

August  
2021



# Central church of Christ

SERVING AS GOD'S HEART AND HANDS IN THIS COMMUNITY

## Mission Statement

To be God's heart and God's hands in this community and beyond.

## Vision Statement

As followers of Christ, our vision is to be a God-centered, relationship-driven, small-group church committed to equipping all people to live out the life of Christ.

## Contact Information

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### Office Hours

Monday—Thursday  
8:30-5:00  
Friday  
8:30-12:00

## A Message from Cole...

Good morning Church,

It is August 2021 and things still have not gotten back to "normal." The country is still awash with upheaval and strife. It seems like it does not matter where you look chaos is everywhere and our nation is drowning in fear. For the disciple of Christ, it is vital that in times like these we remember our Father, and His perspective, on these things.

First, the world is always chaotic. "Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." This is the Hebrew picture of chaos. Darkness, deep, and waters all metaphors for the chaotic nature of our world.

Consider the prophet Daniel as well, "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea." Again, the world is chaotic and from this chaos spawns these human nations or kingdoms that God views as beasts.

Both of these texts, Gen.1.2 and Dan. 7.2-3, confirm that chaos has been around for a long time.

God's perspective? The chaotic state of the world today is nothing new. Both of these texts also demonstrate another perspective; God's in charge. In Gen. and Dan. the solution to the chaos is God. God sets the world in order, in Gen.1-2, and predicts the kingdom, or the rule, reign, and authority of Christ, in Dan. 7. That rule of Christ is already in full swing. In Matt. 28.18, Christ said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." Christ is seated on His throne, and now the Father is setting everything under Him.

Notice the Scriptures repeatedly points out that the solution to chaos is God. The solution to corruption, and evil is always God. Notice what the solution is not: you and me. In Gen. 3 mankind looked to rule without God, specifically they looked to rule without His wisdom and contrary to His design. What follows, that ill fated attempt, is Gen. 4-7 which are some of the most violent chapters in the entire Bible.

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Gen. 4-7 opens with the first murder, progresses to slavery, and ends with God's judgement through the flood and destruction of the entirety of mankind. Not only is man alone incapable of ordering the chaos, the very attempt itself causes more chaos, more suffering, and more death. **Which brings us the most important perspective, trust in the LORD.**

The Scriptures from start to finish are a story about God bringing the chaos under control, bringing justice, and saving people from themselves. The question we must answer is whether we, as His people, are going to look to Him, or trust in ourselves. We see today the nations of the world continue to seek to rule without God. Their judgement has already been promised. Leave God's work to God, lay the chaos of our lives at His feet, and let us focus in on the work He has set before us. Let us be about spreading the good news of Christ, and when the chaos of life threatens, take a second and read over Psalm 46.

*"He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."*

*Your Brother in Christ,  
Cole Mealer*

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• **Our children's and youth classes,**  
• **Bible hour, nursery, and more need**  
• **YOUR help to keep going.**  
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• **Please reach out to us if you are**  
• **willing to help serve or sign up at**  
• **the welcome center.**  
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• **James Coburn - Bible Classes**  
• **Adam Stevens - Youth**  
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## Bible Hour

- 8/1 - Vahrenkamp
- 8/8 - Paul & DaLissa Spaeth
- 8/15 - Cook Family
- 8/22 - Mealer Family
- 8/29 - No Bible Hour

To Volunteer for Bible hour contact  
**Mandy Vahrenkamp.**  
**mev031012@gmail.com**

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## Nursery

- 8/1 - JG and Glenda Musser
- 8/8 - Cyndi Ivanoski & Patty Lowrie
- 8/15 - Carmen McGuire & Janet Seals
- 8/22 - Charlie & Audrey/Natalie Cook
- 8/29 - Judy Pustka & Jessica Mealer

To help out with the nursery contact Pam Taylor at [pam@churchofvictoria.com](mailto:pam@churchofvictoria.com)

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## Up Coming Events

- ♦ 8/2 - Prime Timers 6pm
- ♦ 8/4 - Elders & Decons Meeting 7-9pm
- ♦ 8/8 - Last Day for School Supply Drive
- ♦ 8/9 - Men's Breakfast 6:30AM
- ♦ 8/14 - Family Fellowship 9am-1pm Sign up in Foyer
- ♦ 8/23 - Fellowship Meal 6pm
- ♦ 8/25 - Adult Classes Resume