

### Mark 9:38-41

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup> Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

As you may have heard me say in my sermon last Sunday, it is paramount we have God's Mission in our hearts and on our minds than trying to convert someone to the Christian faith. Other than the scripture about the ten lepers, this scripture reinforces my belief.

Once again we are not told the faith of the person who is casting out demons in Jesus' name, we only know it is not Jesus or one of his disciples AND this person IS in fact casting out demons as witnessed by John and others. Clearly, Jesus does not care about the person's belief system, background or anything else, only that the person is doing God's work. Wouldn't we have a better world if we were more concerned about the teachings of Jesus, the mission of Jesus, than the conversion of others to our beliefs?

God sent Jesus on a mission. Not a mission of conversion to Judaism, but on a mission of conversion to God's mission of showing mercy, love and forgiveness to everyone AND wanting that passed on from generation to generation. If we in fact did live out God's mission, I believe we would have a much better world. Perhaps even a "near" perfect world. If nothing else, if we were all merciful, the world would change drastically.

One night in 1935, Fiorello H. La Guardia, mayor of New York, showed up at a night court in the poorest ward of the city. He dismissed the judge for the evening and took over the bench. One case involved an elderly woman who was caught stealing bread to feed her grandchildren. La Guardia said, "I've got to punish you. Ten dollars or ten days in jail."

As he spoke, he threw \$10 into his hat. He then fined everyone in the courtroom 50 cents for living in a city "where a person has to steal bread so her grandchildren can eat." The hat was passed around, and the woman left the courtroom with her fine paid and an additional \$47.50.

LaGuardia was merciful. Seeing the injustice of living in a world that is rarely merciful, he showed mercy; he lived God's mission.

May we all live what the Lord taught us through his son.

Grace, Mercy, Love & Peace be with you,

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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/



# COMMUNION

# FOR SHELTER IN PLACE

We have communion juice and wafer for all. If you

would like to come by the Church Office to get a cup

with wafer, just let us know when you're coming.

These are single serve like this:



Again, we have plenty for all, just call!

903-792-1915



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

The combined Sunday School will be presented by use of a Facebook group.

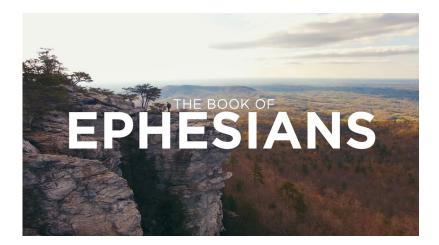
This class is studying the book of 1 Kings and is taught by Jack Carter. The class is a live stream presented every Sunday morning and everyone is invited to participate.

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

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

on

Facebook.



# The Journey Sunday School Class will continue our study of THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS this Sunday via Zoom.

# Let our Pastor know if you wish to join in. Zoom info will be sent via email and text. Please read chapter 3.

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"



# JUST A REMINDER TO OUR CONGREGATION OUR OFFICE HOURS ARE 8 A.M. TO 4 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY



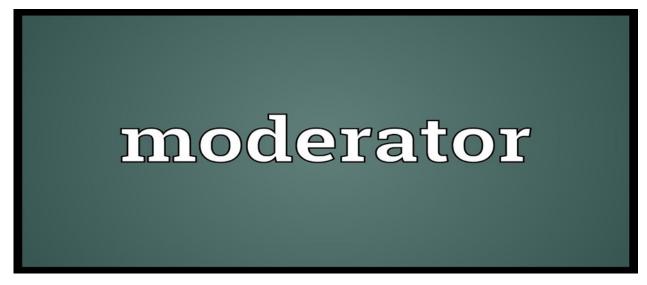
# Have you heard about the **Disciples Men Podcast?** You can find out more at The Jesus Way website. Or, the podcast is available through iTunes and Google Play. Tune in today and learn more about The Jesus Way, Disciples Men, and the General Conference of Disciples Men!



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.



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.
- 4. By using the Givelify app on your phone. You can download this in the play store.

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.

# Guelify

If you are looking for a safe way to give to the church, download the "Givelify" app onto your phone. You can find it at the App Store as "Givelify Mobile Giving App" or at the Google Play Store under the same name "Givelify Mobile Giving App." Our church is listed, and this is a safe and fast way to give. Be sure you enter Central Christian Church Texarkana before you give.

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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**

May 3	all day	Christian Family Week Begins
May 10	all day	Mother's Day
May 16	9am	CMF
May 17	all day	Mental Health Sunday
May 31	all day	Pentecost Sunday



# 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.

# PRAYER LIST

# **IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT**

# PRAYER LIST

In recent discussions with the Southwest Region, it has come to our attention "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.

# MAY 2020

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	25 Memorial Day office closed	18 6pm General Board	Ξ	4		Mon	
	26	19	12 10:30am CWF Day Group 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group in HeBrews	S		Tue	
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	5pm Choir	5pm Choir	5pm Choir	5pm Choir		Wed	
	28	21	14 6:30pm CWF Night Group	7		Thu	
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	30	23	16 9am CMF	Q	2	Sat	

Tim & Donna Nash	May Anniversaries	John Beeson	Wes Byas	Midge Cooney	Aaron Doddy	Nick (Cowboy) Mathison	Diane Pope-King	Gabriel Fowler	Roger Spencer	Isabelle Fowler	<b>Richard Martin</b>	Bob Wilmoth	May Birthdays
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May 31, 2020 Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter Worship Leader: Tim Nash Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth Deacons: Jack Fisher, Pat Taylor, Sondra Bedwell, Jason Ellis
May 24, 2020 Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth Worship Leader: Donna Nash Hospital Elder: Julia Carpenter Flower Elder: George Carpenter, Jr. Homebound Elder: Midge Cooney Homebound Deacon: Robert Kern Deacons: Lynn Wilmoth, Tami Hudspeth, Jack Duncan, Mike Lamb
May 17, 2020 Greeters: Alan & Janet Bennett Worship Leader: Jean Nailling Hospital Elder: Joan Carter Flower Elder: Jack Carter Deacons: Alice Coleman, Tom Crow, Robert Kern, Lois Moore
May 10, 2020 Greeters: Philip & Teri Stover Worship Leader: Lee Nailling Hospital Elder: Jim Spears Flower Elder: Connie Spears Homebound Elder: Alice Kern Homebound Deacon: Tami Hudspeth Deacons: Jack Fisher, Jason Ellis, Judy VanHooser, Donna Nash
May 3, 2020 Greeters: Tim & Donna Nash Worship Leader: John Cunningham Hospital Elder: Teri Stover Flower Elder: Mike Martin Deacons: Pat Taylor, Sondra Bedwell, Teresa Crow, Mike Lamb
Servers for the Weeks Ahead

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**Weekly Info** 

# **Prayer Need**

Our Church
Wes Byas
Jack Duncan
Jasmine Jones, Jack Duncan's granddaughter
Ann Smith, Dorothy Alves' sister
Bobby Howell, friend of Johnny Cunningham
Bobby Tallent
Lynn Wilmoth
Michael Bennett, Alan Bennett's brother
Jane Sefcik
Hudson Hall, friend of Lois Moore
Carol Ann Mattingly, Joe & Carma Lee Frost's daughter
Jack Donaldson, friend of Beth Brine
Beth Brine
Bobbie Roberts, Pat Taylor's mother
Tim Price, Jo Masters' son
Jim Cunningham
John Hayes, friend of Julia Carpenter
Bill Thompson, friend of George Carpenter, Jr.

**Central Christian Church Decals** \$5.00 Church office or Hebrews

## April 26, 2020

Offering:	\$ 1,355.00
Weekly Needs:	<u>\$   4,131.82</u>
Difference:	\$ -2,776.82
YTD Collected:	\$ 59,993.53
YTD Needed:	<u>\$ 70,240.94</u>
Difference:	\$-10,247.41

### **Ongoing Concerns**

Carma Lee Frost Trudy Kochler, friend of Jo 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 Winds Assisted Living, Room 105 Sermon This Sunday: Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life Susan DeFoy, MRC Cornerstone, Rm. 505 A

LECTIONARY FOR MAY 3, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Easter

> Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10

"God's Approval"

# Scripture:

1 Peter 2:19-25