



Isaiah 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,
because of all the LORD has done for us,
and the great favor to the house of Israel
he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸ For he said, “Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely”;
and he became their savior
⁹ in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

It is during the Christmas season we can look back over years past to remember not only the many blessings we have received in life but the sadness we have experienced, as well.

Keeping the above passage from Isaiah in mind, we know we have a God who not only experienced the blessings with us, but the sadness. As Isaiah says, it was no messenger or angel but his presence that saves us; in his love and in his pity, he redeems us.

At this time, let us recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all the Lord has done for us.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL! MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

In His Love,

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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 12-22-19:	\$198,492.87
Difference:	\$ -29,705.13

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

YTD Collected: \$198,492.87

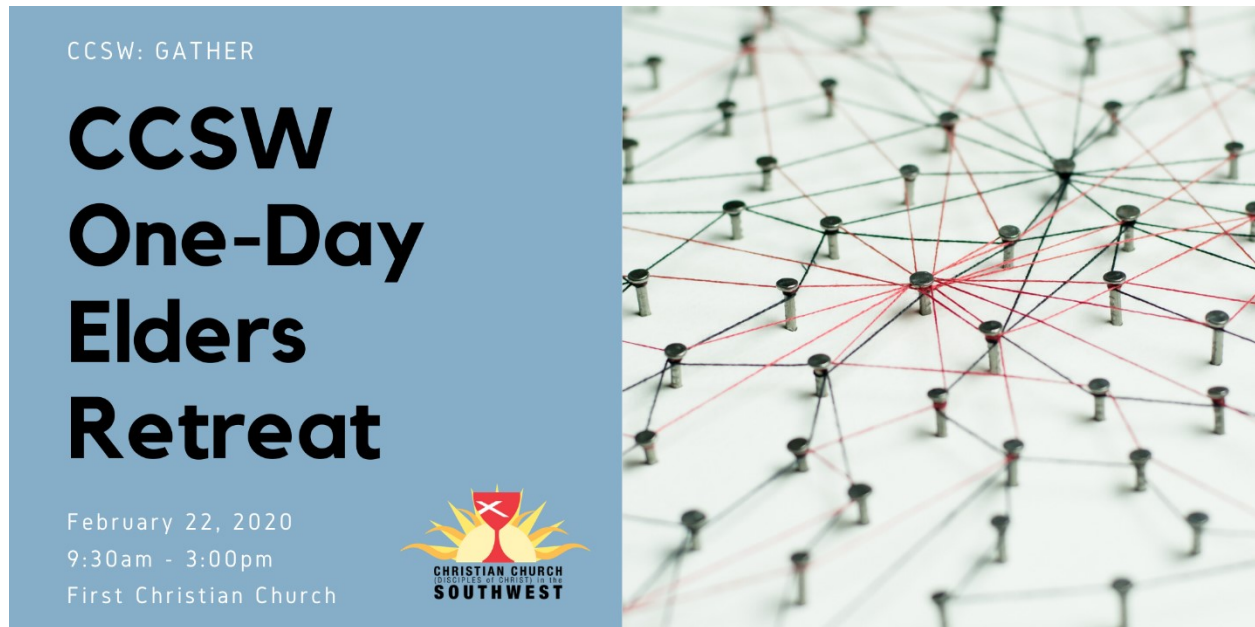
YTD Needed: \$223,809.42

Difference: \$-25,316.55

At this point, as you can see, we are \$25,316.55 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!!

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES!



Elders in Christian Churches through the Southwest Region are invited to participate in the CCSW Elders Retreat on Saturday, February 22, 2020, hosted at First Christian Church, Wichita Falls, 3701 Taft Blvd, Wichita Falls, TX 76308.

Keynoter:

Dr. Doug Skinner

Workshops:

Workshops will focus on the Elders roles in providing worship leadership, caring service, and participation in congregational decision-making and more.

Location:

First Christian Church, Wichita Falls, 3701 Taft Blvd, Wichita Falls, TX 76308.

Time & Date:

9:30am - 3:00pm / February 22nd, 2020

Cost:

\$20 includes lunch.

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ccsw-one-day-elders-retreat-tickets-86609111183>



About the Event

Are you a Coordinator, Consultant, President or Key Woman leader? Thinking about starting a women's group?

Then "Take the Leap into Leadership" with us - after all it is leap year! This conference provides you with tools and resources to create moving fellowship, worship and service opportunities in your community.

Facilitator

Rev. Peggy Edge Community Regional Minister for Adult & Leadership Development

Location:

First Christian Church

[Amarillo TX](#)

[3001 Wolflin Ave., Amarillo, TX 79109](#)

Overnight Room Reservations:

Amarillo Comfort Suites

[12 Western Plaza Dr.](#) Phone: 806-367-8880

Cost: \$89+tax/night for double queen beds 3 Handicap rooms available (first come)

Schedule:

Friday, February 28, 2020

5:30 PM - Registration begins

Saturday, February 29, 2020

8:30 AM - Registration begins for Saturday only attendees.

3:00 PM - Conference Ends

Register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leadership-conference-ccsw-disciples-womens-ministries-tickets-84787302103>



DR. MICHAEL PASSMORE

JOEL PEREIRA

"DID YOU EVER WONDER?"

2020 Disciples Men's Retreat
Bluebonnet and Coastal Plains Areas

FEBRUARY 28-29, 2020
DISCIPLE OAKS CAMP & RETREAT
REGISTRATION STARTS AT 4PM



Join us at the 2020 BBA/CPA Men's Retreat on February 28 – 29 at the Disciple Oaks Camp & Retreat in Gonzales to worship together and fellowship together

About this Event

Leaders:

Speaker: Dr. Michael Passmore – Senior Minister, Central Christian Church, San Antonio TX

Music: Joel Pereira – Worship Pastor, First Christian Church, McAllen TX

Hospitality: Scott Miller and the entire staff of Disciple Oaks

Cost: \$60 Full weekend / \$40 Saturday Only

Registration is Friday at 4:00 pm at The Lodge. The event kicks off with dinner at 6:00 pm. You are welcome to arrive earlier to fish or just enjoy the outdoors. The retreat will end at 1:30 pm on Saturday. We are planning for great food, inspirational singing and a challenging message from our speaker, with discussions to ensue. We also will have access to the property during the weekend for nature walks, campfires, fishing and indoor table games.

Schedule:

Friday

- 4:00 PM - Registration opens – The Lodge
- 6:00PM - Dinner at the Activity Building – (Grace by CPA)
- 7:00PM - Welcome and opening remarks – Darrell Ream
- 7:15 PM - Worship – led by Joel Pereira
- 7:45 PM - "Did You Ever Wonder? Part 1" – Dr. Michael Passmore
- 9:00 PM - Campfire, indoor table games

Saturday

- 7:00 AM - Silent prayer and meditation
- 7:30 AM - Morning devotional – the Lodge, BBA
- 8:00 AM - Breakfast – Activity Building
- 8:45 AM - Worship – at the Lodge, led by Joel Pereira
- 9:15 AM - "Did You Ever Wonder? Part 2" – Dr. Michael Passmore
- 10:30 AM - Break
- 10:45 AM - BBA/CPA business meetings
- 11:30 AM - Regional Report – Nathan Higginbotham
- 12:00 noon - Lunch – Activity Building, Grace by BBA
- 12:45 PM - Closing Worship, Offering and Communion – the Lodge, BBA
- 1:15 PM - Closing – Darrell Ream and Mike Price
- 1:30 PM - End – Men's Retreat Over

What to Bring :

- Bible
- Pen and notepad
- Bed linens(twin) or bedroll
- Towel
- Games, dominoes, cards
- Toiletries
- Pillow
- Checkbook or cash
- Fishing tackle
- Open mind
- Imagination
- Thinking cap

Register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bbacpa-mens-retreat-tickets-84783053395>



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 NOT meet on Dec. 29th

Due to 5th Sunday Breakfast

For our class on

Sunday, January 5th,

Please read **chapter 20**
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.



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



Officer & Committee Chair Training

will occur on

Saturday, January 11th,

10 a.m.

in the Community Room

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 2019 or will be in the upcoming year.

Installation of Officers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 2020

WE WILL HAVE

THE

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

AND

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

during our 10:40 service.

If you have accepted one of these positions,
please plan to attend on this special day.



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

December 24	12pm	office closes
December 24	6pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 25	all day	office closed
December 25	11am-1pm	Christmas Dinner for the Homeless and Needy
December 29	9:30am	5th Sunday Breakfast
January 1	all day	office closed
January 4	10am	Undecorating sanctuary
January 8	5pm	Choir
January 9	6:30pm	CWF Night Group
January 11	10am	Chair Training
January 12	10:40am	Installation Service
January 14	10:30am	CWF Day Group
January 15	5pm	Choir
January 18	9am	CMF
January 19	12pm	3rd Sunday potluck



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.

JANUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 office closed	2	3	4 10am Undecorating sanctuary
5 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	6	7	8 5pm Choir	9 6:30pm CWF Night Group	10	11 10am Chair Training
12 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship w/Installation Service	13	14 10:30am CWF Day Group 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group in Hebrews	15 5pm Choir	16	17	18 9am CMF
19 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 12pm Potluck Luncheon	20	21	22 5pm Choir	23	24	25
26 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pm Randy Sam's prep 6pm Randy Sam's serving	27 6pm General Board	28	29 5pm Choir	30	31	

January Birthdays

Jim Spears	1-1
Mary Cobb	1-4
Taylor Monday	1-4
Seth Byas	1-4
Laura Byas	1-10
Glen Hudspeth	1-16
Sydney Fowler	1-27
Janet Bennett	1-28
Hayden Stover	1-31

January Anniversaries

Mike & Glenda Worley	1-2
Justin & Cara Fowler	1-16
Darel & Nancy Bair	1-20



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

January 5, 2020

Greeters: Herb & Elaine Hamilton
 Worship Leader: Lisa Kern
 Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
 Flower Elder: Connie Spears
 Deacons: Lynn Wilmoth, Tom Crow, Martha Clinton, Diane Pope-King

January 12, 2020

Greeters: Alan & Janet Bennett
 Worship Leader: John Cunningham
 Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
 Flower Elder: Joan Carter
 Homebound Elder: Midge Cooney
 Homebound Deacon: Pat Taylor
 Deacons: Judy Van Hooser, Lois Moore, Robert Kern, Jack Fisher

January 19, 2020

Greeters: Harold & Pat Taylor
 Worship Leader: Jean Nailling
 Hospital Elder: Julia Carpenter
 Flower Elder: George Carpenter
 Deacons: Alice Coleman, Teresa Crow, Jack Duncan, Sondra Bedwell

January 26, 2020

Greeters: Philip & Teri Stover
 Worship Leader: Lee Nailling
 Hospital Elder: John Beeson
 Flower Elder: Teri Stover
 Homebound Elder: Alice Kern
 Homebound Deacon: Lois Moore
 Deacons: Jack Fisher, Lynn Wilmoth, Jack Duncan, Tom 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

Edwin Gregory, friend of Beverly Folmar

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 29, 2019

Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter

Hospital Elder: Jack Carter

Flower Elder: Joan Carter

Homebound Elder: Connie Spears

Homebound Deacon: Lois Moore

Deacons: Pat Taylor, Sondra Bedwell, Judy Van Hooser, Robert Kern

December 22, 2019

Attendance: 61

Offering: \$ 7,693.90

Weekly Needs: \$ 4,388.42

Difference: \$ 3,305.48

YTD Collected: \$198,492.87

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*LECTIONARY FOR
DECEMBER 29, 2019*

First Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalm 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon This Sunday:

"Commonality"

Scripture:

Matthew 2:13-23