

**CENTER OF UNITY**  
1650 Hughes Rd., Grapevine, Texas  
Est. 1982

Center of Unity ([www.centerofunity.org](http://www.centerofunity.org)) is a community with a vision of touching others with the Christ Light and growing together on a journey of awakening. We see ourselves as both a church and a spiritual center, and we make available a wide range of experiences for spiritual development.

Our community is varied and inclusive, and we strive to live out our core value of being Free of Judgment and Full of Love. In addition to our regular Sunday worship services, we offer our Book Store, multiple discussion and learning groups, spiritual programs, choir concerts, children's programs, Artist's Play evenings, community outreach and a lovely Prayer and Meditation Chapel.

Center of Unity has been organized for over 35 years and our founding minister retired in November, 2018. This is the first time in our history that we have sought a new minister.

Our ministry's strength and uniqueness lie in the Rev. Carol Record Scholarship Fund, fellowship, Care Team support, welcoming spirit, community garden and we are currently leasing space to a Montessori school. The scholarship fund was established in 2012 and awards multiple \$2000. scholarships each year.

Our current short-term goals are

- \*congregational healing,
- \*mission-centric direction,
- \*prosperity/financial stability and
- \*clarity of direction.

In the next three years our ministry would like to accomplish the following:

- \*Hire a new Spiritual Leader by December 31, 2019;
- \*Achieve steady growth in dedicated, committed members including younger folks and families;
- \*Ensure financial stability on a mission-centric path

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Expectations for our next Minister/Spiritual Leader:

*Our community is seeking a V/P/O who is ready to lead and engage with new vitality, spirituality and commitment. We value Sunday services and a presenter who speaks to us with excitement, love and knowledge; A leader who can quickly assimilate into our community with fresh ideas and discernment.*

The top desires, ranked on a 1-5 scale by congregation:

- 1 **Visionary/Planner/Organizer**
- 1 **Presenter / Speaker**
- 1 **Leadership**
- 2 Interpersonal communication
- 3 Chaplaincy/Pastoral
- 3 Spiritual Counseling
- 3 Business Administration

Some specifics of our ministry: We have two services each Sunday, one "Express" service and one full traditional service at 10:30.

<b>People: Size of mailing list:</b>	<u>521</u>	Average Sunday attendance: abt 55	Jan-May 2019: 20@8:45, 70 @ 10:30 June-mid Aug 2019: 10 @ 8:45, 59 @ 10:30
<b>Formal (voting or active) membership:</b>	<u>106</u>		
<b>Special groups:</b>	Center Prayer (wkly), Metaphysical Bible Study, Corked (Adult Social), Yoga class, Adult Sunday School, Wing & a Prayer Chorale, Wednesday Night classes, Monthly Book Club, Safety Team, Care Team		
<b>Licensed Unity Teachers</b>	None at this time, but is on the path		
<b>Paid Staff</b>	One FT Administrator, one PT Admin. Asst., one PT Office Asst. (events, volunteer coordinator, building), one Youth Ed Dir / Marketing Publicity (two jobs, one person), two youth staff on Sundays & special events		
<b>Other:</b>	Spiritual Education Council, Lay Speakers		
<b>Board of Directors</b>	Six elected members, term 3 years		
<b>Meeting &amp; Classes</b>	<u>When</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
<b>Sunday service</b>	<u>8:45 &amp; 10:30</u>	<u>10 / 59</u>	<u>Various speakers currently</u>
<b>Sunday school</b>	<u>Adult-9:30 Youth-8:45, 10:30</u>	<u>Adult-6 Yourh-5-15</u>	<u>YEd Dir., Volunteers</u>
<b>Classes</b>	<u>Various</u>	<u>8-15</u>	<u>Various</u>
<b>Small group ministries</b>	<u>Various</u>	<u>Various</u>	<u>Various</u>

**The three most important events in the history of our ministry are:**

Building our current church building in 1997;  
 Paying off the mortgage in September, 2012;  
 Retirement of our founding minister, Rev. Carol Record in November 2018.

**In the last 3 years the following three special events in the ministry were well attended and appreciated:**

Hosted a Saturday event for families of "I Can Still Shine", a local non-profit who assists families in crisis. March 2019. Center of Unity provided facility and 23 volunteers.

Hosted a speaking event with Carlton D. Pearson of Tulsa, OK, October 2018

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Rev. Carol Record's last Sunday retirement service, November 2018

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## LOCALE AND PROXIMITY

Located in historic Grapevine, Texas, we are in a vibrant, rapidly growing region of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, in the Mid-Cities area, near DFW International Airport. Grapevine is a tourist-centered economy with a small town feel that the residents love and non-residents envy. (Population 50K) The city is adjacent to [Grapevine Lake](#), a large reservoir that serves as a source of water and recreational area. The [Grapevine Vintage Railroad](#) follows a historic route between Grapevine and the [Fort Worth Stockyards](#), departing from a station on South Main Street.

The city is also the home of several [wineries](#) and tasting rooms. Grapevine and the surrounding area is blessed with a fine system of freeways and a commuter train that connects downtown Fort Worth to DFW International Airport with a station in historic downtown Grapevine.

Grapevine is a city and suburb of Dallas and Fort Worth located in northeast Tarrant County, Texas. The city is located in the Mid-Cities suburban region between Dallas, Fort Worth and Arlington and is surrounded by suburbs of Euless, Bedford, Colleyville, and Southlake. We have mild winters and warm summers. The DFW Metroplex currently posts a population of 7.5 million. Dallas is a thriving business and tech market, home to many corporate headquarters. Fort Worth is a rapidly growing, close-knit community with a rich history of Western flair and world renowned art museums and the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo.

And, of course, our Metroplex professional sports teams - the Dallas Cowboys, Dallas Mavericks, Dallas Stars and the Texas Rangers - are beloved by our cities. Dallas hosts The State Fair of Texas and Fort Worth is home of Texas Motor Speedway, so there is plenty of fun for everyone's pleasure.

The current housing market in the area is approximately:

Grapevine: 3/2/2, 2000sf, avg. \$350-400k ; a bit lower in Euless and Bedford, a bit higher in Colleyville and Southlake

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Area schools:

Four of the top five public high schools in Tarrant county are in north and northeast Tarrant County in Grapevine and Southlake. We are served by the Grapevine-Colleyville ISD, Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD, Carroll ISD (Southlake), Keller ISD, Birdville ISD

Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District is a top rated, public school district located in Grapevine, TX. It has 13,857 students in grades PK, K-12 with a student-teacher ratio of 15 to 1.

Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District is a highly rated, public school district located in Bedford, TX. It has 23,120 students in grades PK, K-12 with a student-teacher ratio of 17 to 1.

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Proposed minister salary: \$40 - 60K, Full-time; Manse allowance. Moving expenses are negotiable.

We will accept a CD, link or DVD of whatever the applicant wishes to share about ministerial services.

You may submit an initial contact to

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