

June  
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  
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8:30-12:00

## **The Image of God! - pt. 1**

**By Orlan Sawey**

The history of the creation of man states plainly that man was created in the image of God (Gen. 1.26-27, 5.1, 9.6). Paul states that man is "the image and glory of God" (1 Cor. 11.6). James writes that men are "made after the likeness of God" (James 3.9). Some men have hastily concluded that man was created in the physical image of God and thus picture God as a sort of superman, with the same passions and desires that man has. This is an anthropomorphism which is but an imitation of Greek and Roman ideas of "the gods." It is true that in God's word He is frequently described in terms which men use to describe themselves. This is necessary in order that we, with our limited understanding, might in part comprehend that which is basically incomprehensible, that we might know the unknowable. We must, however, always keep in mind that God is Spirit (John 4.24); that His ways are higher than our ways, that His nature is not physical, and that we should "seek after" and "feel after" God, "though He is not far from each one of us: for in Him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17.24-28). Thus it is evident, since God is Spirit, that man was created in the image of God according to the spirit. When Adam sinned, he

ceased to be guided by the spirit of God; no longer was he conformed to the image of God.

The New Testament is filled with exhortations to man to be godly- "God-like" - to be recreated so that again he might be conformed to the image of God. Jesus said, "Ye therefore shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matt. 5.48). The central theme of the book of Romans, and of the New Testament as a whole, is the necessary struggle of man to achieve this state. Most of the third chapter of Colossians is an exhortation to godliness. The things that are above, "where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God," are contrasted with the things "which are upon the earth." Paul states that we should put away those earthly (fleshly) sins, in which we once walked and lived. He states (vv. 9-10) that we have "put off the old man with his doings, and have put on the new man, that is being renewed unto the knowledge after the image of Him that created him." So, then, the Christian life is a continual process of renewal, of becoming conformed to the image of God. This is what Paul, in Romans 12.2, means, "And be not fashioned according to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

# Burger & Movie Night

**Please sign up if attending.**

**We need a count for food.**

**Thank you  
Hope to see you  
there!**



We would like to thank all those who have stepped up during the last few months as we have opened up more and more. We still have some pieces to worship and class that look a little different, but we are back to normal operations.

**Our children's and youth classes, Bible hour, nursery, and more need YOUR help to keep going.**

**Please contact the following people if you are willing to help serve or sign up at the welcome center.**

**James Coburn - Bible Classes  
Adam Stevens - Youth  
Mandy Vahrenkamp - Bible Hour  
Pam Taylor - Nursery**

## Bible Hour

6/6 - Vahrenkamp

6/13 - Paul & DaLissa Spaeth

6/20 - Cook Family

6/27 - Mealer Family

To Volunteer for Bible hour contact  
**Mandy Vahrenkamp.**  
[mev031012@gmail.com](mailto:mev031012@gmail.com)

## Nursery

June 6 - Charlie Cook & Audrey or Natalie

June 13 - Cyndi Ivanoski & Patty Lowrie

June 20 - Carmen McGuire & Janet Seals

June 27 - J.G. Musser & Glenda Musser

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

## Up Coming Events

- ♦ June 7 @ 6pm Prime Timers - annex
- ♦ June 7-11 @ 6-7:30 VBS
- ♦ June 13 Father's Day
- ♦ June 13-19 Camp Bandina
- ♦ June 14 @ 6:30am Men's Breakfast - annex
- ♦ June 23 Movie & Burger Night
- ♦ June 27 @ 6pm Finger Food & Fellowship - annex
- ♦ June 27 @ 2pm Blythe Smith Baby Shower - home of Sarah Wideman