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FROM THE PASTOR

Central Christian Church

Romans 13:11-14

[11] Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; [12] the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; [13] let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. [14] Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Advent is a very special season for the Church. It is a time of expectancy, to look forward to the moment we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Keeping that birth in mind, it is important we also keep in mind churches also have births. Our church was born in the 1800's and continues to serve the Lord, the community, and the world even today.

On another note, it is also important to remember churches, like Jesus told Nicodemus about people, can be born again and often need to be through the years of its service. Time stands still for no one, not even a church. As the world changes, the culture changes, so also should the church. Not in its basic beliefs, but in its approach to ministry and service. As the old saying goes, "Do not be afraid of change. Be afraid of not changing."

Many churches that have served the Lord for many, many years are now closing their doors. Between 6,000 and 10,000 churches in the U.S. are dying each year. That means around 100-200 churches will close this week. The pace will accelerate unless our congregations make some dramatic changes. Again, it is not necessarily about changing beliefs, but about changing our approach to ministry and, in some cases, to whom we minister.

Remember, there are three stages people go through when confronted with change:

1. Resistance to change
2. Tolerant of change
3. Embrace the change

Let us embrace the Lord by embracing change.

Grace, Peace & Mercy to all,

Wes

2019 has been a wonderful year! We have accomplished much in terms of ministry and upkeep on our church and we thank each and every one of you.

Here's our budget to date:

Total 2019 Budget:	$228,198.00
Total giving up to 11-24-19:	$174,030.53
Difference:	$ -54,167.47

In order to meet our 2019 Budget by December 31st, we will need to catch up on our giving.

YTD Collected: $174,030.53

YTD Needed: $210,594.16

Difference: $-36,563.63

At this point, as you can see, we are $36,563.63 short of our budgeted amount. We are asking, if you are not up to date on your pledge, please do what you can to help close this gap.

We are so thankful for all of you and feel blessed you have a love for the ministry of Central Christian Church. God Bless you all!!

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:

_____

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

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

ORDER DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH.

SATURDAY

November 30th

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 Journey Sunday School

Will continue our study of

THE BOOK OF ACTS

on

Sunday, December 1st,

We hope you will join us.

Please read chapter 16

and be prepared to discuss it.

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

Acts of the Apostles, often referred to simply as Acts, or formally the Book of Acts, is the fifth book of the New Testament; it tells of the founding of the Christian church and the spread of its message to the Roman Empire. Acts and the Gospel of Luke make up a two-part work, Luke–Acts, by the same anonymous author, usually dated to around 80–90 AD. The first part, the Gospel of Luke, tells how God fulfilled his plan for the world's salvation through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, the promised Messiah. Acts continues the story of Christianity in the 1st century, beginning with Jesus's ascension to Heaven. The early chapters, set in Jerusalem, describe the Day of Pentecost (the coming of the Holy Spirit) and the growth of the church in Jerusalem. Initially, the Jews are receptive to the Christian message, but soon they turn against the followers of Jesus. Rejected by the Jews, under the guidance of the Apostle Peter the message is taken to the Gentiles. The later chapters tell of Paul's conversion, his mission in Asia Minor and the Aegean, and finally his imprisonment in Rome, where, as the book ends, he awaits trial.

T·N·T

The TNT Sunday School Class
Is continuing its study of
THE BOOK OF
ACTS

We study various books of the Bible and recently completed
The Book of JOSHUA.

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.

Fellowship

THE FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Meets every Sunday morning at 9:40 a.m.
to study the Bible chapter by chapter.

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.

ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st,

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".

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st

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.

Don't miss our

Closing ADVENT

Soup & Scripture

Sunday

December 1st

in HeBrews

at 5:00 p.m.

Please read the following Scripture:

Job 39:1-30

The Sunday School classes will be preparing the soup each Sunday through December 1st.

Christmas Bonuses

Dear Church Family,

It's the time of year again to think of our wonderful staff, Wes, Tonya, Beth, Brenda, Beverly and Kelley. If you would like to contribute to a Christmas bonus, please place a check to the church in a separate envelope with my name on it. I need the checks in by December 23rd.

Connie Spears

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15,
WE WILL BE TAKING OUR
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING.

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING SUPPORTS
REGIONAL MINISTRIES.
IN 32 REGIONS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AND
CANADA, MINISTERS ARE NURTURED, AND
CONGREGATIONS ARE PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES
FOR WORK AND WORSHIP. OFTEN RECOGNIZED FOR
THE MINISTRIES OF CAMPS AND CONFERENCES,
REGIONS ALSO PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE
PREPARATION AND AUTHORIZATION OF
MINISTERIAL ORDINATION. BOTH ARE KEY TO
CHURCH LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT.
REGIONS PARTNER WITH CONGREGATIONS TO
SUPPORT THE WORK REQUIRED
TO CALL A NEW MINISTER.

Advent

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th

WE WILL HAVE OUR

ANNUAL

ADVENT

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE.

COME JOIN IN!

If your last name starts with:

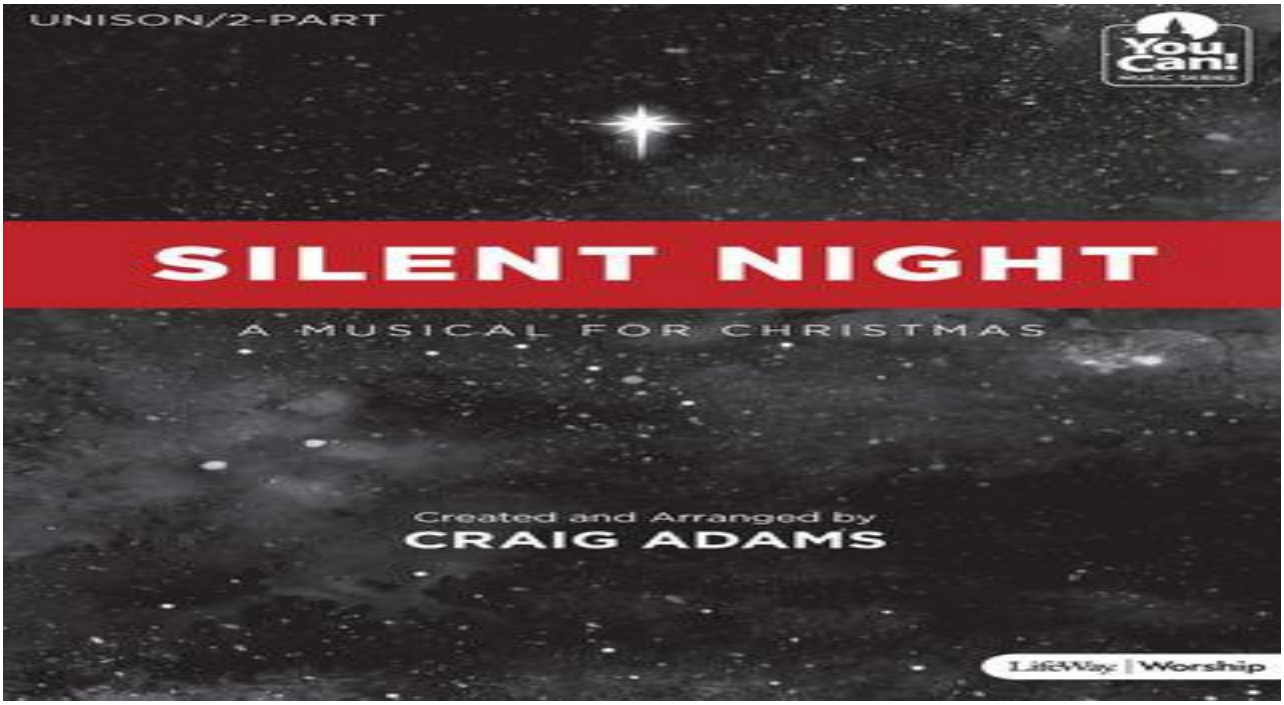
A-G – bring Vegetables/Salad

H-Z – bring a Meat Dish

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019

AT 10:40 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY.



This Cantata features a festive combination of timeless carols, holiday favorites, and inspiring narration. Each song has been uniquely arranged. Centered on one of the best-loved Christmas carols of all time, this celebration will make this Christmas season unforgettable for our church and community! Songs include: *Carol Celebration Medley* (includes *O Come, All Ye Faithful; Angels We Have Heard on High; The First Noel; Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come* and *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*); *Do You Hear What I Hear?; Jesus, God's Own Son; Silent Night (God's Great Love)* and *Celebration of Hope Finale* (includes *Hope for the Ages; Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come; Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* and *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*).

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH,

JOIN US FOR OUR

CHRISTMAS EVE

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE.

SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT

6 P.M.

IN THE SANCTUARY.

YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS THIS

CELEBRATION

OF OUR LORD’S BIRTH.

OUR ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS DINNER

FOR THE

HOMELESS AND NEEDY

WILL, AS ALWAYS, BE

ON CHRISTMAS DAY

FROM 11 AM TO 1PM.

YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED

PLEASE CALL THE

CHURCH OFFICE

AT 903-792-1915

TO VOLUNTEER.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, IS OUR

5TH 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

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 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 27	4pm	poinsettia orders due
November 27	5pm	Choir
November 28-29	all day	office closed
December 1	10:40am	1st Sunday of Advent and Hanging of the Greens
December 1	5pm	Soup & Scripture
December 4	5pm	Choir
December 8	10:40am	Peace Sunday/ 2nd Sunday of Advent
December 8	12pm	Advent potluck
December 10	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group in HeBrews
December 11	5pm	Choir
December 14	10:30am	CWF General Meeting
December 15	10:40am	3rd Sunday of Advent with Parade of Poinsettias
December 18	5pm	Choir
December 21	9am	CMF
December 22	10:40am	4th Sunday of Advent with Christmas Cantata

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.

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 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship w/Hanging of the Greens 5pm Soup & Scripture	2	3	4 5pm Choir	5	6	7
8 2nd Sunday of Advent Peace Sunday Christmas Offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 12pm Advent Potluck	9	10 6pm Home Remains Grief Support Group in HeBrews	11 5pm Choir	12	13	14 10:30am CWF General Meeting
15 3rd Sunday of Advent Christmas Offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship w/Parade of Poinsettias	16	17	18 5pm Choir	19	20	21 9am CMF
22 4th Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Christmas Cantata	23	24 office closes at noon 6pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 office closed 11am Christmas Dinner for the Homeless and Needy	26	27	28
29 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am 5th Sunday Breakfast 10:40am Traditional Worship	30	31			CMF will be responsible for Randy Sams	Advent Potluck Please bring the following: Last name beginning with: A-G: Vegetable or salad H-Z: Meat

December Birthdays

Pat Brummal	12-1
Kayden Bennett	12-5
Martha Clinton	12-6
Peyton Stover	12-6
Kathy Cunningham	12-10
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

Servers for the Weeks Ahead

December 1, 2019
Greeters: Alan & Janet Bennett
Worship Leader: Jean Nailling
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Jack Fisher, Tom Crow, Pat Taylor, Judy VanHooser

December 8, 2019
Greeters: Harold & Pat Taylor
Worship Leader: Lee Nailling
Hospital Elder: Teri Stover
Flower Elder: Midge Cooney
Homebound Elder: Joan Carter
Homebound Deacon: Martha Clinton
Deacons: Robert Kern, Jack Duncan, Lois Moore, Diane Pope-King

December 15, 2019
Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth
Worship Leader: Tim Nash
Hospital Elder: John Beeson
Flower Elder: Lisa Kern
Deacons: Alice Coleman, Tom Crow, Jack Duncan, Sondra Bedwell

December 22, 2019
Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter
Worship Leader: Mike Martin
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Homebound Elder: Connie Spears
Homebound Deacon: Lois Moore
Deacons: Pat Taylor, Sondra Bedwell, Judy VanHooser, Robert Kern

December 29, 2019
Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter
Worship Leader: Julia Carpenter
Hospital Elder: Alice Kern
Flower Elder: Robert Kern
Deacons: Jack Fisher, Lois Moore, Jack Duncan, Teresa Crow

It has been said, "We never truly get over a loss, but we can move forward and evolve from it." While this is true, it is a process many of us never fully move through, especially if we experience the loss of a child. So often, we get "stuck" in a stage of grief and remain there. This is the reason groups that deal with grief are so important; they help us move through the stages so we can move forward and evolve. Sadly, such groups are often not advertised, promoted, or supported by local organizations.

Here at Central Christian Church we are very blessed to have such a group and we want to promote this organizations work. The ***Hope Remains*** Chapter of Texarkana meets in HeBrews on the ***2nd Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m.*** The focus is for parents and grandparents grieving the loss of a child or grandchild.

The mission of Hope Remains is to offer a safe place where any and all emotions may be freely expressed. There may be tears shed at the meetings. There may be laughter and smiles shared as precious memories of a child, grandchild, or sibling is recalled. And, there will always be acceptance, friendship and hope offered at the meetings.

If you have suffered the loss of a child or grandchild and wish to join this greatly needed organization, please contact Cindy Sanford at (903) 280-4130.

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Family of Jay Lohse, Tim & Donna's nephew
Jim Cunningham
Mary Cobb
John Hayes, friend of Julia Carpenter
Dan Bennett, Donna Nash's father
Bill Thompson, friend of George Carpenter, Jr.

Ongoing Concerns
Carma Lee Frost
Zoe Jones, friend of Lois Moore
Martha Clinton
Bob Honeycutt, friend of Elaine Hamilton
Mary Dawn, Tom, Trey & Matt Hudspeth
Bobby Tallent
Paul Wayson, Evelyn Tallent's brother
Vickie Oliver

Homebound
Ben Nash, Cornerstone
Betty Webb, Brookdale, Apt. 109
Jauquita Hargus, home
Susie Howdeshell, home
Roger Spencer, Waterton Room 105
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 1, 2019

Greeters: Alan & Janet Bennett
Worship Leader: Jean Nailling
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Jack Fisher, Tom Crow, Pat Taylor, Judy VanHooser

November 24, 2019

Attendance:	41
Offering:	$ 8,768.90
Weekly Needs:	$ 4,388.42
Difference:	$ 4,380.48
YTD Collected:	$174,030.53
YTD Needed:	$210,594.16
Difference:	$- 36,563.63

LECTIONARY FOR DECEMBER 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon This Sunday:
"Expect the Unexpected"
Scripture:
Matthew 24:36-44