





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 12-8-19:	\$185,808.53
Difference:	\$ -42,394.47

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

YTD Collected: \$185,808.53

YTD Needed: \$219,371.00

Difference: \$-33,562.47

At this point, as you can see, we are \$33,562.47 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!!

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## CWF/DWM Blog

CWF will have a general meeting on Saturday, December 14th which will also be our Christmas party.

It begins at 10:30am in HeBrews.

There will be a \$10.00 gift exchange.

Lisa will have the program which is always good.

Bring finger/party food for everyone to enjoy.

Our project is donations for Watersprings Ranch and Opportunities.

All women are invited.

We hope everyone will come for a fun time.



**Join in the fun of this holiday season!**

**You are invited to a**  
**Christmas Open House**  
**Joan & Jack Carter's**  
**3321 Williamsburg Circle**  
**Saturday, December 14th**  
**6:00 pm**

Please bring a \$10.00 gift for Chinese gift exchange and a finger food item.



*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 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.



*The Journey Sunday School*  
*Will continue our study of*  
*THE BOOK OF ACTS*

*on*

*Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>,*

We hope you will join us.

Please read **chapter 18**

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.



*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.



**CHRISTMAS  
BONUS**

## **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.**



DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

IS OUR

PARADE OF POINSETTIAS

THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL SERVICE

THAT WILL

INSPIRE YOU

AND

SPIRITUALLY ENRICH YOUR

CHRISTMAS!

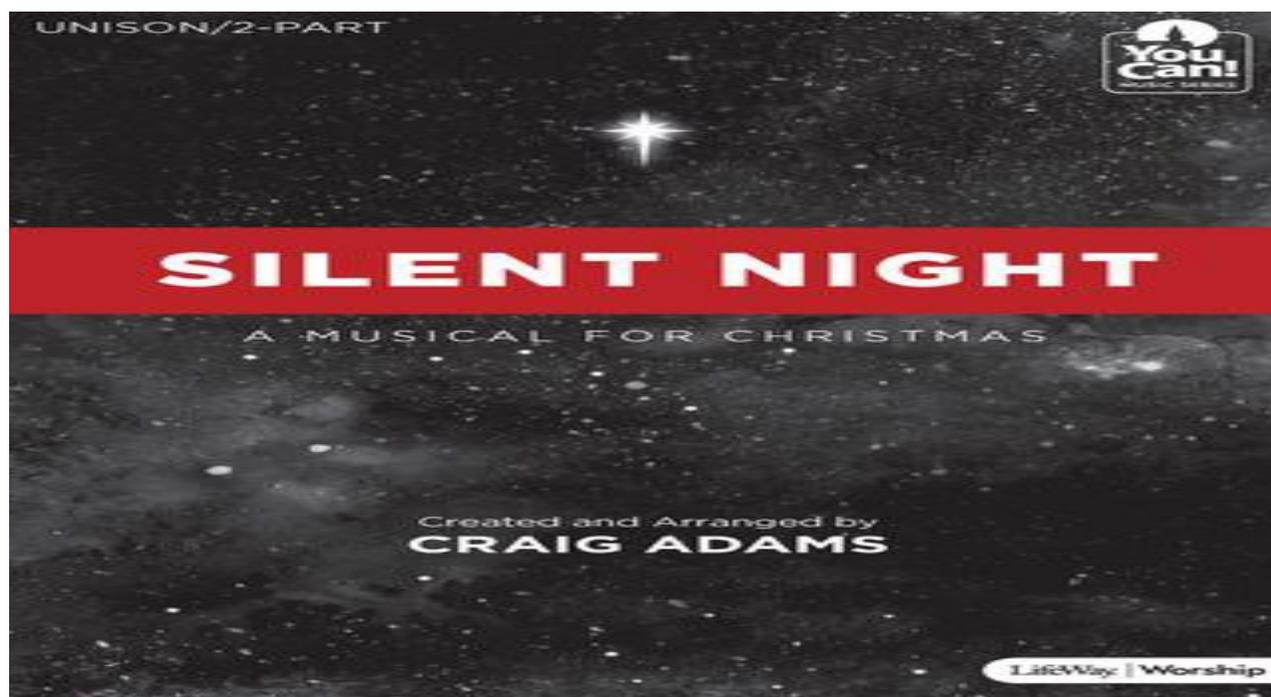
YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS

CHRISTMAS EVENT!

# 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 24<sup>TH</sup>,

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 29<sup>TH</sup>, IS OUR  
5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY BREAKFAST!

*Sunday School Classes*, please bring:

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

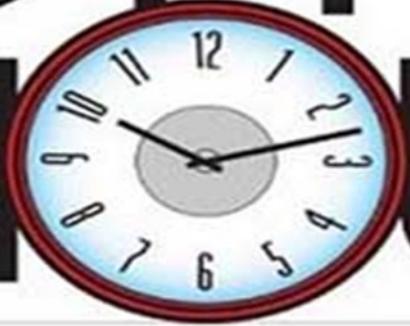
**Fellowship:** Continental breakfast food of choice.

**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**

# 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>December 11</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>December 14</b>	10:30am	CWF General Meeting
<b>December 14</b>	6pm	Christmas Open House @ the Carter's
<b>December 15</b>	10:40am	3rd Sunday of Advent with Parade of Poinsettias
<b>December 18</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>December 21</b>	9am	CMF
<b>December 21</b>	12pm	Cantata dress rehearsal
<b>December 22</b>	10:40am	4th Sunday of Advent with Christmas Cantata
<b>December 24</b>	12pm	office closes
<b>December 24</b>	6pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
<b>December 25</b>	all day	office closed
<b>December 25</b>	11am-1pm	Christmas Dinner for the Homeless and Needy
<b>December 29</b>	9:30am	5th Sunday Breakfast
<b>January 1</b>	all day	office closed



## 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.



## **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

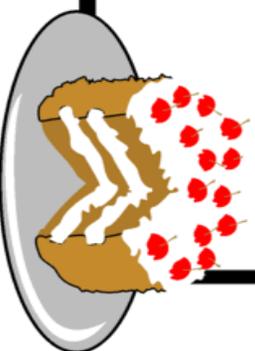
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship w/Hanging of the Greens 5pm Soup & Scripture	2	3	4 5pm Choir	5	6	7
8 2nd Sunday of Advent Peace Sunday Christmas Offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional 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: 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
Phillp & 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

# *In Loving Memory*

*Donna Curtis*

*Mack Hubbard*

*Bob Benbow*

*John Cobb*

*Harvey Martin*

*Ellery Pippen*

*Diane Melton*

*Diana Davis*

*Bobbie Atkinson*

*George & Elaine Carpenter*

*Tom & Teresa Crow*

*Richard Martin*

*Jack & Joan Carter*

*Tom & Teresa Crow*

*Wayne & Vickie Emery*

*Mr. & Mrs. Lee Johnson*

*Texarkana Surgery Center*

*Richard Martin*

*Tim & Donna Nash*

*Claudine Brown*

*Mr. & Mrs. Gary Nutter*

*Tim & Donna Nash*

*Lisa Looney*

*Lee & Jean Nailling*

*Richard Martin*

*Jim & Connie Spears*

*Richard Martin*

*Richard Martin*

*Dr. Jauquita Hargus*

# Weekly Info

## Prayer Need

Our Church  
 Wes Byas  
 Jordan Lumpkin  
 Jane Sefcik  
 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 15, 2019**

**Greeters:** Bob & Lynn Wilmoth  
**Worship Leader:** Lee Nailling  
**Hospital Elder:** John Beeson  
**Flower Elder:** Lisa Kern  
**Deacons:** Alice Coleman, Tom Crow, Jack Duncan, Sondra Bedwell

**December 8, 2019**

**Attendance:** 48  
**Offering:** \$ 7,026.50  
**Weekly Needs:** \$ 4,388.42  
**Difference:** \$ 2,638.08  
  
**YTD Collected:** \$185,808.53  
**YTD Needed:** \$219,371.00  
**Difference:** \$- 33,562.47

*LECTIONARY FOR*  
*DECEMBER 15, 2019*  
*Third Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 35:1-10  
 Psalm 146:5-10  
 or Luke 1:46b-55  
 James 5:7-10  
 Matthew 11:2-11

**Sermon This Sunday:**

*"Deliverance"*

**Scripture:**

**Matthew 11:2-19**