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Hebrews 10:11-25

¹¹ And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³ and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶ "This is the covenant I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,"

¹⁷ he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Have you ever experienced a minister or church member trying to get someone in church through fear tactics? Telling someone they will never go to heaven if they don't go to church? Fear is a powerful motivator. We hear people using fear quite often to motivate people to do what they want. Yet, that is contrary to Jesus' approach to motivate. Jesus used love and mercy. Here in Hebrews we read: "....let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds......encouraging one another...." Are not fear tactics therefore contrary to what our Lord wants us to do? After all, "Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin."

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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 will

continue our study of

2 Thessalonians

on

Sunday, November 18th,

We hope you will join us.

Please read chapter 3

and be prepared to discuss it.

The Journey class meets in the Library in the

Community Center.

The Second Epistle to the Thessalonians, often referred to as Second Thessalonians or Two Thessalonians (and written 2 Thessalonians) is a book in the New Testament. It is traditionally attributed to Paul the Apostle, as it begins, "Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians" and ends, "I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand, which is the distinguishing mark in all my letters." Modern biblical scholarship is divided on whether Paul was the author or not; many scholars question its authenticity based on what they see as differences in style and theology between this and the First Epistle to the Thessalonians.

Scholars who support its authenticity view it as having been written around 51–52 AD, shortly after the First Epistle. Those who see it as a later composition, assign a date of around 80–115 AD.



The TNT Sunday School Class Is continuing its study of THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS.

We study various books of the Bible and recently completed the book of Ruth.

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 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.



THANKSGIVING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, IS THANKSGIVING SUNDAY. THEREFORE, WE WILL SHARE IN A THANKGIVING MEAL AFTER OUR WORSHIP SERVICE AND HAVE A BAKE SALE!

PLEASE PLAN NOW TO ATTEND.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH Our Annual Bake Sale will be held during our Thanksgiving Luncheon, that will be after worship.

Bring Cakes, Cookies, Fudge, Pies, Snacks

OR

Casseroles, Chili or Soup

The Freezer in the Disciple Hall Kitchen is available for any who would like to make something early and freeze it.

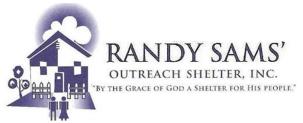


Don't miss our ADVENT Soup & Scripture beginning Sunday November 25th in HeBrews at 5:30 p.m.

Please read the following Scripture:

GENESIS 5 & 6

Sunday School classes will be preparing the soup.



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

2018

November 25th Journey

December 23rd CMF

LET US CONTINUE THIS MINISTRY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



THERE WILL BE A GENERAL BOARD MEETING MONDAY NOVEMBER 26TH. AT 6 P.M. IN THF COMMUNITY ROOM.



ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, WE ENTER THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

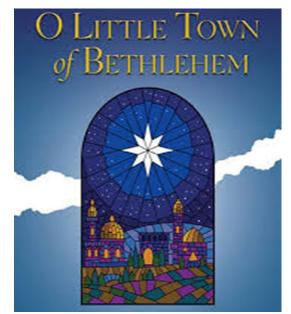


Advent is a season observed as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas as well as the return of Jesus at the second coming. The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming".



Throughout the biblical narrative we encounter a God who reminds His people to show hospitality to others, especially those who are the most vulnerable in society – the widow, the orphan and the alien (or stranger).

God reminds his people they too were once vulnerable – strangers in a distant land, enslaved and oppressed. And yet, through a generous act of hospitality itself, God saves them from these conditions and reminds his people to likewise be hospitable toward others who might be foreigners, vulnerable, enslaved or oppressed. This message is apt in today's world of rising nationalisms, self-interest and self-preservation, all of which fly in the face of God's reminder to be open to and welcome the stranger.



On a quiet, calm night in Bethlehem heaven's light broke through the darkness with the birth of Christ. Shepherds and wise men joined a host of angels to rejoice in this divine arrival on earth. 2,000 years later, we reflect on how this single event in a humble stable would change the rest of history.

Join us as we take a journey back in time to this incredible story with our Christmas Cantata. The arrangements by Russell Mauldin and narration by Sue C. Smith unfold the wonder of the events that took place in Bethlehem and move our hearts to songs of celebration of the greatest gift we know.

Come and lift up the name of Jesus as we fill the room with the vibrant songs of the season! CHRISTMAS CANTATA SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018 AT 10:40 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY.



Disciple's Crossing New Beginnings Capital Campaign

Disciple's Crossing in Athens, Texas is near and dear to many of our hearts. Several church members have served on the Board there, many of us have given countless hours directing camps, sponsoring groups, funding campers, and much more. It is a special place where many of us have encountered God in a new and different way.

At our last Board of Directors meeting, each of us were challenged with encouraging our members to help support our on-going campaign- New Beginnings Capital Campaign. Our goals are to build new facilities, repair current buildings, and renovate others so that more people can encounter this Holy place. This would further equip Disciples Crossing to empower individuals through spiritual formation, faith renewal, and Sabbath rest.

As of May, we had raised \$398,800. Our goal is to raise a total of \$1,500,000. The estimate includes building a gathering space that would allow groups larger than 150 people to meet, giving them a public venue for gatherings. It would also allow the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denominational a gathering space for assemblies, church events, retreats, etc. We have also figured in a smaller venue that could serve as a spiritual retreat center. Parking lot repair, Technology upgrades, and a maintenance endowment have been figured in as well.

With the additions mentioned above, Disciples Crossing estimates that it will increase the total number of guest per year by 1,000. You can help us do this by donating through the website or sending a check to Disciples Crossing (with Capital Campaign in the memo line) to Disciples Crossing. We, along with the other Disciples of Christ congregations across the tri-area, have been asked as a congregation to raise at least \$2,500.00, and I KNOW we can do it! Here is the web address and camp address:

http://www.disciplescrossing.org/newbeginnings

Disciples Crossing, 3693 St Hwy 31 East, Athens, TX 75752

Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

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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

November 14	5:30pm	Choir
November 18	12pm	Thanksgiving Luncheon
November 18	12pm	Bake Sale
November 22	all day	Thanksgiving / office closed
November 23	all day	office closed
November 25	4pm	Randy Sam's Prep
November 25	5pm	Soup and Scripture
November 25	6pm	Randy Sam's serving
November 26	6pm	General Board Meeting
November 28	5:30pm	Choir
December 2	all day	1st Sunday of Advent
December 2	12pm	Advent potluck
December 2	5pm	Soup & Scripture



THE NEW CCC WEB SITE

Our web site has been renovated! Be sure to visit <u>www.ccctxk.com</u> to see what's new! Our site is easy to navigate and there is lots of information.



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.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Please designate on the form below the number of plants you wish to order this year. We also ask that you specify how you would like the Sunday Bulletin Insert to read when it is published. In addition, please take the time to let us know whether or not you will be picking up your Poinsettia following our Christmas Eve service, or if you would prefer to have it delivered to one of our shut-ins, a homebound member, or to one of the local hospitals or nursing homes. May God bless you every day, and especially this Christmas season!



The cost of each Plant is \$13.00 Please pay in advance with you order.

NUMBER OF PLANTS:

PAYMENT AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

(Please print) IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

NAME (S) OF DONOR (S) AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE CHRISTMAS BULLETIN:

You may pick up your poinsettia Christmas Eve following the service.

ORDER DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH.

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Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church Wes Byas Neldajo Mathison Teresa Johnson Evelvn Tallent Jane Sefcik Amy Fisher Janet Bennett Steve Langford, friend of Tom Crow Susie Howdeshell James Thompson Jimmy Poindexter, Mary Chittenden's daughter-in-law's son Annabelle Hudspeth, Glen & Tami's granddaughter Herb Hamilton Wilma Milidge, Elaine Hamilton's cousin Shirley Werst, Tamara Campbell's mom

Ongoing Concerns

Dorothy Alves John Cunningham Jenny Norton, Martha Clinton's niece Craig Bivins, friend of Randy King Julie Bray, friend of Elaine Hamilton Matt Lowe, Robert and Alice Kern's son-in-law Melvin Moore, friend of Beth Brine Annetta, friend of Laura Byas Rita Cooksey Bobby Tallent Paul Wayson, Evelyn Tallent's brother 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 November 18, 2018

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth Worship Leader: John Beeson Hospital Elder: Mike Martin Flower Elder: Joan Carter Deacons: Randy King, Diane Pope-King, Claudine Brown, Hayden Stover

November 11, 2018

 Attendance:
 58

 Offering:
 \$ 11,341.50

 Weekly Needs:
 \$ 4,276.04

 Difference:
 \$ 7,065.46

 YTD Collected:
 \$185,671.56

 YTD Needed:
 \$188,145.76

 Difference:
 \$ -2,474.20

LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2018 Thanksgiving Sunday

1 Samuel 1:4-20 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25 Mark 13:1-8

Sermon This Sunday:

"A Radical Restructuring"

Scripture:

Mark 13:1-8