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Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put the child among them; and taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

In our synoptic Gospels, Jesus never beats around the bush as to whom is to be worshipped.

Let’s look at verse 37 closely: “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Notice Jesus says, “NOT me but the one who sent me.” Jesus came to proclaim God as Father and Lord of all. And not just that, but to show us what God is like and what God likes: To reveal God as a loving and forgiving God, not the cruel, vengeful God the Old Testament speaks of.

And interestingly, although we rarely say or even realize, God is a servant to all of us. Now this may be shocking to read or hear, but Jesus makes it clear God is here FOR US: That God wants to be here for us and want to SERVE us as the God and Father of all creation.

Jesus lives out this servanthood as an example of his Father’s goodness and willingness to serve His creation. God does not demand any praise or thanks for what He does but Jesus instructs us to praise and thank His father every day for the many blessings He provides us. After all, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

Are you a good servant? Are you welcoming?

Grace, Peace & Mercy to all,

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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 TNT Sunday School Class
Is beginning its study of
THE BOOK OF ESTHER.

We study various books of the Bible and recently completed the Gospels.

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 Journey Sunday School Class will begin our study of 1 Peter and 2 Peter on Sunday, September 23rd,

We hope you will join us. Please read chapters 3 & 4 of 1 Peter and be prepared to discuss them.

The Journey class meets in the Library in the Community Center.

The First Epistle of Peter, usually referred to simply as First Peter and often written 1 Peter, is a book of the New Testament. The author presents himself as Peter the Apostle, and, following Roman Catholic tradition, the epistle has been held to have been written during his time as bishop of Rome or Bishop of Antioch, though neither title is used in the epistle. The text of the letter states that it was written from Babylon. The letter is addressed to various churches in Asia Minor suffering religious persecution.



*THE FELLOWSHIP
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS*

Meets every Sunday morning at 9:40 a.m. to study the Bible chapter by chapter.

Presently, we are studying the Book of Genesis. You are invited to join us as we proceed thru the Bible. We meet in the "Parlor" adjacent to HeBrews, in the Education Building.

We have stimulating discussions that really help us understand the Bible on a deeper level.

Remember, we meet in the "Parlor" adjacent to HeBrews at 9:40 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Thoughts on Stewardship

As we embark on our 2018 Stewardship Campaign for the 2019 budget, I would like to share some thoughts for your consideration.

A biblical view of stewardship can be defined as “utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of his creation.” In Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus communicates a spiritual truth—that of stewarding the gifts he has entrusted to us. These could be talents and abilities or they might be the very message of grace he has entrusted us with. We don’t all receive the same gifts, but we’re all expected to return our master’s investment.

As Christians, we believe God doesn’t only want our money, but our whole lives. Everyone agrees generosity and stewardship are valuable virtues to practice, but are we giving God our First and Finest. He asked for the First and Finest of what the people had to offer. We are called to give for 2 reasons—1) he is worthy of our gift, and 2) it is a tangible way we put Him first in our lives. A gift that honors God is one that requires sacrifice, because that is the gift that reflects our hearts.

When we’re living with a spirit of gratitude toward God, we’re practicing biblical stewardship. That means living our lives every day acknowledging every resource, every dollar, every second of time, belongs to God. It’s all His, and we’re his managers.

Why do we give? We give to be more like Christ.

Tim Nash



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**IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE FOR
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
TO SERVE THE PEOPLE AT
RANDY SAM'S.
HERE IS OUR SCHEDULE FOR
2018**

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 CHRIST



Dear CCC,

Thank you for all the cards, calls, food and the flower arrangement you sent me during my accident. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Annette Wilmoth

The logo features the words "MEN'S" and "FELLOWSHIP" in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font. The text is centered within a light blue rectangular background that has a subtle, abstract pattern of overlapping shapes and gradients.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

THE

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

(CMF)

HAS A NEW DAY AND TIME!!

WILL BE MEETING

Thursday, September 27th

at 6:00 P.M. in HeBrews

Please make every effort to be present. We are working hard to accommodate our brothers in Christ.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Presents a Mystery Dinner Theater



Saturday, Oct. 13th

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

at 903 Walnut St., Texarkana, TX 75501

Guests of Hotel Gem are in New York City to fulfill their hopes and dreams. During breakfast at the luxurious Diamond Café, the power suddenly goes out. Everyone is trapped on the 35th floor. As anxious patrons await their rescue, they experience the amazing revelations of one guest's new invention. Just as freedom arrives, thievery is discovered. Now they're trapped again because everyone is a suspect. **Help solve this mystery and join the NYC themed fun!**

COST: *(Includes Yummy Breakfast Meal)* **\$15** adults / **\$7.50** (10 & under)

Purchase tickets at church on Sunday mornings Sept. 30 & Oct. 7.

Questions? Visit www.ccctxk.com or call Tonya at 792-1915 / secretary@cableone.net

BAKE SALE



SUNDAY,

NOVEMBER 18TH

We will have a

Bake Sale

during our

Thanksgiving

Luncheon,

after worship.

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 cctxk 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

September 19	5:30pm	Choir
September 19	6:30pm	Play Rehearsal
September 23	4pm	Randy Sam's Prep
September 23	6pm	Randy Sam's serving
September 26	5:30pm	Choir
September 27	6pm	CMF
September 30	9:30am	5th Sunday Breakfast
September 30	9:30am	Trail Boss Breakfast
September 30	10:40am	Reconciliation Offering
September 30	4pm	Play Rehearsal
October 3	5:30pm	Choir
October 7	10:40am	Reconciliation Offering
October 7	4pm	Play Rehearsal
October 10	5:30pm	Choir



THE NEW CCC WEB SITE

Our web site has been renovated!

Be sure to visit www.ccctxk.com

to see what's new!

Our site is easy to navigate and
there is lots of information.



LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD?

Matthew 25:40

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.

PRAYER LIST

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.

October Birthdays

Kelly Cunningham	10-01
Tonya Shumake	10-01
Kelley Folmar	10-09
Sondra Crain	10-12
Alice Coleman	10-18
David DeFoy	10-22
Beth Brine	10-27
Annette Wilmoth	10-31

October Anniversaries

George & Julia Carpenter 10-18

Servers for the Weeks Ahead

October 7, 2018

Greeters: Herb & Elaine Hamilton
Worship Leader: Jean Nailling
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons: Tamara Campbell, Pat Taylor, Cameron Lumpkin, George Carpenter, Jr.

October 14, 2018

Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern
Worship Leader: Lee Nailling
Hospital Elder: Mike Martin
Flower Elder: Teri Stover
Homebound Elder: Glen Hudspeth
Homebound Deacon: Martha Clinton
Deacons: Bob Wilmoth, Lynn Wilmoth, Jack Fisher, Claudine Brown

October 21, 2018

Greeters: Tim & Donna Nash
Worship Leader: Lisa Kern
Hospital Elder: Julia Carpenter
Flower Elder: Midge Cooney
Deacons: Tom Crow, Teresa Crow, Hayden Stover, George Carpenter, Jr.

October 28, 2018

Greeters: Randy & Diane King
Worship Leader: Tim Nash
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Homebound Elder: John Beeson
Homebound Deacon: Tamara Campbell
Deacons: Martha Clinton, Jack Duncan, Jack Fisher, Claudine Brown



Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church

Wes Byas

Jimmy Poindexter, Mary Chittenden's daughter-in-law's son

Dorothy Alves

John Allen

John Cunningham

Annabelle Hudspeth, Glen & Tami's granddaughter

Lois Hutchens, friend of Elaine Hamilton

Adam, friend of Beth Brine

Herb Hamilton

Wilma Milidge, Elaine Hamilton's cousin

Mike Oates

Julie Bray, friend of Elaine Hamilton

Matt Lowe, Robert and Alice Kern's son-in-law

John & Roberta Fooks, friends of Midge Cooney

Shirley Werst, Tamara Campbell's mom

Ongoing Concerns

Jenny Norton, Martha Clinton's niece

Melvin Moore, friend of Beth Brine

Annetta, friend of Laura Byas

Rita Cooksey

Bobby Tallent

Paul Wayson, Evelyn Tallent's brother

Margaret Dixon, friend of Beth Brine

Debbie Duren, Beth Brine's cousin

Frank Vidrik, Alice Kern's nephew

Vickie Oliver

Homebound

Bob Benbow, The Retreat, room 410

Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life

Susan DeFoy, MRC Cornerstone, Rm. 505 A

Central Christian Church Decals

\$5.00

Church office or Hebrews



Serving this Sunday

September 23, 2018

Greeters: Frank & Betty Caudle

Worship Leader: Julia Carpenter

Hospital Elder: Tim Nash

Flower Elder: Donna Nash

Homebound Elder: Midge Cooney

Homebound Deacon: Jack Duncan

Deacons: Bob Wilmoth, Lynn Wilmoth, Pat Taylor, Claudine Brown

September 16, 2018

Attendance: 61

Offering: \$ 1,532.82

Weekly Needs: \$ 4,276.04

Difference: \$ -2,743.22

YTD Collected: \$138,989.89

YTD Needed: \$153,937.44

Difference: \$-14,947.55

**LECTIONARY FOR
SEPTEMBER 23, 2018**

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalm 1

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

Sermon This Sunday:

"A Harvest of Righteousness"

Scripture:

James 3:13:4:3, 7-8a