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John 11:1-2, 17-25, 38-44

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."

²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Our Gospel writer packed a great deal into this passage. Much can be extracted in terms of lessons of faith and lessons of life. What I hope we will see in this is Jesus' love for his brother in faith, his compassion for the family and friends, and his faith in his Father to work through him that Lazarus may live again.

If you were to examine your faith, would you find love, compassion and faith in God's ability to help you? I'm not talking about love for self, family and friends but love for all God's children. Likewise, I'm not talking about compassion for self, family and friends but compassion for all God's children. Last, but certainly not least, do you have faith in God? Faith in His ability to help you through tough times like we are going through now? Many of us will have time to think about this in the coming weeks. Please do.

Love in Christ,

Wes

Martha and Mary



First let me say my thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. So many restrictions are in place, as needed. As you know, visitation with members in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living facilities and Hospitals have been stopped due to the Coronavirus. We can no longer dine-in at restaurants and access to items we may need in a grocery store has been greatly limited due to those who have panicked and stockpiled toilet paper, water, Clorox, Hand Sanitizer, etc.

There are no words to ease the frustration we may feel but there are words of comfort in knowing we have a God who walks with us and remains with us in all situations. That we keep faith our God is working through the medical scientist and doctors to find a cure, to ease the pain of those who have contracted the virus is very important.

I still hear some say this virus is not unlike the flu and this simply is not true. Latest stats show 2 out of every 1000 who contract the flu will die. However, 2 out of every 100 who contract the coronavirus will die. That is a great difference! Why is this the case? Because we have flu vaccines and have a long history of dealing with it. But the Coronavirus is new, uncharted territory. There are no vaccines and no history to fall back on.

Please take this pandemic seriously. Protect yourself and remember God is with you.

moderator

From the Moderator:

Just a reminder of the various ways in which you may keep your tithes and offerings going to the church without human contact:

1. Online banking, if you use it.
2. Go to the church with money or check in an envelope and drop it in the mail slot located by the entrance to the Admin. Offices.
3. If disabled, call Tonya during office hours and let her know you would like to pull into the parking lot and have her come out to your car for envelope.

Alice Coleman

Moderator

“God is my refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble,” from Psalms 46:1, has seen me personally through the rough times in my own life.



According to Merriam Webster, **stewardship** is “the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.” In churches we seek to further our mission on the shoulders of our members.

God has given us charge of Central Christian Church. WE are the stewards, those who are to ensure the ministry of Jesus Christ is carried out through our worship, Outreach, Evangelism, Education, CWF, CMF, Events, and Fellowship. Our stewardship also entails maintaining our property to ensure our building and grounds are in good shape. To achieve all of this, we need each and every member to contribute through tithing, offerings, and service.

Due to our current situation with the Coronavirus, we are unable to hold our Sunday Worship Service, but we still need to contribute to the health of the church. That it may be convenient for you to make your weekly tithe and/or offering, you may *mail it to our office at 903 Walnut St., Texarkana, TX 75501*, come to the office and *drop it in the mail slot in the glass wall*, or if you choose not to get out of your vehicle, *drive up to the office and call or text Tonya or Wes and they will come to your vehicle to receive your contribution*.

Any one of these ways, or all of them, will be a great way to continue your stewardship in Central Christian Church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT, FAITHFULNESS AND LEADERSHIP!!



VOLUNTEER TO BE A CALLER

In these uncertain times when we cannot go about our normal activities, it is very stressful for everyone. To address this, Joan Carter has volunteered to head a calling committee.

If you would like to be a “Caller,” Joan would like for you to contact her. She will assign 2 or 3 names from our member list for you to call every day or so to see if they need anything or just to talk with them to see how they are doing.

Isolation is hard enough to deal with when you are healthy or have family around you. It is harder when you are sick, physically impaired or living alone. Please give this your prayerful consideration and call Joan to volunteer. Joan’s number is (903)826-4222.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Please designate the number of plants you wish to order and how you want the Sunday bulletin insert to read. The completed form should be returned to the church office or placed in the offering plate by March 27th with the payment of \$13.00 each attached.

Number of plants: _____ Payment amount enclosed: _____

Please check either in memory or in honor and print the name of the person or people you wish to remember or honor.

_____ In Memory	_____ In Honor	_____
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Please print the donor's name the way you wish it to appear in the Easter Bulletin.

Please pick up your Easter Lilies after the worship service on April 12th.

ORDER DEADLINE: Friday, March 27, 2020.



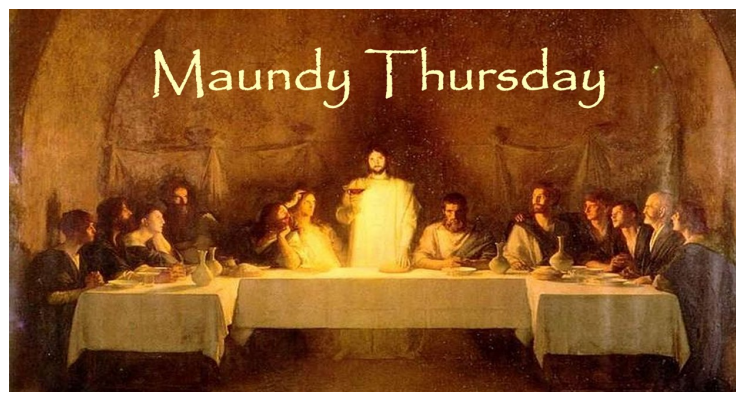
Palm Sunday
SERVICE

APRIL 5TH

Be sure to bring family & friends
to

CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S
ENTRY INTO
JERUSALEM

Worship service begins
at 10:40 a.m.



*A DRAMATIC SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
WILL OCCUR ON MAUNDY THURSDAY.*

*Don't miss this very special communion service
where you will hear certain disciples of Jesus
speak not only to you, but to the Lord.*

*Their stories are compelling and the words of
Jesus will resonate with you.....forever.*

That's Maundy Thursday at

7:00 p.m.,

April 9th, in the sanctuary.

SEE YOU THERE!



GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT

APRIL 10TH

AT

5 P.M.

FEATURING

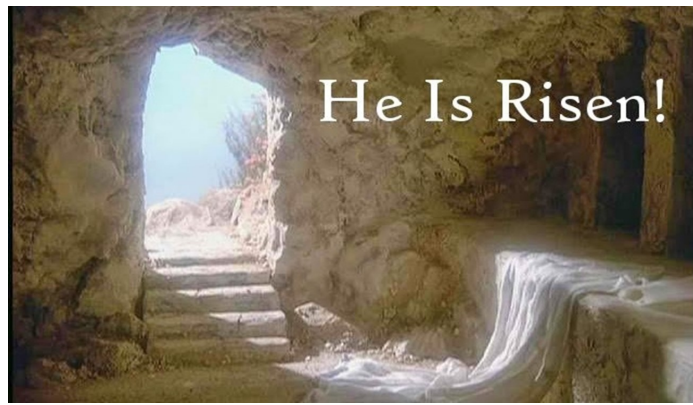
BETH BRINE

AT

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

903 WALNUT ST.

TEXARKANA, TX



E A S T E R S U N D A Y

is

A P R I L 12TH

Bring family and friends as we

CELEBRATE

the resurrection of our

Lord & Savior!!!

Worship service begins

at

10:40 a.m.



Looking for your big chance to break into
the music world?

The Central Christian Church

Chancel Choir is looking
for new members!

We meet in HeBrews every
Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

Not sure you can sing?

Well, we say you can and we will
help you as you become part of
the Chancel Choir.



Animal Shelter

The CWF is collecting food, blankets, towels, snacks etc. for the animals at the Texarkana Animal Shelter.

A box will be in the church vestibule for any donations the congregation wants to contribute.

The donations will be delivered at the end of March.



Christus St. Michael is launching a volunteer training program for community members who would like to join their Volunteer Spiritual Care Program.

Their goal is for the volunteers to collaborate with their staff chaplain in the hospital setting to help ensure patients and families are supported during their hospitalization.

If interested, please contact the church office at (903) 792-1915.



Have you heard about the

Disciples Men Podcast?

You can find out more at

[The Jesus Way website.](#)

Or, the podcast is available through

iTunes and Google Play.

Tune in today and learn more about

The Jesus Way, Disciples Men, and the

General Conference of Disciples Men!



Sessions 2020 is quickly approaching!

Early Bird registrations are Due before May 1st, so save yourself some spending money and register soon to join us at TCU July 10th to 12th, 2020 for Sessions 2020!

The weekend will be filled with opportunities to learn and grow as a man, as a disciple of Christ, and as a Disciple of Christ!

Rick Lowery will be presenting three keynote presentations on the theme "I Am My Brother's Keeper."

We will lift our voices in praise with music led by John Malget and Dean Phelps, and have Bible study led by Warren Carter.

Sessions 2020 also features workshops on the Wounded Warrior Project, Week of Compassion, Male Spirituality, and The Jesus Way.

And you won't want to miss out on the Saturday afternoon presentation by Santiago Piñón.

[Register today!](#)

Find out more at <https://sessions.life/2020/>



It's almost here! Greg Alexander and Alex Ruth are putting the final touches on the first two offerings of curriculum in The Jesus Way. The Jesus Way is a developmental faith journey for all men using the life of Jesus as the model for a life lived in right relationship with God. The curriculum can help you develop a ministry to, and with, men within your local church, or provide you with deep and meaningful resources for an existing men's ministry.

Keep your eyes open, we will let you know when the curriculum is unveiled! To learn more, visit jesuswaymen.net.



*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.

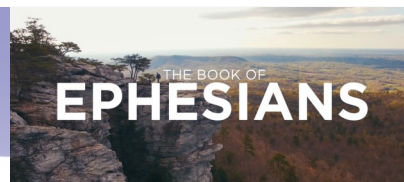
We are located in the Education
Building next to HeBrews.



The **TNT** Sunday School Class
Is continuing its study of
THE BOOK OF
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 Journey Sunday School
Will suspend our study of
THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS
until
further notice

We hope you will join us when we resume class.

When we resume, we will read **chapter 2**.

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

The Epistle to the Ephesians, also called the Letter to the Ephesians and often shortened to Ephesians, is the tenth book of the New Testament. Its authorship has traditionally been attributed to Paul the Apostle but starting in 1792, this has been challenged as Deutero-Pauline, that is, written in Paul's name by a later author strongly influenced by Paul's thought, probably "by a loyal disciple to sum up Paul's teaching and to apply it to a new situation fifteen to twenty-five years after the Apostle's death"



*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 are currently**
studying the Book of Joshua. 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.



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.

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

March 25	5pm	Choir
April 1	5pm	Choir
April 5	10:40am	Palm Sunday Service
April 6	10:30am	Worship Committee
April 8	5pm	Choir
April 9	7pm	Maundy Thursday service
April 10	5pm	Organ Concert
April 12	all day	Easter Sunday
April 13	all day	office closed
April 14	10:30am	CWF Day Group
April 14	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
April 15	5pm	Choir
April 18	9am	CMF
April 19	12pm	3rd Sunday Potluck
April 22	5pm	Choir
April 25	all day	NE Area Assembly



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.

APRIL 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5pm Choir	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday Easter Offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	6 10:30am Worship Committee	7	8 5pm Choir	9 7pm Maundy Thursday service	10 5pm Good Friday Concert	11
12 Easter Sunday Easter Offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	13 office closed	14 10:30am CWF Day Group 6pm Hope Remain Grief Support Group in HeBrews	15 5pm Choir	16	17	18 9am CMF
19 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 12pm 3rd Sunday potluck	20	21	22 5pm Choir	23	24	25 NE Area Assembly in Longview
26 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pm Randy Sams prep 6pm Randy Sams serving	27 6pm Cabinet Meeting	28	29 5pm Choir	30		

April Birthdays

Jeffrey Turner	04-07
Elaine Carpenter	04-13
Lynn Wilmoth	04-13
Jill Hoover	04-16
Tracey Caudle	04-25
Jennifer Crow	04-25
Stan Brummal	04-27
Nancy Thompson	04-28
Sarah Lanius	04-28
Jordan Lumpkin	04-28
Robert Kern	04-29

April Anniversaries

Wes & Laura Byas	04-07
Chad & Jamie Bennett	04-24



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

April 5, 2020

Greeters: Tim & Donna Nash
 Worship Leader: John Cunningham
 Hospital Elder: Teri Stover
 Flower Elder: Mike Martin
 Deacons: Jack Fisher, Jason Ellis, Donna Nash, Jack Duncan

April 12, 2020

Greeters: Philip & Teri Stover
 Worship Leader: Lee Nailling
 Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
 Flower Elder: Connie Spears
 Homebound Elder: Alice Kern
 Homebound Deacon: Donna Nash
 Deacons: Alice Coleman, Tom Crow, Robert Kern, Lois Moore

April 19, 2020

Greeters: Alan & Janet Bennett
 Worship Leader: Jean Nailling
 Hospital Elder: Joan Carter
 Flower Elder: Jack Carter
 Deacons: Lynn Wilmoth, Tami Hudspeth, Jack Duncan, Mike Lamb

April 26, 2020

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth
 Worship Leader: Donna Nash
 Hospital Elder: Julia Carpenter
 Flower Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
 Homebound Elder: Midge Cooney
 Homebound Deacon: Jason Ellis
 Deacons: Pat Taylor, Sondra Bedwell, Bob Wilmoth, 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

Judy Van Hooser

Carol Ann Mattingly, Joe & Carma Lee Frost's daughter

Bobbie Roberts, Pat Taylor's mom

Jack Donaldson, friend of Beth Brine

Beth Brine

Michael Worley

Tim Price, Jo Master's son

Jim Cunningham

John Hayes, friend of Julia Carpenter

Bill Thompson, friend of George Carpenter, Jr.

Ongoing Concerns

Carma Lee Frost

Bobby Tallent

Trudy Kochler, friend of the Masters

Zoe Jones, friend of Lois Moore

Bob Honeycutt, friend of Elaine Hamilton

Mary Dawn, Tom, Trey & Matt Hudspeth

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, Autumn Wind Asst. Living Room 105

Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life

Susan DeFoy, MRC Cornerstone, Rm. 505 A

Central Christian Church Decals

\$5.00

Church office or Hebrews

March 22, 2020

Offering: \$ 2,531.00

Weekly Needs: \$ 4,131.82

Difference: \$ -1,600.82

YTD Collected: \$ 44,824.36

YTD Needed: \$ 49,581.84

Difference: \$ -4,757.48

LECTIONARY FOR MARCH 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

Sermon This Sunday:

"God Only Knows"

Scripture:

Ezekiel 37:1-14