

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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This miracle story is a favorite with many people. And, when thinking of this story, it is important we keep in mind the last verse, verse 21. "And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. That could easily take the number of people fed to 15, 000 or more. That being said: is that the point of the story? That such a huge number of people were fed with five loaves and two fish? Or is the story much more than that?

How many times have you tried to seclude yourself from others only to have them find you and seek your attention? Is it not a miracle in itself Jesus did not run from the crowd or have them sent away when he was clearly in need of rest and time alone? Isn't his love for others and his compassion the main point here? Reading this story, I would hope we would see the love and compassion, the example Jesus sets for us as his followers. It certainly not an easy thing to do when we feel run down and in need of time alone, but Jesus calls us to NOT turn off our love and compassion in the light of other's needs.

Although physically exhausted, may we never be so spiritually exhausted we fail to serve as the Lord calls us to.

The Love of God sustain you always,

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SUMMER **PIZZA & SCRIPTURE** BEGINS SUNDAY, AUG. 2ND AT 5 PM IN **HeBREWS**

There will be a Love Offering Basket available to help with the cost of the Pizza.



NEEDED INFORMATION FOR SPECIAL SERVICE IN OCTOBER 2020

In October during a worship service, we will dedicate the worship to our parents who have lost children, regardless of the child's age.

As most of you know, we have many parents who have lost children. We are making a list of these parents and the names of their children who have become angels. We need your help to make our parent list complete and to get the names of their children accurate. At this point, we have the following parents:

Robert & Alice Kern, Lee & Jean Nailling, Richard Martin, Bob Tallent,

Claudine Brown, Bobbie Atkinson, Betty Webb, Mike & Glenda Worley,

George & Elaine Carpenter, Stan & Pat Brummal, and Trissy Engle.

If you know of other parents, please let us know by calling the church office to give Tonya the information.

We will be in touch with the parents to ensure we have the names of the children correct and to give them a special invitation to the service.

Thank you in advance for your help!



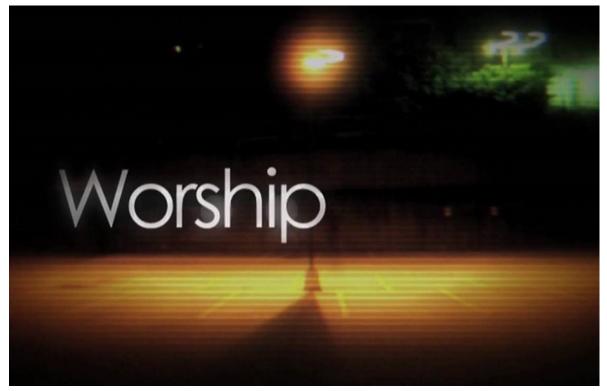
NEW FROM OUR MODERATOR

Dear Church Friends,

Late May, Central Christian returned to sanctuary services about the time states were beginning to relax their Covid-19 rules. Since then, there has been an increase in the virus throughout our two states. Both Arkansas and Texas Governors have mandated citizens to wear masks whenever in public.

No one should feel uncomfortable or fearful attending church. If you have a mask, please wear it while at church. If you do not have a mask or don't wear one, please prayerfully consider doing so at church services. Masks are available when entering the sanctuary. Remember, it is not only a protection for you, but for your sisters and brothers in Christ. This would be the Golden Rule in action.

> Praying all are staying safe and healthy, Alice Coleman Moderator



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

EACH AND EVERY SUNDAY.

REMEMBER:

WORSHIP ON 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.

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Again, we have plenty for all, just call!

903-792-1915



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

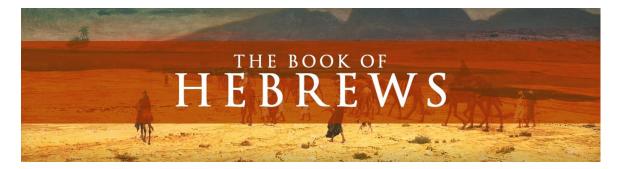
The combined Sunday School will be held here at the church in the Community Room AND presented by use of a Facebook group.

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

Remember, a combined Adult Sunday School class is here at the church every Sunday morning and on Facebook at 9:40 a.m.

on

Facebook.



The Journey Sunday School Class Will continue our study of THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

on

Sunday, August 2nd

We hope you will join us. Please read chapter 7 and be prepared to discuss it.

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

The Epistle to the Hebrews, or Letter to the Hebrews, or in the Greek manuscripts, simply To the Hebrews is one of the books of the New Testament.

The text does not mention the name of its author, but was traditionally attributed to Paul the Apostle. However, doubt on Pauline authorship in the Roman Church is reported by Eusebius. Modern biblical scholarship considers its authorship unknown, perhaps written in deliberate imitation of the style of Paul. Although the writer's style reflects some characteristics of Paul's writing, there are some differences.

Scholars of Greek consider its writing to be more polished and eloquent than any other book of the New Testament, and "the very carefully composed and studied Greek of Hebrews is not Paul's spontaneous, volatile contextual Greek". The book has earned the reputation of being a masterpiece. It has also been described as an intricate New Testament book. Scholars believe it was written for Jewish Christians who lived in Jerusalem. Its purpose was to exhort Christians to persevere in the face of persecution. At this time, certain believers were considering turning back to Judaism (the Jewish system of law) to escape being persecuted for accepting Christ as their savior, now following this system of grace (saved by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross). The theme of the epistle is the doctrine of the person of Christ and his role as mediator between God and humanity.



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



July 1, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am again reaching out to you to remind you our church is alive and well but remains in need of your support. I realize these are difficult days but the ministry of our church presses on. If you have fallen behind on your pledge or have not given your weekly offering due to not being in church, please consider catching up as soon as possible.

As a reminder, there are a number of ways in which you may keep your tithes and offerings going to the church without human contact:

- 1. Mail your check via USPS.
- 2. Online banking if you use it.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.

I hope you and your family are well and we may all worship together soon. Thank you for your faithfulness and God bless.

Alice Coleman

Moderator

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.



FLOWERS

The cost of flowers for the sanctuary has gone up. Due to a price increase at the Flower Shop, the cost of flowers is now

\$40.



Our Sanctuary doors will not be unlocked until 10:20 a.m. unless a staff member or member is present in the sanctuary to prevent intruders from pilfering. If you need in, please ask a Sunday School teacher if they can open up for you.

Thank You.

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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

July 29	5pm	Choir
August 2	5pm	Pizza & Scripture
August 5	5pm	Choir
August 9	5pm	Pizza & Scripture
August 11	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
August 12	5pm	Choir
August 15	9am	CMF
August 16	5pm	Pizza & Scripture
August 19	5pm	Choir
August 23	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
August 23	5pm	Pizza & Scripture
August 23	6pm	Randy Sams drop-off
August 24	6pm	Cabinet Meeting



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.

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Augus Tom & Teresa Crow Glen & Tami Hudspeth Harold & Pat Taylor	Jamie Bennett	Herb Hamilton	Betty Webb	Carma Lee Frost	Tom Crow	James Thompson	Randy King	Joan Carter	Nancy Bair	Cari Cunningham	Claudine Brown	Ben Nash	Aug
August Anniversaries w 8-7 peth 8-9 or 8-12	8-31	8-26	o-1o 8-25	8-17	8-15	8-14	8-8	8-7	8-7	8-3	8-2	8-2	August Birthdays

Servers for the Weeks Ahead

Deacons: Sondra Bedwell, Jack Duncan, Robert Kern, Diane Pope-King Flower Elder: George Carpenter, Jr. Hospital Elder: Julia Carpenter Worship Leader: Midge Cooney Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern August 2, 2020

August 9, 2020

Deacons: Jack Fisher, Lois Moore, Tom Crow, Pat Taylor Homebound Deacon: Homebound Elder: Flower Elder: Michael Martin Hospital Elder: Lisa Kern Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow Worship Leader: Donna Nash

Deacons: Bob Wilmoth, Tami Hudspeth, Donna Nash, Jack Duncan Flower Elder: Alice Kern Hospital Elder: Robert Kern Worship Leader: Lee Nailling August 16, 2020 Greeters: Tim & Donna Nash

August 23, 2020

Deacons: Robert Kern, Mike Lamb, Sondra Bedwell, Alice Coleman Homebound Deacon: Homebound Elder: Flower Elder: Jim Spears Hospital Elder: Connie Spears Worship Leader: Jean Nailling Greeters: Philip & Teri Stover

August 30, 2020

Deacons: Pat Taylor, Jack Fisher, Diane Pope-King, Jason Ellis Flower Elder: Joan Carter Hospital Elder: Jack Carter Worship Leader: Tim Nash Greeters: Randy & Diane King

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Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church Wes Byas Pat Brummal Tommy Dundee, friend of Connie Spears Audrey Bedwell Pam Smothermon, Joan Carter's sister Polly Orr, Jane Watson's sister Joye Lancaster, Beth Brine's cousin Bobby Howell, friend of Johnny Cunningham Beth Brine

Ongoing Concerns

Kimberly Shute-McDaniel, friend of the Naillings Millege Norton, Martha Clinton's brother Ann Smith, Dorothy Alves' sister Michael Bennett, Alan Bennett's brother Hudson Hall, friend of Lois Moore Jack Donaldson, friend of Beth Brine Zoe Jones, friend of Lois Moore Mary Dawn, Tom, Trey & Matt Hudspeth Paul Wayson, Evelyn Tallent's brother Vickie Oliver

Homebound

Ben Nash, Cornerstone Betty Webb, Brookdale, Apt. 109 Carma Lee Frost, Brookdale, Apt. 132 Susie Howdeshell Jauquita Hargus, home Roger Spencer, Autumn Winds Assisted Living, 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 August 2, 2020

Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern Worship Leader: Midge Cooney Hospital Elder: Julia Carpenter Flower Elder: George Carpenter, Jr. Deacons: Sondra Bedwell, Jack Duncan, Robert Kern, Diane Pope-King

July 26, 2020

Attendance:	22
Offering:	\$ 2,481.06
Weekly Needs:	<u>\$ 4,131.82</u>
Difference:	\$ -1,650.76
YTD Collected:	\$131,109.69
YTD Needed:	<u>\$123,954.60</u>
Difference:	\$7,155.09

LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST 2, 2020 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon This Sunday:

"Wrestling with God"

Scripture:

Genesis 32:22-31