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# 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

### **Address**

801 E. Airline  
Victoria, Tx 77901

### **Phone**

361-573-9133

### **Office Hours**

Monday—Thursday

8:30-5:00

Friday

8:30-12:00

## **The Kids Aren't Alright!**

In 1998, The Offspring an American Punk Rock band from California, released a song titled *The Kids Aren't Alright*. That song, along with the rest of the album aptly titled "Americana," was intended as a commentary on American culture. The song itself focused on the life of children growing up on the same street in the United States.

*The Kids Aren't Alright* opens with the common juxtaposition of children, potential, and big dreams contrasted with adults, hopelessness, and reality. As the song progresses it examines the lives of four children that had potential, but were destroyed by reality. One child dropped out of school due to teenage pregnancy, another child grew up addicted to marijuana, while another child took his own life, and the final child, died of drug overdose. The song, while sung with traditional punk rock gusto, highlights just how dangerous our society and culture was and is concerning children.

*The Kids Aren't Alright*, according to the author, Dexter Holland, was a response to a similar song written by The Who, titled *The Kids Are Alright*. The song was released in 1965, written by Pete Townshend, with vocals by Roger Daltrey. *The Kids Are Alright*, according to Daltrey, was written specifically about his decision to abandon his young girlfriend who was pregnant with his child. Daltrey's reasoning for walking out on his family, which were highlighted in the song, was twofold: first it was what he

needed, and second, Daltrey thought the kids would be alright.

The importance of the family unit, and fathers in particular, is underplayed in our society. However the Scriptures, thousands of years ago, recognized the impact that parents have on their children. In Deuteronomy, God commands the Israelites to teach, and raise their children up, to serve Him. In Ephesians Paul reminds families, and fathers in particular, to raise up their children in the training and instruction of the Lord. Further, the Church itself exists to make known God's manifold wisdom, which is His grand plan, to bring all people into relationship with Him through Christ.

Our society and culture presents a great obstacle; ruled by humanism, our society and culture destroys families and especially children. Those that survive the onslaught are broken, hurt, and end up jaded. We as the Church must be prepared to confront the depravities of our society, and aid the hurt people that God calls to.

To do this, to accomplish this mission, we as the Church, must invest in, not only our children, but every child where we have the opportunity. For our own children, the legacy we must endeavor to leave behind is one of example. We must be examples of faithful servants to God, His Church, and His mission. For the abandoned and hurt children of society, we must afford every opportunity, to come in contact with the only thing that really can make a difference in anyone's life . . . that is the Gospel of Christ.

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I ask you Church to pray and pray often. Pray that our families, and fathers in particular, will focus on being the godly example they are called to be. Pray that we be afforded opportunities to speak into our community. Pray that we will have the courage to act on every opportunity.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Cole Mealer



Central will be covering the cost of any child who wants to go to camp this year. We would like all our members to participate in this vital youth ministry. Please consider supporting sending children to camp.

Ways that you can help support our youth are as follows:

- ◆ May 30th special Sunday contribution
- ◆ Sponsor an individual children
- ◆ Talk to James Coburn, Adam Stevens, or Mandy Vahrenkamp about various volunteering opportunities at Central

**Register online, then let the office know, so they can pay for your child**

## Bible Hour

5/2 - Vahrenkamp/Quirey

5/9 - Paul & DaLissa Spaeth

5/16 - Cook Family

5/23 - Mealer Family

5/30 - No Bible Hour

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

## Nursery

May 2 - Judy Pustka & Cyndi Ivanoski

May 9 - Stormi Stevens

May 16 - Chris & Elie Velasquez

May 23 - Sarah Wideman & Patty Lowrie

May 30 - Tamra Denoyer &

Nancy Schmidt

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

## Up Coming Events

- ◆ 5/10 @ 6:30am Men's Breakfast
- ◆ 5/12 @ 7pm Elders/Deacons Meeting
- ◆ 5/16 @ 2-4pm Ruth Steven's Baby Shower
- ◆ 5/23 Senior Sunday - Finger foods & Fellowship
- ◆ 5/29 @ 12-2pm Senior Celebration
- ◆ 5/30 Special Contribution for Camp Scholarships
- ◆ June 7-11 @ 6-7:30 VBS
- ◆ June 13-19 Camp Bandina