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<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So, he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

One of my best friends, who is a retired minister, wrote a message to his congregation that expresses my feelings so accurately I wish to borrow from it. It now goes like this:

Central Christian and friends.

For the first time in my life I will not gather with a group of Christian friends to celebrate the joy and elation of Easter Sunday. I imagine the same is true for many or all of you. The reason is legitimate and necessary. The disappointment is acute. There will be television services viewed in isolation or with family, but it will not be the same.

I was looking forward to seeing smiling faces, our traditional CCC Easter greeting, "Christ is Risen!" "He is Risen Indeed", along with handshakes and hugs. I was anticipating the laughter of children, the music of the choir, the Resurrection scripture, special moments with the bread and the cup, and the life inspiring words of the Easter message. Yet, I know all of these are firm in the fabric of our faith and will not go away, just postponed for another Easter day.

It is well to remember the Resurrection occurred in a chaotic world. Jerusalem was occupied and ruled by cruel Roman taskmasters. The emperor demanded and collected outrageous taxes from the inhabitants to support his reign and Roman causes. Crucifixion was a common punishment for criminals. Women and children were possessions, not people. Leprosy was widespread and incurable. Lepers were outcasts living mostly in groups in caves. It was to this world God showed his eternal love and caring through the Risen Christ!

Our world today is nearly unrecognizable. It has been turned upside down by the virus. There is suffering and heartbreak everywhere we turn. We wonder and struggle with what the future will be and bring. And in the midst of all of this, it is Easter!

The reality of the Resurrection is as true and dependable as ever. God is Alive! Christ is Risen! Death has been vanquished! The darkness of doubt, fear and uncertainty have been replaced by light, security and hope.

Let us at this Easter time thank God for our blessings, renew our faith in Jesus, the Christ, as our Lord and Savior and build our hope and courage for the days that are to come.

Thanks be to God for Easter! Wes













The question still arises: "When will we be able to return to church?"

The answer is complicated, if not impossible.

For those of us who follow the news we have heard answers like, "By Easter," which is not true.

Or, "By the end of April," which doctors do not agree on.

We've even heard, "Maybe by June," which is plausible but the word "Maybe" looms big in that answer.

There have even been predictions of it could be August or the end of the year.

Therefore, let us just say, "No one knows."

Whatever the timeframe, we shall remain faithful in our worship of God and in carrying out the ministry of Jesus.

Let us hope for the best but prepare for the worst.

### REMEMBER:

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:9



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!!



BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY

VIA

OUR CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE.

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE POSTED
AND

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW IT AT 10:40 A.M.

EACH AND EVERY SUNDAY.

REMEMBER:

WORSHIP AT 10:40 A.M. SUNDAYS
ON
OUR CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE

HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CCCTXK/



We have combined our Adult Sunday School classes during these difficult times.

Our Sunday School lesson will be presented by use of a Facebook group.

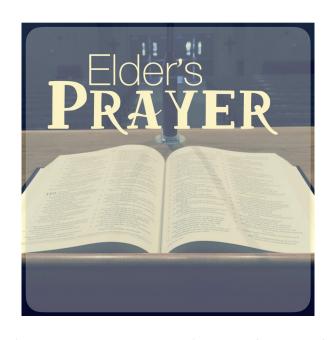
The class is studying the book of 1 Kings and is taught by Jack Carter. The class is a live stream presented every Sunday morning and everyone is invited to participate.

To become a member of this group contact Jack Carter on Facebook.

Remember, Adult Sunday School class every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m.

on

Facebook.



Elders meeting to pray for church on Zoom Time: Apr 19, 2020 09:00 AM

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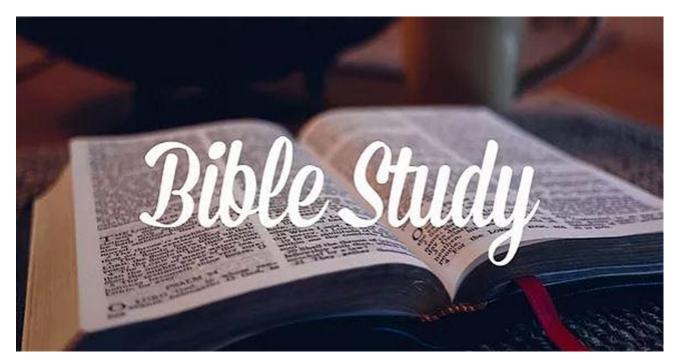
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Invite Attendees

Join URL: <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/">https://us04web.zoom.us/</a>

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Our Pastor is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Easter Bible Study - Please read Mark 1

Date & Time: April 19, 2020 05:30 PM Central Time

### Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/212105975? pwd=VkdNL2hVeTZVZWN0S01sWGhjSjNDQT09

Meeting ID: 212 105 975 Password: 535969

Instructions on how to use Zoom:

Please click on the above URL highlighted in blue.

If your computer device does not automatically download, click "download and run Zoom". Then click "Run".

When it prompts, enter your name.

If you do not have a webcam, you can still participate in the study. Your name will appear in a box and, as long as you have audio, you can still be involved.



### JUST A REMINDER TO OUR CONGREGATION

**OUR** 

**OFFICE HOURS** 

**ARE** 

8 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY



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!



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.



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 <a href="https://sessions.life/2020/">https://sessions.life/2020/</a>

### 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.

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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.



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### 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**

April 18	9am	CIVIF
April 26	4pm	Randy Sams prep
April 26	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
April 27	6pm	Cabinet Meeting via Zoom



# Be sure to keep up-to-date with Church Activities By visiting

www.ccctxk.com

to see what's new!

Our site is easy to navigate and there is a lot of information.



### **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**

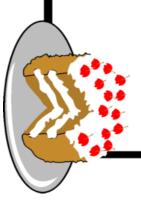
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday Easter Offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	6	7	~	9 7pm Maundy Thursday service	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter Sunday Easter Offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	13 office closed	14	15	16	17	18 9am CMF
9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 12pm 3rd Sunday potluck	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pn Randy Sams prep 6pm Randy Sams serving	27 6pm Cabinet Meeting	28	29	30		

# April Birthdays

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

# April Anniversaries

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



# 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

Flower Elder: Jack Carter Hospital Elder: Joan Carter

Deacons: Lynn Wilmoth, Tami Hudspeth, Jack Duncan, Mike Lamb

## **April 26, 2020**

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth

Hospital Elder: Julia Carpenter Worship Leader: Donna Nash

Flower Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.

Homebound Deacon: Jason Ellis Homebound Elder: Midge Cooney

Deacons: Pat Taylor, Sondra Bedwell, Bob Wilmoth, Tom Crow

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### Weekly Info

### **Prayer Need**

Our Church

Wes Byas

Bobby Tallent

Michael Bennett, Alan Bennett's brother

Jane Sefcik

Hudson Hall, friend of Lois Moore

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

Bobbie Roberts, Pat Taylor's mom

Jack Donaldson, friend of Beth Brine

Beth Brine

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
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

### **April 12, 2020**

Offering: \$ 1,956.10 Weekly Needs: \$ 4,131.82 Difference: \$ -2,175.72

YTD Collected: \$ 54,681.46 YTD Needed: \$ 61,977.30 Difference: \$ -7,295.84

### LECTIONARY FOR APRIL 19, 2020

Earth Sunday

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

Sermon This Sunday:

"Outcomes"

Scripture:

1 Peter 1:3-9