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FROM THE
PASTOR



John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Our Gospel writers each have a different way of presenting Jesus to us. In John’s Gospel, he wants us to know Jesus’ first miracle was that of turning water into wine. I might add, he also gives a look at the relationship between Jesus and his mother. In Matthew’s Gospel, he tells us Jesus’ first miracle was curing every disease and every sickness among the people (Matthew 4:23). In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus’ first miracle was removing an unclean spirit from a man (Mark 1:23-26). And, in Luke’s Gospel, Jesus’ first miracle is debatable. It could be in Luke 4:29-30 where his hometown people were going to “hurl him off a cliff,” yet “he passed through the midst of them”. Or, it could be considered Luke 4:33-35 where, as in Matthew, Jesus removes an “unclean demon” from a man.

While all four Gospels tell us of the miracles of Jesus, they tell them in different ways and begin with different ones, depending on your view of Luke’s events as mentioned above. Interestingly, the true miracle above all others, to me, is God’s great and wonderful love for us. Regardless of miracles of healing, restoring, or turning water into wine, nothing, in my opinion, can equal God’s love for ALL of us. That God would send Jesus with God’s message of love and forgiveness is the greatest miracle of all. My prayer for you, for all of us is, we feel, experience, and revel in God’s love throughout 2019.

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.

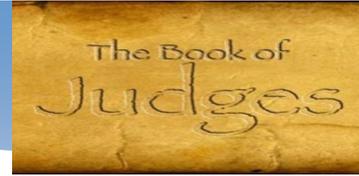
We are located in the Education Building next to HeBrews.



The TNT Sunday School Class is continuing its study of **THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS.**

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

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, January 20th,***

We hope you will join us.

Please read **chapters 14 & 15** 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 Exodus.** 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.

The logo features the words "MEN'S" and "FELLOWSHIP" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. "MEN'S" is positioned above "FELLOWSHIP". The text is centered within a light blue rectangular background that has a subtle, abstract pattern of overlapping circles and lines. A darker blue horizontal band is located behind the word "MEN'S".

**MEN'S
FELLOWSHIP**

THE

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Saturday, January 19th

at 9:00 A.M. in HeBrews

Please make every effort to be present.
We are working hard to build our Men's
group.



THERE WILL BE A
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY
JANUARY 28TH.
AT 6 P.M.
IN THE
COMMUNITY ROOM.



Ash Wednesday

March 6th

OUR

ASH WEDNESDAY

SERVICE

WILL BE HELD

AT

6:00 P.M.

IN THE SANCTUARY

LET US BEGIN *LENT* BY

BRINGING

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

TO

THIS VERY SPECIAL *LENTEN* SERVICE



SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH

WE BEGIN

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

PLEASE BE SURE TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS

& WATCHES

UP 1 HOUR

BEFORE YOU GO TO BED SATURDAY

NIGHT, THE 9TH.



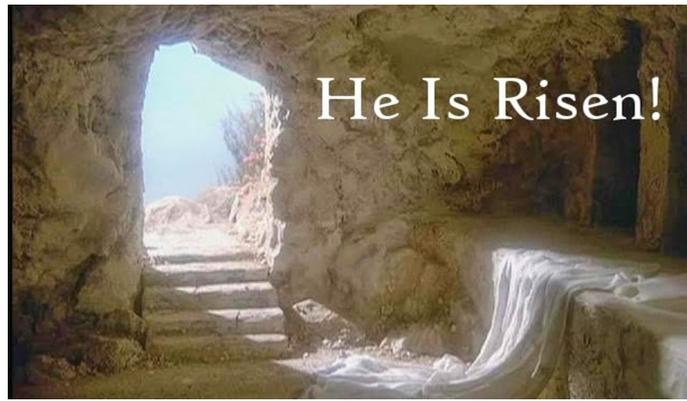
Palm Sunday
SERVICE

APRIL 14TH

Be sure to bring family & friends
to

CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S
ENTRY INTO
JERUSALEM.

Worship service begins
at
10:40 a.m.



E A S T E R S U N D A Y

is

A P R I L 21st

Bring family and friends as we

CELEBRATE

the resurrection of our

Lord & Savior!!!

Worship service begins

at

10:40 a.m.



Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on **April 22**.

Worldwide, various events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First celebrated in 1970, Earth Day events in more than 193 countries are now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network.

On Earth Day 2016, the landmark Paris Agreement was signed by the United States, China, and some 120 other countries. This signing satisfied a key requirement for the entry into force of the historic draft climate protection treaty adopted by consensus of the 195 nations present at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris.

Numerous communities celebrate Earth Week, an entire week of activities focused on the environmental issues the world faces.



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 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 16	5:30pm	Choir
January 19	9am	CMF
January 20	12pm	Fellowship Committee Meeting in HeBrews
January 23	5:30pm	Choir
January 27	4pm	Randy Sam's Prep
January 27	6pm	Randy Sam's serving
January 28	5:30pm	Outreach Committee in Library
January 28	6pm	General Board
January 30	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.

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church
 Wes Byas
 Family of Gloria Stover, Philip Stover's step-mom
 Korey Kirchner, Richard Martin's grandson-in-law
 Gary Doty, Elaine Hamilton's cousin
 Debbie McCommas, Tami Hudspeth's sister
 Reese Utley, friend of Philip Stover
 Carma Lee Frost
 Betsy Spencer
 Evelyn Tallent
 Steve Langford, friend of Tom Crow
 Susie Howdeshell
 James Thompson
 Shirley Werst, Tamara Campbell's mom

Ongoing Concerns

Dorothy Alves
 John Cunningham
 Roger Spencer
 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
 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
January 20, 2019

Greeters: Alan & Janet Bennett
Worship Leader: Jim Spears
Hospital Elder: Joan Carter
Flower Elder: Jack Carter
Deacons: Jack Fisher, Martha Clinton, George Carpenter, Jr., Tamara Campbell

January 13, 2019

Attendance: 54

Offering: \$ 7,462.00
Weekly Needs: \$ 4,388.42
Difference: \$ 3,123.58

YTD Collected: \$ 13,407.32
YTD Needed: \$ 8,776.84
Difference: \$ 4,630.48

YTD Collected 2018: \$218,141.80
YTD Needed 2018: \$222,354.50
Difference: \$ -4,212.70

LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 20, 2019

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5
 Psalm 36:5-10
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
 John 2:1-11

Sermon This Sunday:
 "In Essentials, Unity"

Scripture:
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11