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FROM THE PASTOR

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

16 If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! 17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. 18 What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

19 For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, so I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people that I might by all means save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so I may share in its blessings.

Reading this text from Paul's letter to the Corinthians may lead one to believe Paul was a chameleon. We might ask ourselves, "Who WAS Paul, really?" He says he made himself a slave so he could win more of them. That he was a Jew, in order to win Jews. He tells us he became one under the law so he could win those under the law. And, he became outside the law so he could win those outside the law. Then he closes with these two statements: "To the weak I became weak, so I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people that I might by all means save some."

Was Paul dishonest? Did he "trick" people into believing? I do not believe this to be the case. I believe what we read is, Paul would meet people at whatever point they found themselves to bring them the Gospel. To engage people at their level of understanding was, and even to this day is, important. We do not all communicate the same way. Not all of us understand things the same way. And certainly, there are those who are leery, to say the least, of anyone who is "not like them." Paul believed the Gospel to be so incredibly important he would meet people at whatever point they were in life. And in so doing, he spread the Gospel prolifically.

What does it take for us to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Only you know what makes you hear and more importantly, listen.

Grace, Peace & Mercy to all, Wes

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THE SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

meets every Sunday morning at 9:40 a.m. to discuss the Bible.

We have spirited discussions along with great class participation on lessons from *The Present Word* study book

You are invited to join with us each Sunday. We are located in the Education Building next to HeBrews.



The Journey Sunday School Class

continues with

The Book of Joshua

on

Sunday, February 4th,

We hope you will join us. Please read chapters 9 & 10 and be prepared to discuss them.

The Journey class meets in the Library in the

Community Center.

The **Book of Joshua** (Hebrew: ספר יהושע: *Sefer Yěhôshúa*) is the sixth book in the Bible and the first book of the Deuteronomistic history, the story of Israel from the conquest of Canaan to the Babylonian exile. It tells of the campaigns of the Israelites in central, southern and northern Canaan, the destruction of their enemies, and the division of the land among the Twelve Tribes, framed by two set-piece speeches, the first by God commanding the conquest of the land, and, at the end, the last by Joshua warning of the need for faithful observance of the Law (*torah*) revealed to Moses.



The TNT Sunday School Class Is beginning its study of THE GOSPEL OF MARK.

We study various books of the Bible and recently completed the Books of 1 & 2 Samuel.

If you enjoy a wide range study of scripture, we would love to have you join us. We meet every Sunday in the Community Room.



THE FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Meets every Sunday morning at 9:40 a.m. to discuss & consider various Bible topics.

If you are young at heart and enjoy scriptural insight in applying the Word to present day, then this is the place for you.

You are invited to join us in these stimulating studies.

We meet in the "Parlor" adjacent to HeBrews in the Education building.



Ash Wednesday

February 14th

OUR

ASH WEDNESDAY

SERVICE

WILL BE HELD

AT

6:00 P.M.

IN THE SANCTUARY

LET US BEGIN *LENT* BY

BRINGING

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

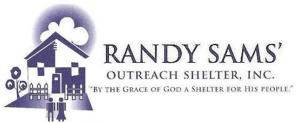
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THIS VERY SPECIAL *LENTEN* SERVICE



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, WE HAVE OUR 3RD SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY SPECIAL MEAL TO CELEBRATE OUR CHURCH FAMILY.



IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE FOR CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO SERVE THE PEOPLE AT RANDY SAM'S. HERE IS OUR SCHEDULE FOR

2018

January 28 th	Youth
February 25 th	CMF
March 25 th	Seekers
April 22 nd	CWF
May 27 th	Elders
June 24 th	Fellowship
July 22 nd	Deacons
August 26 th	T-N-T
September 23 rd	Youth
October 28 th	CWF
November 25 th	Journey
December 23 rd	CMF

LET US CONTINUE THIS MINISTRY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHIRST

CABINET

MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH WE WILL HAVE OUR FIRST CABINET MEETING OF 2018.

IF YOU ARE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, YOU ARE ON THE CABINET:

Moderator, Vice Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. The Chair of each Committee, President of CMF, CWF and Youth.



SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH WE BEGIN DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

PLEASE BE SURE TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS & WATCHES UP 1 HOUR BEFORE YOU GO TO BED SATURDAY NIGHT, THE 10TH.



SERVICE MARCH 25TH

Be sure to bring family & friends

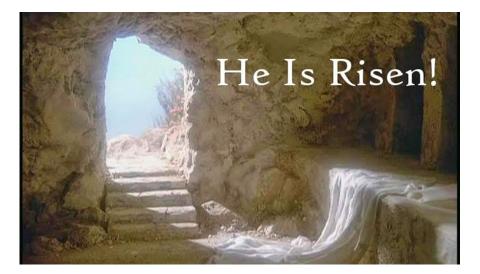
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CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM.

Worship service begins

at

10:40 a.m.



is APRIL 1st Bring family and friends as we CELEBRATE the resurrection of our Lord & Savior!!!

Worship service begins

at

10:40 a.m.

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NEWSLETTER AND 411 REMINDER

Just a reminder that any articles you would like to submit for publication in the Newsletter or 411 must be submitted to the office no later than noon on Tuesdays.

> After that time, we cannot guarantee your article will be published.

Day & Time may vary during holidays

CHURCH BULLETIN

Any information you will like in the Church Bulletin must be submitted to the office no later than 10am on Fridays.

Day & Time may vary during holidays



DO YOU PREFER RECEIVING TEXT MESSAGE OR PHONE CALL REMINDERS FOR MEETINGS?

Central Christian will be sending out text messages and phone calls to remind members of upcoming meetings and inform every one of prayer needs.

If you would like to receive text messages, please text ccctxk to 292929, as shown above, to have your number put on our list.

If you do not receive text messages but would like to be added to our call list, please email or call the church office at (903) 792-1915 and let Tonya know.

Upcoming Events & Services

January 31	5:30pm	Choir
February 3	all day	Disciple Hall reserved
February 4	2pm	Cowhorn Creek
February 5	10am	Worship Committee
February 5	5:30pm	Elders Meeting
February 7	5:30pm	Choir
February 8	6:30pm	CWF Night Group
February 13	10:30am	CWF Day Group
February 14	6pm	Ash Wednesday service
February 17	9am	CMF
February 18	10:40am	Week of Compassion offering
February 18	12pm	3rd Sunday potluck
February 19	all day	office closed



LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD?

<u>Matthew 25:40</u>

And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, **as you did it to one of the least of these** my brethren, you did it to me.'

COME JOIN US THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AS WE "SERVE" THE HOMELESS AT THE RANDY SAM'S SHELTER. WE MEET IN DISCIPLE HALL AT 4 PM TO PREPARE THE MEAL, THEN SERVE AT RANDY SAM'S AT 6 PM.

AGAIN, COME JOIN US IN SERVING THE LORD AND OUR COMMUNITY.



UNABLE TO ATTEND SUNDAY SERVICE?

If you are unable to attend Sunday service and desire to have communion brought to you, please call the church office at (903) 792-1915 with your request.

This communion is normally served on the 2nd and 4th Sundays but CAN be served most anytime, if prior arrangements are made.



IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT PRAYER LIST

In recent discussions with the Southwest Region, it has come to our attention that "The Prayer List" may be cause for litigation if we place people on it that have not given their personal consent to be placed on it. It is a violation of HIPAA Law to release information about anyone without their personal consent. Therefore, we ask that you not call requesting that a "friend" be placed on the list unless you have their consent. THANK YOU.

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Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church Wes Byas Family of Glen Dora Taylor, Harold Taylor's mother Jeff Misenheimer, friend of Lee Nailling Phyllis Dixon Herb Hamilton Bill Baker Bobbie Atkinson Randy Lacy, friend of George & Julia Carpenter Bob McDonald, friend of Bob Benbow Shirley Werst, Tamara Campbell's mom Keith Williams, friend of Tom Crow

Ongoing Concerns

Johnny Cunningham Bob Benbow Jan McCoy, Mary Chittenden's daughter Randy Thomas, friend of Beth Brine Holt Parsons Teresa Johnson Bob Tallent Evelyn Tallent **Bobby** Tallent Paul Wayson, Evelyn Tallent's brother Irene Leary, Lois Moore's aunt Suzanne Voltz, friend of Teresa Crow Debbie Duren, Beth Brine's cousin Roger Spencer Frank Vidrik, Alice Kern's nephew Linda Baker, friend of Annette Wilmoth Lisa Stanley, friend of Jack Carter Vickie Oliver

Homebound

Anne Benbow Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life Susan DeFoy, MRC Cornerstone, Rm. 505 A Central Christian Church Decals \$5.00

Church office or Hebrews



Serving this Sunday February 4, 2018

Greeters: Philip & Teri Stover Worship Leader: Jim Spears Hospital Elder: Joan Carter Flower Elder: Jack Carter Deacons: Claudine Brown, Martha Clinton, Tom Crow, Teresa Crow

January 28, 2018

 Attendance:
 48

 Offering:
 \$ 7,694.00

 Weekly Needs:
 \$ 4,276.04

 Difference:
 \$ 3,417.96

 YTD Collected:
 \$ 18,698.00

 YTD Needed:
 \$ 17,104.16

 Difference:
 \$ 1,593.84

LECTIONARY FOR FEBRUARY 4, 2018 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39

4-1-1 and Newsletters

The newsletter will go out on February 7 and 21.

The 4-1-1 will go out January 31 and February 14.