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Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and there be no divisions among you, but you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is, each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so no one can say you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Each time I read this passage I picture people saying, "I'm Disciples Christ!" Another saying, "I'm Catholic!" and yet another saying, "I'm Lutheran!" Then I picture Paul saying, "Has Christ been divided?" I certainly realize the reality of theological differences. I even understand how people "believe" their way of worshipping is the best way. But, at what point do we say, "Differences or not, we need to bring the body of Christ back together?" What would that look like? What if, every church came together with one big **fund for Christ** where money is deposited from every church around the world to address hunger, poverty, disaster relief.

Would we battle over who would be in charge of such a fund? Would we tear Christ's body apart to jockey for control? Are we not intelligent enough to set parameters wherein we are all comfortable with how the help is meted out? Have you ever wondered "why" such a fund hasn't been created? Or, are we happy in our own little Christ world?

Like Paul, we were sent to proclaim the gospel. How we do that is very important. And, whether we do it as the "whole" body of Christ. "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."

Do we drink from one Spirit?

Grace and Peace to all,

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Officer & Committee Chair Training

will occur on

Saturday, January 25th,

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 26TH, 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 26th,
We hope you will join us.
Please read chapter 23
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
1 KINGS

We study various books of the Bible and recently completed

The Book of Acts.

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

January 22	5pm	Choir
January 25	10am	Chair Training
January 26	10:40am	Installation Service
January 26	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
January 26	6pm	Randy Sams serving
January 27	6pm	General Board
January 29	5pm	Choir
February 5	5pm	Choir
February 10	10:30am	Worship Committee
February 11	10:30am	CWF Day Group
February 12	5pm	Choir
February 13	6:30pm	CWF Night Group
February 15	9am	CMF
February 16	12pm	3rd Sunday potluck
February 17	all day	office closed President's Day



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.

FEBRUARY 2020

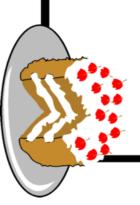
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24 6pm Cabinet Meeting	Minister's Week	17 Office closed President's Day	10 10:30am Worship Committee	3		Mon
25	Minister's Week	18	11 10:30am CWF Day Group 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group in HeBrews	4		Tue
66pm Ash Wednesday service	Minister's Week	19 5pm Choir	12 5pm Choir	5 5pm Choir		Wed
27		20	13 6:30pm CWF Night Group	6		Thu
28		21	14	7		Fri
29		22	9am CMF	8	I	Sat

February Birthdays

2-28	Joe Alves
2-26	Troy Kern
2-24	Linda Harris
2-24	George Carpenter, Sr.
2-22	Jean Nailling
2-20	Cara Fowler
2-20	Mike Crain
2-17	Robert Tallent, Jr.
2-13	Connie Spears
2-9	Cameron Lumpkin
2-8	Susie Howdeshell
2-8	Joe Frost, Sr.
2-6	Susan DeFoy
2-3	Joe Shelton
2-2	Elaine Hamilton

February Anniversaries

George & Elaine Carpenter
2-9



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

February 2, 2020

Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter

Worship Leader:

Hospital Elder:

Flower Elder: Deacons: Pat Taylor, Bob Wilmoth, Jack Duncan, Robert Kern

February 9, 2020

Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter

Worship Leader:

Hospital Elder:

Flower Elder:

Homebound Elder:

Homebound Deacon: Tami Hudspeth

Deacons: Lois Moore, Lynn Wilmoth, Mike Lamb, Donna Nash

February 16, 2020

Greeters: Frank & Betty Caudle

Worship Leader:

Hospital Elder:

Flower Elder:

Deacons: Judy Van Hooser, Jack Duncan, Sondra Bedwell, Bob Wilmoth

February 23, 2020

Greeters: John & Margie Beeson

Worship Leader:

Hospital Elder:

Flower Elder:

Homebound Elder:

Homebound Deacon: Pat Taylor

Deacons: Alice Coleman, Lois Moore, Robert Kern, Tami Hudspeth



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*nd *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 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

January 19, 2020

Attendance: 61

 Offering:
 \$ 2,058.00

 Weekly Needs:
 \$ 4,131.82

 Difference:
 \$ 4,380.48

YTD Collected: \$ 14,854.35 **YTD Needed:** \$ 12,395.46 **Difference:** \$ 2,458.89

LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 26, 2020

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon This Sunday:

"Leadership"

Scripture:

Matthew 4:12-23