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**March 27, 2019**

FROM THE  
PASTOR



## 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

One New Year's Eve at London's Garrick Club, British dramatist Frederick Lonsdale was asked by Seymour Hicks to reconcile with a fellow member. The two had quarreled in the past and never restored their friendship. "You must," Hicks said to Lonsdale. "It is very unkind to be unfriendly at such a time. Go over now and wish him a happy New Year."

So, Lonsdale crossed the room and spoke to his enemy. "I wish you a happy New Year," he said, "but only one."

In 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, we are told "...if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away, see, everything has become new!" Please note the following: "there is a new creation," "everything old has passed away," "everything has become new." As for us, when we were baptized, accepted Christ, was there a new creation within us? Did everything old pass away? Has everything become new to us? All too often, many say they accept Christ but we never let go of the past. And, holding onto the past prevents us from becoming new creations and seeing everything in a new light.

I encourage everyone who reads this message to let go of the past and become truly new in Christ. If letting go means asking for forgiveness from someone or from God, then ask. God will always forgive even when others don't. If letting go means you forgiving someone who hasn't asked for forgiveness but should, then forgive. Jesus did.

It is wrong of us AND unhealthy for us to hold onto past hurts. Let go and love the newness.

Grace, Peace & Mercy to all,

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SUNDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, IS OUR  
5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY BREAKFAST!

Sunday School Classes, please bring:

**Seekers:** Continental breakfast food of choice.

**Fellowship:** Continental breakfast food of choice.

**TNT:** Continental breakfast food of choice.

**Journey:** Continental breakfast food of choice.

COME JOIN US IN **BREAKING BREAD**  
AS WE CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE  
**OUR LORD**



**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.



**The Journey Sunday School Class will  
Continue our study of  
THE GOSPEL OF LUKE**

**on**

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>,**

We hope you will join us.

Please read **chapter 9**  
and be prepared to discuss it.

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

The Gospel According to Luke, also called the Gospel of Luke, or simply Luke, is the third of the four canonical Gospels. It tells of the origins, birth, ministry, atonement, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. Luke is the longest of the four gospels and the longest book in the New Testament; together with Acts of the Apostles it makes up a two-volume work from the same author, called Luke–Acts. The cornerstone of Luke–Acts' theology is "salvation history", the author's understanding that God's purpose is seen in the way he has acted, and will continue to act, in history.



**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.**

April 06  
10:00 AM

all tickets  
\$10

United Methodist Women of  
First United Methodist Church

Live  
Love  
Laugh



with inspirational speaker

Donna Rice

Baked potato and  
salad lunch provided  
by Texas Road House

400 E. 6th Street  
Texarkana, AR  
71854  
870.772.6931



*Palm Sunday*  
SERVICE

APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>

Be sure to bring family & friends  
to

CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S  
ENTRY INTO  
JERUSALEM.

Worship service begins  
at  
10:40 a.m.



***A DRAMATIC SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION  
WILL OCCUR ON MAUNDY THURSDAY.***

*Don't miss this very special communion service  
where you will hear certain disciples of Jesus speak  
not only to you, but to the Lord.*

*Their stories are compelling and the words of Jesus  
will resonate with you.....forever.*

*That's Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m.,  
April 18<sup>th</sup>, in the sanctuary.*

***SEE YOU THERE!***



**There will be an Easter Egg hunt  
Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm.**

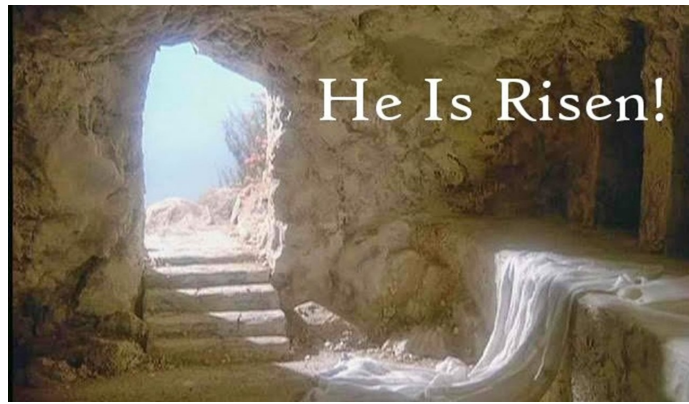
This will be hosted jointly by our church and the  
Bikers Church.

We will be inviting the community to join us.

We are needing donations of plastic eggs, candy,  
stuffed eggs and prizes.

We also need volunteers to help serve food, help  
with crafts and help with hiding of eggs.

Please contact Tami Hudspeth (903-293-4940) if  
you are interested in helping.



E A S T E R   S U N D A Y

is

A P R I L 21<sup>st</sup>

Bring family and friends as we

CELEBRATE

the resurrection of our

Lord & Savior!!!

Worship service begins

at

10:40 a.m.



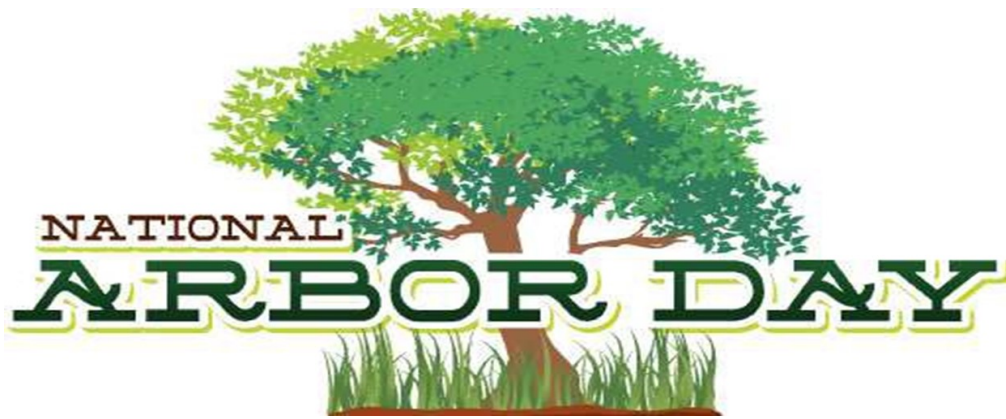


Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on **April 22**.

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.



The United States was one of the first countries in the world to celebrate Arbor Day, a holiday dedicated to tree planting. National Arbor Day in the USA is celebrated on the last Friday in April. Besides, each state celebrates its own state tree planting holiday. Arbor Day was founded by Julius Sterling Morton, a Nebraska newspaper editor, agriculturalist and statesman. Morton was a respected agriculturalist fascinated with trees, he planted numerous trees on his estate.

Currently, his former mansion and estate serve as Arbor Lodge State Historical Park. Morton came up with the idea of celebrating Arbor Day in the early 1870s. The first celebration was held in Nebraska on April 10, 1872.

Its participants planted an estimated one million trees throughout the state. By the 1920s, each state had passed laws that stipulated a certain day to be state Arbor Day. In some states, the holiday was named Arbor and Bird Day. In Nebraska, Arbor Day is a civic holiday. National Arbor Day in the United States was established as a state holiday in 1885.

It was moved from April 10 (its original date proposed by Morton) to April 22 (Morton's birthday). In 1989, the holiday was moved to the last Friday in April. On this day, Americans are encouraged to plant trees, bushes and plants (if weather conditions allow) and care for their national environment.



SUNDAY, **APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>**, WE WILL HAVE OUR

**SUNDAY POTLUCK**

LUNCHEON

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING**

**OUR**

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

PLEASE BE SURE TO ATTEND

**THIS VERY SPECIAL MEAL**

TO CELEBRATE

OUR CHURCH FAMILY.



## **Animal Shelter**

The CWF is collecting food, blankets, towels, snacks etc. for the animals at the Texarkana Animal Shelter. A box will be in the church vestibule for any donations the congregation wants to contribute.

The donations will be delivered at the end of March.



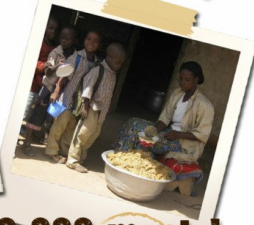
**Just wanted to say Thank You for all the prayers, cards, texts, etc. I am progressing and so very grateful this will soon be in the past.**

**Thank you for the love and support.**

**Tracey Caudle**

meals 4  
multitudes

**You can make a  
difference in the  
lives of children &  
families in Ethiopia.**



**Help us pack 10,000 meals!**

The Outreach Committee is excited to offer you the opportunity to participate in “Meals 4 Multitudes”. This response to poverty provides 10,000 packaged meals to hungry children living in Ethiopia. The cost to do this \$3,000.00. This amount of money includes all costs to feed these children in the name of Christ. Here is how YOU can help:

1. Prayer for the effort
2. Volunteer for the setup, packaging of meals, clean up, and take down on the day of packaging
3. Help us meet our goal of \$3,000.00!

We currently have \$1,600.00 for this effort. If you would like to help us out with a financial donation, please make your check out to the church but earmark it for “Meals 4 Multitudes” on the “for” line.

Matthew 25:37-40 Then the righteous will answer his saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

Thank you, in advance for helping us with this effort.

# OFFICE HOURS



JUST A REMINDER TO OUR CONGREGATION

OUR

OFFICE HOURS

ARE

8 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY



## ***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 amaintenance 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**

|                 |         |                      |
|-----------------|---------|----------------------|
| <b>March 27</b> | 5:30pm  | Choir                |
| <b>March 31</b> | 9:30am  | 5th Sunday Breakfast |
| <b>April 1</b>  | 5:30pm  | Events Committee     |
| <b>April 3</b>  | 5:30pm  | Choir                |
| <b>April 8</b>  | 10:30am | Worship Committee    |
| <b>April 9</b>  | 10:30am | CWF Day Group        |
| <b>April 10</b> | 5:30pm  | Choir                |
| <b>April 11</b> | 6:30pm  | CWF Night Group      |
| <b>April 14</b> | all day | Palm Sunday          |



## THE NEW CCC WEB SITE

Our web site has been renovated!

Be sure to visit [www.ccctxk.com](http://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 4<sup>TH</sup> 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.

# EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Please designate the number of plants you wish to order and how you want the Sunday bulletin insert to read. The completed form should be returned to the church office or placed in the offering plate by April 5<sup>th</sup> with the payment of \$13.00 each attached.

Number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check either in memory or in honor and print the name of the person or people you wish to remember or honor.

\_\_\_ In Memory    \_\_\_ In Honor    \_\_\_\_\_

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Please print the donor's name the way you wish it to appear in the Easter Bulletin.

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Please pick up your Easter Lilies after the worship service on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**ORDER DEADLINE: Friday, April 5, 2019.**

# APRIL 2019

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue                        | Wed                | Thu                               | Fri                                      | Sat   |
|---|--|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| CWF is in charge of Randy Sam's.  | 1<br>5:30pm Events Comm.                           | 2                          | 3<br>5:30pm Choir  | 4                                 | 5<br>4pm Deadline to order Easter Lilies | 6   |
| 7<br>9am Elders in Prayer<br>9:40am Sunday School<br>10:40am Traditional Worship  | 8<br>10:30am Worship Comm.                         | 9<br>10:30am CWF Day Group | 10<br>5:30pm Choir | 11<br>6:30pm CWF Night Group      | 12                                       | 13  |
| 14<br>Palm Sunday<br>Easter Offering<br>9am Elders in Prayer<br>9:40am Sunday School<br>10:40am Traditional Worship   | 15   | 16                         | 17<br>5:30pm Choir | 18<br>7pm Maundy Thursday service | 19                                       | 20<br>9am CWF   |
| 21<br>Easter Sunday<br>Easter Offering<br>9am Elders in Prayer<br>9:40am Sunday School<br>10:40am Traditional Worship                                       | 22<br>office closed                                | 23                         | 24<br>5:30pm Choir | 25                                | 26                                       | 27  |
| 28<br>9am Elders in Prayer<br>9:40am Sunday School<br>10:40am Traditional Worship<br>12pm Spring potluck<br>4pm Randy Sam's prep<br>6pm Randy Sam's serving | 29<br>5:30pm Outreach Comm.<br>6pm Cabinet Meeting | 30                         |                    |                                   |  | Spring potluck:<br>Please bring the following:<br>Last name beginning with:<br>A-G: Meat<br>H-Z: Vegetable or salad |

## April Birthdays

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Jeffrey Turner   | 04-07 |
| Elaine Carpenter | 04-13 |
| Lynn Wilmoth     | 04-13 |
| Jill Hoover      | 04-16 |
| Tracey Caudle    | 04-25 |
| Jennifer Crow    | 04-25 |
| Emma Burns       | 04-25 |
| Stan Brummal     | 04-27 |
| Nancy Thompson   | 04-28 |
| Sarah Launius    | 04-28 |
| Jordan Lumpkin   | 04-28 |
| Robert Kern      | 04-29 |

## April Anniversaries

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| Wes & Laura Byas     | 04-07 |
| Chad & Jamie Bennett | 04-24 |



## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

### April 7, 2019

Greeters: Philip & Teri Stover  
 Worship Leader: Jean Nailling  
 Hospital Elder: Jim Spears  
 Flower Elder: Connie Spears  
 Deacons: Jack Fisher, Tom Crow, Pat Taylor, Sondra Bedwell

### April 14, 2019

Greeters: Tim & Donna Nash  
 Worship Leader: Lee Nailling  
 Hospital Elder: Mike Martin  
 Flower Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.  
 Homebound Elder: Glen Hudspeth  
 Homebound Deacon: Robert Kern  
 Deacons: Diane Pope-King, Lynn Wilmoth, Tamara Campbell, Jack Duncan

### April 21, 2019

Greeters: Randy & Diane King  
 Worship Leader: Lisa Kern  
 Hospital Elder: Julia Carpenter  
 Flower Elder: Midge Cooney  
 Deacons: Judy Van Hooser, Cameron Lumpkin, Sondra Bedwell, Teresa Crow

### April 28, 2019

Greeters: Alan & Janet Bennett  
 Worship Leader: Connie Spears  
 Hospital Elder: Jack Carter  
 Flower Elder: Joan Carter  
 Homebound Elder: John Beeson  
 Homebound Deacon: Jack Duncan  
 Deacons: Hayden Stover, Jamie Bennett, Robert Kern, Alice Coleman



# Weekly Info

## Prayer Need

Our Church  
 Wes Byas  
 Bill Thompson, friend of George Carpenter, Jr.  
 Meghan Hopkins, Jane Sefcik's granddaughter  
 Tom, Mary Dawn, Trey & Matt Hudspeth  
 Jauquita Hargus  
 Dorothy Alves  
 Tracey Caudle  
 Martha Clinton  
 Reese Utley, friend of Philip Stover  
 Betsy Spencer  
 Steve Langford, friend of Tom Crow  
 Susie Howdeshell  
 James Thompson  
 Shirley Werst, Tamara Campbell's mom

## Ongoing Concerns

George Moore, George & Julia's grandson  
 John Cunningham  
 Roger Spencer  
 Craig Bivins, friend of Randy King  
 Matt Lowe, Robert and Alice Kern's son-in-law  
 Melvin Moore, friend of Beth Brine  
 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

March 31, 2019

**Greeters:** Robert & Alice Kern

**Worship Leader:** Julia Carpenter

**Hospital Elder:** Joan Carter

**Flower Elder:** Jack Carter

**Deacons:** Lois Moore, Teresa Crow, Hayden Stover, Lynn Wilmoth

March 24, 2019

**Attendance:** 43

**Offering:** \$ 3,752.07

**Weekly Needs:** \$ 4,388.42

**Difference:** \$ -636.35

**YTD Collected:** \$ 50,830.27

**YTD Needed:** \$ 52,611.04

**Difference:** \$ -1,780.77

*LECTIONARY FOR MARCH 31, 2019*

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32