

**MAY**  
**18, 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 FOUR**

**LOVE: HOW WE TREAT ONE ANOTHER**  
**SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 12:9-16**

# 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 worshiping with us today and how we can  
serve or pray for you.

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## SUNDAY MAY 18, 2025

Call to Worship	Josh Holloway
<i>Make Me A Servant</i>	David Byerly
<i>The Gospel in a Word is Love</i>	David Byerly
Prayer	Darrell Edwards
<i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i>	Ross Jordan
Welcome	Steve & Noah
<i>Lamb of God</i>	Tyson Russell
Communion Prayers	Terry Shepherd
<i>Jesus Loves The Little Children</i>	Ross Jordan
Children's Chat	Josh & Aiden
Scripture - Romans 12:6-16	Evan Johnson
<i>The Greatest Command</i>	John Cox
Message	Shane Robinson
<i>Do You Know My Jesus</i>	John Cox
Shepherd's Moment	George Brock
<i>We Love You With The Love of the Lord</i>	John Cox
Closing Prayer	Patrick Goble

Pass Communion: Richard Milburn; Mat Sane; Chris Smith;  
Mark Stanley; Greg Tilley; Jim Cook;  
Norman Gwinn; Daryl Williams

Greeters: Rick Griffin; Susan Ralston;  
Amanda Shannon; Amanda Edwards

Nursery: Audrey & Erin Miller

Wee Worship: Andy Hughes; Erin Miller;  
Amanda & Reagan Edwards

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

## TABLE 1

## GOSPEL REMINDERS

### JESUS LOVED DIFFERENTLY

#### MERCY

Romans 5:8

HE DID NOT GIVE US  
WHAT WE DESERVED BUT  
WITHHELD JUDGMENT

#### PARDON

Romans 3:25

HE DID NOT DEMAND  
PAYBACK BUT PAID THE  
COST HIMSELF

#### GRACE

Romans 12:21

HE DID NOT RETURN EVIL  
FOR EVIL BUT OVERCAME  
EVIL WITH GOOD

"Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do" (Colossians 3:13, NKJV)

## TABLE 2

## HISTORICAL REMINDERS

### THE EARLY CHURCH LOVED DIFFERENTLY

#### ARISTIDES

c. 125 AD

"THEY LOVE ONE ANOTHER;  
AND HE WHO HAS GIVES TO  
HIM WHO HAS NOT, WITHOUT  
BOASTING. AND WHEN  
THEY SEE A STRANGER,  
THEY TAKE HIM INTO THEIR  
HOMES AND REJOICE OVER  
HIM AS A VERY BROTHER."

Apology, 15

#### LUCIAN

c. 170 AD

"THEIR FIRST LAWGIVER  
PERSUADED THEM THAT  
THEY ARE ALL BROTHERS...  
AND SO THEY LOVE ONE  
ANOTHER FROM THE  
MOMENT THEY ARE  
CONVERTED."

Lucian of Samosata,  
The Passing of  
Peregrinus, §13

#### DIONYSIUS

c. 260 AD

...OUR BRETHREN, THROUGH  
THEIR SURPASSING LOVE  
AND BROTHERLY KINDNESS  
BEING UNSPARING OF  
THEMSELVES & CLINGING  
TO ONE ANOTHER, FEAR-  
LESSLY VISITING THE SICK  
& MINISTERING TO THEM

Eccl. History 7.22

## TABLE 3

## CHURCH HURT HEALING

Generally speaking, "the church doesn't hurt people, people hurt people"

#### CULPABILITY

ROMANS 12:9-10

We need to distinguish between  
emotional impact and actual  
moral or ethical wrongdoing.

Just because you got your  
feelings hurt doesn't mean  
someone wronged you.

#### APOLOGY

ROMANS 13:10; 14:15

I'm sorry if you found hurt in the  
church instead of hope.

If you carry hurt, we want to  
help you get something off your  
heart before we get something  
into your head.

#### RESPONSIBILITY

ROMANS 5:8-9

You can find hurt within a  
"church" context but you can  
also find healing.

Don't let what a few people in  
the church did to you keep you  
from what Jesus did for you.

**KNOWN BY LOVE**  
HOW WE TREAT ONE ANOTHER  
**ROMANS 12:9-16**

**CHURCH  
MEMBER  
— MATTERS —**

## LOVE... HURTS

### WHAT DESTROYS CHRISTLIKE LOVE

- **INSINCERITY** (12:9). Fake words & forced actions \_\_\_\_\_ trust and weaken relationships.  
| "Let love be genuine"
- **CONDEMNATION** (12:14, 16). Judging and belittling others often causes \_\_\_\_\_ wounds than it helps.  
| "Do not curse... Do not be wise in own opinion."
- **RETALIATION** (12:17, 19). The problem with getting even is that it \_\_\_\_\_ you even.  
| "Repay no-one evil for evil. Do not avenge yourselves."

## LOVE... HELPS

### WHAT REFLECTS CHRISTLIKE LOVE

- **HONOR** (12:10). Celebrating the \_\_\_\_\_ of others promotes mutual respect.  
| "Outdo one another in showing honor."
- **BLESSING** (12:14). Speaking good to and \_\_\_\_\_ those who harm us is the Way of Jesus.  
| "Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not..."
- **EMPATHY** (12:15). Sharing \_\_\_\_\_ with others deepens relationships.  
| "Rejoice with those who rejoice & weep with those..."

# LOVE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

## HOW WE TREAT ONE ANOTHER

1. Jesus said the world would know we are His disciples by our love. What makes Christian love different?
2. Paul warned the church not to use freedom to harm one another (Galatians 5:13-15). What might this look like?

## CASE STUDIES ON LOVE

### The Good Samaritan || Luke 10:25-37

What does this parable teach us about who deserves our love?

How do we avoid acting like the priest or Levite?

### David and Mephibosheth || 2 Samuel 9:1-13

How does David's kindness toward Mephibosheth teach us about honoring others who have nothing to offer in return?

### Stephen and His Accusers || Acts 7:54-60

How did Stephen respond to those who hated him?

## PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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

Is there someone you've been judging, avoiding, or trying to get even with? Do you want to change your attitude towards this person?

### How Has Someone's Love Helped You Heal?

Has someone ever reflected Christlike love to you in a way that changed your life? How can you be that person for someone else?

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**Senior Celebration.** Join us as we celebrate our graduating seniors—Madelyn Goble, Marcus Bartley, and Izabella Dennis—on **Wednesday, May 21 at 6:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall.

**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.

**Camp Wetoga** is just around the corner! This week-long camp for **ages 8–18** runs from Sunday, **June 8** through Friday, **June 13**. Register by May 18 for the early bird discount. We are session 1.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ CENTRAL

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Senior Celebration** - May 21 @ 6:30 PM

**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

ROMANS 12:9-16

"Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion."  
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