

Central Church of Christ
POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
John



A PERIOD OF CONFLICT
More Than Bread
John 6:1-21 || August 23, 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.

Aug 23: Trusting God

Lesson Text: Genesis 22:1-14

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

August 23, 2026

Announcements

Call to Worship

Doxology

Unto Thee, O Lord

Prayer

Shield About Me

Shane Robinson

Dean Baker

David Byerly

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Jeff Shepherd

Ross Jordan

Prepare For Communion

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Communion Prayers

I'm Happy Today

Children's Chat

Scripture Reading - John 6:15-21

Sanctuary

Sermon

Break My Heart

Shepherd's Moment

All to Us

John Cox

Eddie Sane

Aidan Smith

Aidan & Josh

Will Locke

Andrew Boone

Shane Robinson

Andrew Boone

Frank Brown

Andrew Boone

GREETERS

Josh & Sarah Quinn, Frank & Marlene Brown

NURSERY

Becky Duke & Kylie Gray

WEE WORSHIP

Andy Hughes, Erin Miller, Amanda & Reagan Edwards

SERVE COMMUNION

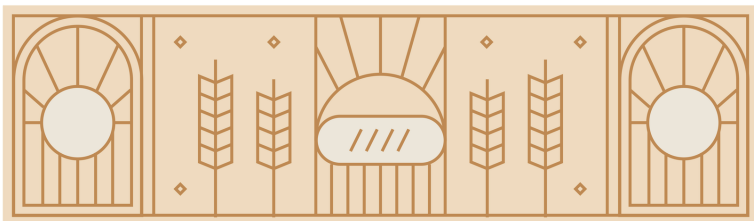
Tony Coley, Bruce Holloway, Bryan Miller, Leslie Waycaster, Daryl Williams,
Jim Cook, Ty Morrison, Ben Holloway

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:15-21 NKJV

Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone. Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, got into the boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was already dark, and Jesus had not come to them. Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing. So when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid. But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

The New King James Version. Thomas Nelson, 1982.



KEY WORDS

John 6:1-21

Test (peirazō), 6:6. To try or prove something to reveal its true condition. Jesus asks Philip where they can buy bread, but John tells us this was a test, since Jesus already knew what he would do.

Give Thanks (eucharisteō), 6:11. To express gratitude. Jesus gives thanks over the loaves before any multiplication has happened. Gratitude here precedes the miracle rather than responding to it.

Perish (apollymi), 6:12. To be lost, wasted, or destroyed. Jesus told the disciples to gather the leftover fragments so that nothing is lost. The same word appears elsewhere in John for what Jesus came to prevent happening to people.

King (basileus), 6:15. A ruler with sovereign authority. The crowd wants to seize Jesus and make him king by force. Jesus withdraws rather than accept a throne offered on those terms.

Afraid (phobeomai), 6:19–20. To be gripped by fear. The disciples are afraid when they see Jesus walking on the water. His identity, I AM, not the storm, is what settles them.

Immediately (eutheōs), 6:21. At once, without delay or transition. The moment the disciples receive Jesus into the boat, they arrive immediately at their destination. No further rowing or gradual approach. Immediately.

For more study materials, visit ccocdalton.org/john

MORE THAN BREAD

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A massive crowd follows Jesus. They are hungry and unprepared for what lies ahead. Jesus stops to provide for their needs and the crowd responds by trying to make Him a king. In our lesson, Jesus refuses an earthly crown to meet us in the middle of the storm.

What John Wants Us To See

John 6:1-13 || Jesus Provides What We Cannot

The rising _____ (6:1, 4; 5:1). It's hard to imagine how healing a man and feeding a bunch of people could cause so many problems.

The impossible _____ (6:5-9). Neither the funds nor supplies on hand could solve this problem. Human resources always fall short.

The possibility of _____ (6:11-13). The people had as much as they wanted and plenty leftover. John wants us to see that Jesus provides more than enough.

What The People Couldn't See

Mark 6:30-56 || Jesus Carried a Lot of Heavy Burdens

Jesus was _____ a lot (Mt. 14; Mk. 6; Lk. 9). The people could not see everything Jesus was dealing with (rejection; grief; training).

Jesus was _____ for solitude (Mk. 6:30-33, 45-46). Popularity hindered Jesus from being alone with His disciples and His Father.

Jesus was _____ with compassion (Mk. 6:34, 53-56). Jesus cared for them in the middle of His own exhaustion. He had compassion for them and paused to address their immediate needs.

What Jesus Wants Us To See

John 6:14–21 || With God, All Things Are Possible

His _____ (6:6, 11). With God, all things are possible. The Father, through the Son, did what no one else could do. Jesus wants us to see a power no mere human can fully possess.

His _____ (6:14–15). Jesus reveals who He is on His own terms. Jesus will not be crowned on the world's terms.

His _____ (6:15–21). Jesus wants us to see a Lord who meets us in the middle of the storm. He is still present today.

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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.

Give thanks to the Father when life is heavy

In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God. Every gift is from above. We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. I will bless the Lord at all times (Rom. 8; 1 Thes. 5; Jas. 1; Ps. 34).

Press the pause button when life is heavy

Jesus had His problems but knew that others had their own set of problems as well. Sometimes we need to be alone on the mountain and sometimes we need to help people in the valley.

Willingly receive Jesus into your life right now

We can row through life and make no progress. We often fight impossible battles to no avail. Jesus wants to help us fight the storms of life with His peace that surpasses all understanding.

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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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