

*Central Church of Christ*  
*POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS*

*THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO*  
*John*



*A PERIOD OF DISRUPTION*

*The Border of Religion*

*John 2:13-25 || July 5, 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.

**July 5:** We answer God's call.

**Lesson Text:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10

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.

# SERVICE ORDER

July 5, 2026

Announcements

Call to Worship

*O Worship the King*

*Soon and Very Soon*

Prayer

*In Moments Like These*

Steve Griggs

Nestor Pozo

David Byerly

David Byerly

Norman Gwinn

Ross Jordan

## Prepare For Communion

*Because He Lives*

Communion Prayers

*The Wise Man Built His House Upon...*

Children's Chat

Scripture Reading - John 2:13-22

*We Bow Down*

Sermon

*Softly and Tenderly*

Shepherd's Moment

John Cox

Terry Shepherd

Aidan Smith

Aidan & Noah

Mat Sane

Ross Jordan

Shane Robinson

John Cox

Dean Baker

## GREETERS

Hilda Brock, Lauren Smith, Matt & Alison Locke

## NURSERY

Jane Cherry & Shelia Baker

## WEE WORSHIP

Patrick, Mendy, Madelyn & Carter Goble

## SERVE COMMUNION

Chris Akers, Richard Milburn, Scott Shepherd, Jeff Shepherd, Carter Pendley, Mark Stanley, Chris Smith, Danny Smith

# SCRIPTURE READING

## John 2:13-22, NKJV

“Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers’ money and overturned the tables. And He said to those who sold doves, “Take these things away! Do not make My Father’s house a house of merchandise!” Then His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.” So the Jews answered and said to Him, “What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” Then the Jews said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?” But He was speaking of the temple of His body. Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.”

The New King James Version. Thomas Nelson, 1982.



# KEY WORDS

## John 2:13-25

**Zeal (zēlos), v. 17.** Consuming passion or jealous devotion. It carries the sense of a fire that is burning and cannot be contained. The disciples see this quality in Jesus as He acts to protect the honor of His Father's house.

**Temple (hieron), vv. 14-15.** The temple complex as a whole, including the outer courts where the merchants and money changers had set up shop. This is the physical, institutional temple that Jesus cleanses.

**Destroy (lyō), v. 19.** To tear down or dismantle. Jesus issues a command wrapped in a riddle. It invites His hearers to do the very thing that will accomplish their redemption.

**Temple (naos), vv. 19-21.** Not the outer courts but the sanctuary itself, the dwelling place of God's presence. By claiming His body as the true temple, Jesus announces that access to God will no longer run through a building but through Himself.

**Believed (pisteuō), vv. 23-24.** To trust and commit oneself to a person. John uses this same word twice here. Many people "believed" in Jesus when they saw the signs He did, but Jesus would not "entrust" Himself to them, because He knew what was in their hearts.

For more study materials, visit [ccocdalton.org/john](http://ccocdalton.org/john)

## THE BORDER OF RELIGION

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Jesus arrived in Jerusalem for Passover. There He found merchants and money changers doing business inside the temple courts. This was the one place set apart for outsiders to seek God. This was not a lapse in temper. It was deliberate.

### (1) Jesus At The Temple

John 2:13-15 || The Circumstances

**Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to Jerusalem for Passover (2:13).** The Passover commemorated Israel's freedom (Ex. 23:14-17).

**Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ stores in the temple (2:14).** God's provision of mercy was turned into a commercial enterprise (Deut. 14:24-26).

**Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ a whip of cords (2:15a).** Jesus' response to the desecration of the temple was deliberate (Mal. 3:1-3).

### (2) Jesus In The Temple

John 2:15-20 || The Chaos

**Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ house (2:15b-16).** Jesus treated His Father's house the same way every family that week was to treat theirs during the feast (Ex. 12:17-20).

**Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ up (2:17).** Jesus' passion for God's house declared war on extortioners (Ps. 69:9; cp. Prov. 29:2; Ac. 7:34).

**Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ by religious leaders (2:18-20).** They demanded a sign. Jesus pointed to Himself (Mt. 12:39-40; 26:61).

### (3) Jesus And The Temple

John 2:21-25 || The Confrontation

**Jesus confronted the \_\_\_\_\_ (2:13).** "The Passover of the Jews" was fulfilled by the Lamb of God (19:36; cp. Heb. 9).

**Jesus confronted the \_\_\_\_\_ (2:14-16).** "When He had made a whip of cords," Jesus sought to restore the heart of true worship (Mt. 15:1-9; Lk. 18:9-14).

**Jesus confronted the \_\_\_\_\_ system (2:21-22).** "This temple" was replaced by a person, not a structure (cp. 1 Cor. 3:9,16; 6:19-20).

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John did not write this so that we would know more 'about' Jesus. He wrote it so that we would 'know' Jesus. Jesus knows you and wants you to know Him.

### **Convenience** has a way of crowding.

As the temple courts got crowded, worship and reverence took a back seat. While we have many luxuries in our assembly, none should get between us and God. Never. Ever. Period.

### **Zeal** has a way of consuming.

Jesus was consumed by what belonged to His Father. Comfort rarely disrupts anything. Zeal is not about enforcing opinions but cleaning clutter that stands between us and God.

### **Worship** has a way of confronting.

People from all walks of life were gathered to remember God's power and deliverance. Each week, we assemble to remember what Jesus did, wants to do, and can do for our lives.

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## Assembly Times

### **AM Worship**

Sundays @ 9:30 AM

### **Sun Bible Classes**

Immediately After Worship

### **Wed Night Meal**

Will start back in September

### **Wed Bible Classes**

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

## Reoccurring Events

### **Ladies Bible Class**

Tuesday @ 10:30 AM

### **LIFE Groups**

Various times & locations  
(Visit our website)

### **Food & Clothing**

Tues & Thurs 10 AM-12 PM  
(Go to office area)



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