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FROM THE PASTOR

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

- For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
- ² a time to be born, and a time to die;
- a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- ³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;
- a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- ⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
- a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- ⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
- a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- ⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;
- a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
- ⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;
- a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- ⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;
- a time for war, and a time for peace.

In reviewing 2018, which certainly encompassed much of what we read here in Ecclesiastes, I doubt many of us can argue with the writer. Truly, for everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven. In our great congregation we have brothers and sisters in Christ, who lost a child, mother, brother, sister, aunt, brother-in-law, and friends and who saw the birth of grandchildren. This was certainly a time to mourn and a time to dance.

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Looking ahead, we pray 2019 will hold for us a time to plant new ministries, a time to heal, a time to build up, a time to laugh, a time to dance, a time to gather stones together, a time to seek, a time to keep, a time to sew, a time to love, and a time for peace. All these things with the understanding of the potential for the negative side the writer of Ecclesiastes presents.

Jesus said, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me."

DO you believe in God? If so, "let not your hearts be troubled" in the coming year. Rejoice in the newness of what is to come.

Grace, Peace & Mercy to all, Wes



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

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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 Book of JUCIGES

The Journey Sunday School Class will continue our study of

The Book of Judges

on Sunday, January 13th,

We hope you will join us. Please read chapters 12 & 13 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 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.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 13TH, WE WILL HAVE OUR

SUNDAY POTLUCK

LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE

OUR COMMITTEE CHAIRS WILL BE RECRUITING MEMBERS FOR THEIR COMMITTEES DURING OUR POTLUCK PLEASE SAY, "YES," IF ASKED TO SERVE.

CWF/DWM Blog

CWF will meet on Tuesday, January 15th at 10:30am in the Community Room. Our service project is Runnin' WJ Ranch—A Night to Shine (\$50 donation) Lunch will be soups, salads and desserts. Connie will bring the study on New Year's Resolutions.

Hope to see everyone there!



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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.



Be sure to bring family & friends

to

CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM.

Worship service begins

at

10:40 a.m.



EASTER SUNDAY is APRIL 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 <u>entry into force</u> 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.



Thanks to our church family:

Thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards, food and messages on Facebook and especially the prayers during the unexpected death of our daughter Teresa. Thanks to all the ladies for the lunch for the family on

Thursday. We did not know the combined families were that large. A couple of guys I know who were sitting at the table with us were surprised at what our church does for their church family especially the ladies group preparing all the food. Thanks to Wes for the service. It really reflected the type of person Teresa was.

Thanks so much for trying to help this pain that is the worst pain we have ever experienced.

Love everyone AJ, Lee and Jean



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

January 9	5:30pm	Choir
January 10	6:30pm	CWF Night Group
January 12	10am	Chair Training
January 13	12pm	Potluck Luncheon w/Committee Recruiting
January 15	10:30am	CWF Day Group
January 16	5:30pm	Choir
January 19	9am	CMF
January 23	5:30pm	Choir
January 27	4pm	Randy Sam's Prep
January 27	6pm	Randy Sam's serving
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 <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.

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Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church Wes Byas 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 13, 2019

Greeters: Harold & Pat Taylor Worship Leader: Donna Nash Hospital Elder: Alice Kern Flower Elder: Teri Stover Homebound Elder: Tami Hudspeth Homebound Deacon: Lynn Wilmoth Deacons: Cameron Lumpkin, Jack Duncan, Pat Taylor, Claudine Brown

January 6, 2019

Attendance: 41

Christmas Eve Offering: \$50.00

 Offering:
 \$
 5,945.32

 Weekly Needs:
 \$
 4,388.42

 Difference:
 \$
 1,556.90

 YTD Collected 2018:
 \$216,176.51

 YTD Needed 2018:
 \$222,354.50

 Difference:
 \$-6,177.99

LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 13, 2019 Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon This Sunday:

"Expectations"

Scripture:

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22