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Luke 21:25-36

²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “Be on guard so your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Jesus tells us to be alert at all times. Why? Because it is not possible to be one of his followers part time. To be a follower of Christ is a “full-time” job. If we are not always alert, we may end up like Colonel Johann Rall.

During the Revolutionary War, a loyalist spy appeared at the headquarters of Hessian commander Colonel Johann Rall, carrying an urgent message. General George Washington and his Continental army had secretly crossed the Delaware River that morning and were advancing on Trenton, New Jersey where the Hessians were encamped. The spy was denied an audience with the commander and instead wrote his message on a piece of paper. A porter took the note to the Hessian colonel, but because Rall was involved in a poker game he stuffed the unread note into his pocket. When the guards at the Hessian camp began firing their muskets in a futile attempt to stop Washington's army, Rall was still playing cards.

Without time to organize, the Hessian army was captured. The battle occurred the day after Christmas, 1776, giving the colonists a late present--their first major victory of the war.

As followers, we must be intentional about our mission. Are you?

Grace, Peace & Mercy to all, Wes

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SATURDAY

December 1st

AT 10 A.M.

WE WILL BE

DECORATING

OUR

SANCTUARY

FOR

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO HELP.



*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.

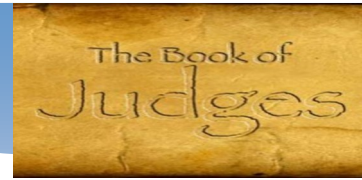
We are located in the Education Building next to HeBrews.



The **TNT** Sunday School Class is 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 Journey Sunday School Class will continue our study of **The Book of Judges** on **Sunday, December 2nd,***

We hope you will join us.

Please read **chapters 3 & 4** and be prepared to discuss it.

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

The Book of Judges is the seventh book of the Hebrew Bible and the Christian Old Testament. In the narrative of the Hebrew Bible, it covers the time between the conquest described in the Book of Joshua and the establishment of a kingdom in the Books of Samuel, during which Biblical judges served as temporary leaders. The stories follow a consistent pattern: the people are unfaithful to Yahweh and he therefore delivers them into the hands of their enemies; the people repent and entreat Yahweh for mercy, which he sends in the form of a leader or champion; the judge delivers the Israelites from oppression and they prosper, but soon they fall again into unfaithfulness and the cycle is repeated. Scholars consider many of the stories in Judges to be the oldest in the Deuteronomistic history, with their major redaction dated to the 8th century BCE and with materials such as the Song of Deborah dating from much earlier.



*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.

Advent

*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

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".

Advent



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

WE WILL HAVE OUR

ANNUAL

ADVENT

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE.

COME JOIN IN!

If your last name starts with:

A-G – bring Vegetables/Salad

H-Z – bring a Meat Dish



Don't miss our

ADVENT

Soup & Scripture
continuing Sunday

December 2nd

in HeBrews

at 5:00 p.m.

Please read the following Scripture:

GENESIS 7 & 8

Seekers Sunday School class is responsible for soup.



Peace
Sunday

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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH



HANGING
OF THE GREENS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

IS

HANGING OF THE GREENS!

THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL SERVICE

WHERE

WE DECORATE OUR

SANCTUARY FOR

CHRISTMAS

PLEASE COME JOIN IN

ON THIS FESTIVE OCCASION

AT THE 10:40 SERVICE.



DECEMBER 16TH

IS OUR

PARADE OF POINSETTIAS

THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL SERVICE

THAT WILL

INSPIRE YOU

AND

SPIRITUALLY ENRICH YOUR

CHRISTMAS!

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS

CHRISTMAS EVENT!

Congregational Meeting

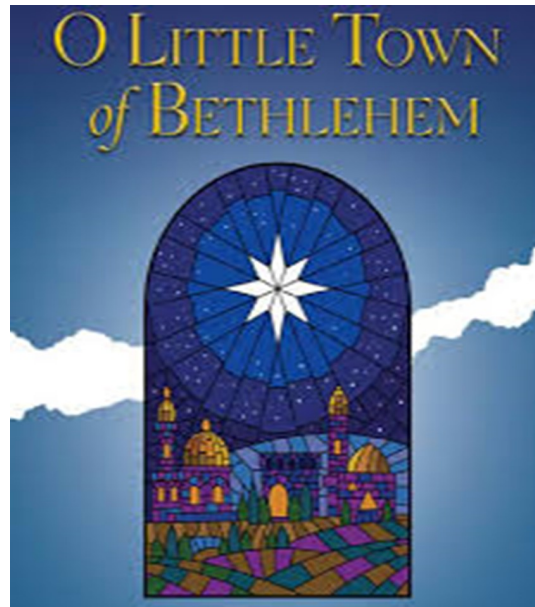
SUNDAY

DECEMBER 16TH

**WE WILL HAVE A
*CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING***

**TO APPROVE OUR
2019 BUDGET
AND APPROVE OUR
2019 OFFICERS**

***PLEASE BE PRESENT FOR THIS VERY
IMPORTANT MEETING.***



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.



RANDY SAM'S
OUTREACH SHELTER, INC.
"BY THE GRACE OF GOD A SHELTER FOR HIS PEOPLE."

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

December 23rd CMF

LET US CONTINUE THIS MINISTRY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

Big Thank You! A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who baked an item for the Bake Sale! Each item was unique and special and we are grateful for those who brought items and for those who purchased items helping us to raise \$530!!!

Installation of Officers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2019

WE WILL HAVE

THE

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

AND

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

during our 10:40 service.

If you have accepted one of these positions, please
plan to attend on this special day.

TRAINING



Officer & Committee Chair Training

will occur on

Saturday, January 12th,

10 a.m.

Current AND New Officers & Chairs MUST attend.

If leaving an Officer post or Chair, you will need to pass your binder & key to the Church to your successor.

This is required training

whether you have Chaired

a committee in the past, present or will be in the upcoming year.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED



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.

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

November 28	5:30pm	Choir
December 1	10am	Decorating Sanctuary
December 2	all day	1st Sunday of Advent
December 2	12pm	Advent potluck
December 2	5pm	Soup and Scripture
December 5	5:30pm	Choir
December 8	10:30am	CWF General Meeting
December 9	all day	2nd Sunday of Advent
December 9	10:40am	Hanging of the Greens
December 9	5pm	Soup and Scripture
December 12	11am-2pm	Opportunities Luncheon
December 12	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.

DECEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10am Decorating sanctuary
2 1st Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 12pm Advent potluck 5pm Soup & Scripture	3	4	5 5:30pm Choir	6	7	8 10:30am CWF General Meeting
9 2nd Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 5pm Soup & Scripture	10	11	12 Opportunities Luncheon 5:30pm Choir	13	14	15 9am CWF Hebrews reserved 1pm-5pm
16 3rd Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 12pm Congregational Meeting 5pm Soup & Scripture	17 6pm Cabinet Meeting	18	19 5:30pm Choir	20	21	22
23 4th Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pm Randy Sami's Prep 6pm Randy Sami's serving	24 office closed at 12pm 6pm Christmas Eve Service	25 office closed 11am-1pm Christmas Dinner for the Homeless and Needy	26	27	28	29
30 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am 5th Sunday Breakfast 10:40am Traditional Worship	31					

Servers for the Weeks Ahead

December 2, 2018

Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter
Worship Leader: Teri Stover
Hospital Elder: Tim Nash
Flower Elder: John Beeson
Deacons: Bob Wilmoth, Lynn Wilmoth, George Carpenter, Jr., Tamara Campbell

December 9, 2018

Greeters: Tamara Campbell & John Beeson
Worship Leader: Lee Nailling
Hospital Elder: Frank Caudle
Flower Elder: Midge Cooney
Homebound Elder: Lisa Kern
Homebound Deacon: George Carpenter, Jr.
Deacons: Claudine Brown, Jack Duncan, Jack Fisher, Cameron Lumpkin

December 16, 2018

Greeters: Frank & Betty Caudle
Worship Leader: Jim Spears
Hospital Elder: Alice Kern
Flower Elder: Robert Kern
Deacons: Randy King, Diane Pope-King, Martha Clinton, Pat Taylor

December 23, 2018

Greeters: Mike & Martha Clinton
Worship Leader: Connie Spears
Hospital Elder: Joan Carter
Flower Elder: Jack Carter
Homebound Elder: Julia Carpenter
Homebound Deacon: Bob Wilmoth
Deacons: Tom Crow, Teresa Crow, George Carpenter, Jr., Hayden Stover

December 30, 2018

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Tim Nash
Hospital Elder: Troy Kern
Flower Elder: Mike Martin
Deacons: Claudine Brown, Martha Clinton, Lynn Wilmoth, Bob Wilmoth

December Birthdays

Pat Brummal 12-01
Kayden Bennett 12-05
Martha Clinton 12-06
Peyton Stover 12-06
Kathy Cunningham 12-10
Colton Crain 12-13
Neldajo Mathison 12-15
Drake Hudspeth 12-31

December Anniversaries

John & Margie Beeson 12-11
Philip & Teri Stover 12-19
Mike & Sondra Crain 12-21
John & Kathy Cunningham 12-22
Bob & Evelyn Tallent 12-29



Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church
 Wes Byas
 Lee Nailling
 Bob Wilmoth
 Neldajo Mathison
 Evelyn Tallent
 Jane Sefcik
 Amy Fisher
 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
 Shirley Werst, Tamara Campbell's mom

Ongoing Concerns

Dorothy Alves
 John Cunningham
 Jenny Norton, Martha Clinton's niece
 Craig Bivins, friend of Randy King
 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 December 2, 2018

Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter
Worship Leader: Teri Stover
Hospital Elder: Tim Nash
Flower Elder: John Beeson
Deacons: Bob Wilmoth, Lynn Wilmoth, George Carpenter, Jr., Tamara Campbell

November 25, 2018

Attendance: 46
Offering: \$ 1,735.50
Weekly Needs: \$ 4,276.04
Difference: \$ -2,540.54

YTD Collected: \$192,361.61
YTD Needed: \$200,994.09
Difference: \$ -8,632.48

*LECTIONARY FOR
 DECEMBER 2, 2018*
 First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16
 Psalm 25:1-10
 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
 Luke 21:25-36

Sermon This Sunday:

"Restoration"

Scripture:

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13