## TABLE 1

## JESUS' MISSION

### JESUS ACTED PURPOSEFULLY

**LOVE COMPELS**  
2 Cor. 5:14a  
JESUS LOVED US  
WITHOUT LIMITS  
OR CONDITIONS

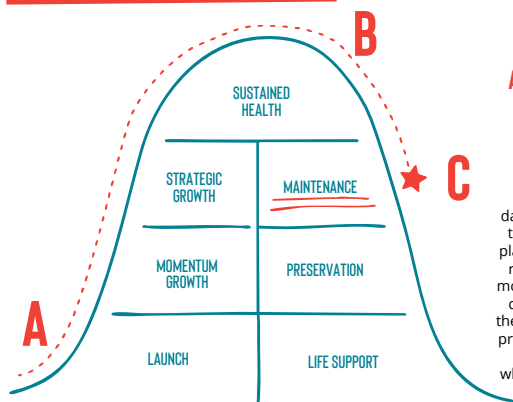
**DEATH CONVICTS**  
2 Cor. 5:14b  
JESUS DIED FOR  
EVERYONE WITHOUT  
EXCEPTION

**LIFE NOW**  
2 Cor. 5:4, 10, 15  
JESUS GIVES NEW  
LIFE TO ALL WHO  
TRUST & OBEY

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17, NKJV)

## TABLE 2

## LIFE CYCLE BELL CURVE



### CRITICAL POINTS

**A GROWTH & OPTIMISM (INITIAL 15-20 YRS)**

**B PLATEAU & COMFORT (NEXT 10-20 YRS)**

**C DECLINE & FEAR (NEXT \_\_\_\_ YRS)**

Of the 3 Critical Points listed, B is the most dangerous ("If it's not broken, why fix it?"). During this period, the bills are paid and leaders are in place. The church has the tendency to stop taking risks, stop empowering new leaders, and focus more on tradition than transformation. Unless the church begins to take intentional risks to reach the lost, a period of slow decline will begin and the primary focus will be on keeping members happy, repairing the church building, and preserving what's familiar instead of pursuing what's fruitful.

## TABLE 3

## WHAT IS RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is God's initiative through Christ to repair what we broke

Reconciliation invites us to respond to God's peace and represent His purpose

**INITIATION**  
2 Cor. 5:18  
GOD BEGAN THE  
PROCESS OF  
RECONCILIATION

**MEDIATION**  
2 Cor. 5:19  
JESUS STEPPED  
IN TO DO WHAT WE  
COULD NOT DO

**OFFER**  
2 Cor. 5:20  
PEACE WITH GOD  
IS PERSONALLY  
OFFERED TO ALL

**TRANSFERENCE**  
2 Cor. 5:21  
JESUS TRADES  
PLACES TO BE AN  
OFFERING FOR SIN

**MISSION-MINDED**  
WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO  
**2 CORINTHIANS 5:9-15**

**CHURCH  
MEMBER  
— MATTERS —**

## A MISSION SHAPED BY SACRIFICE

### “FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST COMPELS US”

- **HIS LOVE COMPELS US** (5:14a). The love Jesus had for the world at the cross is what \_\_\_\_\_ us to believe and live out the gospel (cp. Jn. 3:14-15; 8:28; 12:32-34; 19:18).
- **HIS DEATH CONVICTS US** (5:14b). The truth that Jesus died “for” all reminds us that Jesus’ death is extremely \_\_\_\_\_ and essential to escape God’s wrath and receive forgiveness (cp. Isa. 53:4-12; Gal. 3:13; Heb. 9:11-14).
- **HIS RESURRECTION CONSUMES US** (5:4, 10, 15, 17). The resurrection of Jesus causes us to be \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ and long to be further clothed after the judgment (cp. 1 Cor. 15:46-58; Rom. 8:18-24; Phil. 3:21).

## A MINISTRY SHAPED BY RECONCILIATION

### “THE MINISTRY/WORD OF RECONCILIATION”

- **WE AIM** (5:9). Unlike unbelievers, we believe we will be with Jesus after death. Our goal is to live \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus on earth until we live \_\_\_\_\_ Him in heaven (Phil 1:21-23; 1 Cor. 9:27).
- **WE PERSUADE** (5:11). Unlike unbelievers, we believe we will \_\_\_\_\_ stand before Christ. Our mission is to try to \_\_\_\_\_ others to be ready for that day (Rom. 1:15-17; Col. 1:28-29).
- **WE LIVE** (5:15). Unlike unbelievers, we believe life is all about Jesus. Our lives are no longer about living to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves but to \_\_\_\_\_ selfish ways in order to live for Christ (Rom. 6:6-14; Gal. 2:20).

# PURPOSE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

## WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

1. Why do you think people struggle to find purpose in life? Why do you think people struggle to find purpose in the church?
2. What does Jesus' love and death say about how we should live and what we should care about?

## CASE STUDIES ON LOVE

### The Prodigal Son || Luke 15:11–32

Which brother was lost and needed to be reconciled to his father?

Which person in the story do you most relate to — and why?

### Woman @ The Well || John 4:1-30

What do we learn from how Jesus saw and spoke to the Samaritan woman?

### Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch || Acts 8:26-39

What can we learn from Philip's willingness to go, listen, and respond?

## PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### Where Do You See Yourself Struggling to Sacrifice?

What's one area of your life where you're living more for yourself than for Christ? (e.g. comfort, control, reputation, career, etc.)

### What Are You Willing To Sacrifice For The Cause?

What sacrifice might God be calling you to make for the sake of His mission? (e.g. time, pride, forgiveness, convenience)

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**Farewell party for Joe & Gaye Tate.** Join us **Sunday, May 25 at 5:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall for treats, fellowship, and a chance to say goodbye. Card basket available.

We're beginning the process of **adding elders and deacons**. To support this, join us in June for a **5-week series** on church leadership. **All adult Bible classes** will meet in the auditorium.

**Wednesday Night Meal.** Join us this Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. for dinner before Bible class! Shane will be serving **walking tacos**. Come hungry and bring a friend!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ CENTRAL

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**CYG Lock-In** - May 23 @ 7:00 PM

**Joe & Gaye Tate Farewell** - Sun, May 25 @ 5:00 PM

**LIFE Group Leaders** - Sat, May 31 @ 6 PM (Country Club)

**Camp Wetoga Begins** - Sun, June 8

**VBS: Live It Out June 15-18** - Sun 4 PM kickoff; Mon - Wed. 6 PM

### 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

2 CORINTHIANS 5:9-15

"Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences. For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have an answer for those who boast in appearance and not in heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again."  
(2 Corinthians 5:9-15, NKJV)



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