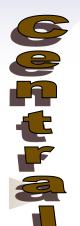


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#### Jeremiah 29:11-14

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. <sup>12</sup> Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. <sup>13</sup> When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, <sup>14</sup> I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Oftentimes we enter a new year having no plans other than "surviving" another year or simply "hoping" all goes well. We hear about New Year's Resolutions and some of us may actually make a resolution or two to find we are either uncapable or unwilling to stick to our resolution(s). There is, however, a resolution we all are capable of keeping and committing to, which means "unwillingness" will be our only obstacle and that is, coming to church and supporting its ministries. To be clear, unless we have health issues or transportation issues that prevent our attendance and participation, there really is no obstacle to keeping such a commitment to our church.

There is much talk about the "decline" of the church in America and I cannot help but wonder if such a decline is perpetrated by those who are apathetic "within" the church. Those who do not pass the faith and/or commitment to ministry on to their children and grandchildren. After all, only 8% of regular church attenders believe sharing their faith is "very important". That being said, roughly 5,000 churches per year shut their doors. "Are new churches opening?" you may ask. Seems about of what are closing, are opening.

2020 holds great promise for our church, that is, if we rededicate ourselves to its life and ministries. And I will add, to do so could be, and most likely will be, the most important "Resolution" you have or will ever make. Regardless of your theology, or lack thereof, ministry works. It serves important needs in our society. Let us be about love and compassion.

The grace of God be with you in 2020 and always,

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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 12-29-19: \$202,410.58

Difference: \$ -25,787.42

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

YTD Collected: \$202,410.58

YTD Needed: \$228,198.00

Difference: \$-25,787.42

At this point, as you can see, we are \$25,787.42 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!!



#### **Officer & Committee Chair Training**

will occur on

Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>,

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.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 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.

#### **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:

#### Register at:

Bible

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

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

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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 Journey Sunday School
Will continue our study of
THE BOOK OF ACTS
Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>,
We hope you will join us.
Please read chapter 19
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 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 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.

HeBrews at 9:40 a.m.



#### 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.

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#### 411 REMINDER

Just a reminder that any articles you would like to submit for publication in the 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**

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January 1	all day	office closed
January 4	10am	Undecorating sanctuary
January 7	5:30pm	Elders Meeting
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 14	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Grou
January 15	5pm	Choir
January 18	9am	CMF
January 19	12pm	3rd Sunday potluck
January 22	5pm	Choir



#### 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.



#### **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

26 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pn Randy Sam's prep 6pm Randy Sam's serving	99am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 12pm Potluck Luncheon	12 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship w/Installation Service	5 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship		Sun
27 6pm General Board	20	13	6		Mon
28	21	14 10:30am CWF Day Group 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group in HeBrews	7 5:30pm Elders Meeting		Tue
29	22	15	∞	1	
5pm Choir	5pm Choir	5pm Choir	5pm Choir	office closed	Wed
30	23	16	9 6:30pm CWF Night Group	2	Thu
31	24	17	10	3	Fri.
	25	18 9am CMF	11 10am Chair Training	4 10am Undecorating sanetuary	Sat

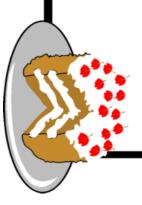
# **January Birthdays**

Jim Spears

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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**

Darel & Nancy Bair 1-20	Justin & Cara Fowler 1-16	Vilke & Glenda Worley 1-2	1-16 1-20	ustin & Cara Fowler Darel & Nancy Bair
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# Servers for the Weeks Ahead

## **January 5, 2020**

Greeters: Herb & Elaine Hamilton

Hospital Elder: Jim Spears Worship Leader: Lisa Kern

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

Deacons: Alice Coleman, Teresa Crow, Jack Duncan, Sondra Bedwell Flower Elder: George Carpenter

## **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 *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.

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### Weekly Info

#### **Prayer Need**

Our Church
Wes Byas
Edwin Gregory, friend of Beverly Folmar
Becky Skelton, Betsy Spencer's daughter-in-law
Jim Cunningham
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
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 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

**December 29, 2019** 

Attendance: 41

 Offering:
 \$ 3,576.40

 Weekly Needs:
 \$ 4,388.42

 Difference:
 \$ -812.02

YTD Collected: \$202,410.58
TD Needed: \$228,198.00
Difference: \$-25,787.42

LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 5, 2020

Second Sunday after Christmas Day

Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Sermon This Sunday:

"Spiritual Blessings"

Scripture:

Ephesians 1:3-14