

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

STRANGER PEOPLE

A STUDY OF 1 PETER

STRANGE COMMANDS
1 PETER 5:5 - 11

MARCH 29, 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.

March 29: We Know Jesus' Voice.
Lesson Text: John 10:1-10

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.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Call to Worship	Shane Robinson
Unto Thee, O Lord	Andrew Boone
Humble Yourselves	Andrew Boone
Prayer	Larry Cole
Where No One Stands Alone	John Cox
Prepare For Communion	
The Old Rugged Cross	John Cox
Communion Prayers	Mel Sane
Jesus Loves Me	Aidan Smith
Children's Chat	Josh & Aidan
Scripture Reading - 1 Peter 5:5-11	Ben Holloway
Who Will Follow Jesus?	Ross Jordan
Sermon	Shane Robinson
In Need	Ross Jordan
Shepherd's Moment	George Brock

GREETERS

Norman & Kathy Gwinn, Mel & Sylvia Sane

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Olivia Russell & Anna Stanley

WEE WORSHIP

Baylee Johnson, Jane Cherry, Tommy & Lauryn Hill

SERVE COMMUNION IN MARCH

Noah Robinson, Chris Akers, Mark Stanley, Carter Pendley, Chris Smith, Danny Smith, Rhett Stanley, Leslie Waycaster

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 5:5-11, NKJV

5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." 6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. 10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. 11 To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

The New King James Version. Thomas Nelson, 1982.

WHY HUMILITY MATTERS

1 PETER 5:5 - 11

1. Because it improves human **relationships** (5:5a)
2. Because it allows God to respond with **grace** (5:5b)
3. Because it is necessary to **partner** with God (5:6-7)
4. Because it keeps us **alert** against the enemy (5:8-9)
5. Because it places us where God can **restore** us (5:10-11)

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TEXTUAL QUESTIONS

List all who are addressed in verse 5, and what are they to do?

How are believers to humble themselves according to verse 7?

How is the devil described in verse 8? What is he seeking to do?

What two attitudes or actions are commanded in verse 8?

How are believers to respond to the devil in verse 9?

What four actions does God promise to do after suffering “a while” in verse 10?

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

What are some specific cares or anxieties you tend to hold onto instead of giving to God?

What makes it difficult to truly cast your cares on God?

What does it look like to be “sober and vigilant” in a practical, daily sense?

How does God's promise to restore and strengthen you affect the way you handle hardship?

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BE CLOTHED W/ HUMILITY

RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD SELF

- To “be clothed” refers to an apron a servant wears. Humility is something we must _____ put on.
- Humility is related to humus (Latin). Put simply, humility is a way of _____ that keeps one grounded (Phil. 2:3–4).
- _____ opposes humility (5:5; Rom. 12:3; 1 Cor. 10:12). Those who know the least often feel the most confident, and those who know everything have nothing left to learn.

CAST YOUR CARES ON GOD

RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD GOD

- God’s mighty hand refers to actively placing ourselves _____ His care and protection (cp. Ex. 13:3, 9, 14, 16).
- Casting describes taking what weighs you down and giving it to God (5:7a; cp. Lk. 19:35). Giving something to God means you are _____ to turn it over and relinquishing control.
- One of the most humbling actions is _____ what we cannot control to the God we cannot see (1 Pet. 1:8; 5:7; cp. Mt. 6:25–34).

RESIST THE DEVIL

RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD EVIL

- Peter describes the devil as an _____ who is actively looking for prey to pounce upon when they least suspect it (2 Cor. 2:11).
- Like a soldier on watch, God's people must stay alert (1:13; 4:7). The words used refer to not being _____ in one's faith (cp. 1 Thess. 5:6-8).
- The devil devours by getting a person to renounce or _____ their faith. This is why we are committed to standing firm as an act of resistance (Eph. 4:27; Jas. 4:7).

DEFEATED YET DANGEROUS WHY WE MUST REMAIN WATCHFUL

The overall teaching of the New Testament is "Satan the Accuser, is a loser." He is frequently portrayed as a "defeated enemy" (Mt. 13:36-43; Rom. 16:20; 1 Cor. 15:24-25).

Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, effectively "bound" the strong man (Mk. 3:27). As bound, Satan is currently restricted but not totally cast out (Eph. 2:2). A "final binding" will take place in the future (1 Cor. 15:25-27; Rev. 20:10).

Satan failed and he knows it. Yet, this does not mean he is not at work today. On the contrary, Satan is still an aggressive force we are to withstand and guard against (Eph. 6:10-18; 2 Thess. 3:3; Jas. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8; Rev. 2:9, 24; 3:9).

"If the devil can't make you bad, he'll make you busy."

LADS 2 LEADERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- L2L meeting today after Bible class in the In-betweeners room. Please attend if your child is participating—important information will be shared.
- L2L Night is this Wednesday, April 1. We will not have Bible classes; instead, we'll all gather to support our children. Following our devo, the ladies will meet in the fellowship hall, and the men will meet in the In-betweeners room.

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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