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FROM THE PASTOR

Central Christian Church

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. [2] God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. [29] for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. [30] Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, [31] so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. [32] For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so he may be merciful to all.

Here is a unique, moving story about "MERCY" from the Second World War:

The American pilot glanced outside his cockpit and froze. He blinked hard and looked again, hoping it was just a mirage. But his co-pilot stared at the same horrible vision.

“Dear God, this is a nightmare,” the co-pilot said.

“He’s going to destroy us,” the pilot agreed.

The men were looking at a gray German Messerschmitt fighter hovering just three feet off their wingtip. It was five days before Christmas 1943, and the fighter had closed in on their crippled American B-17 bomber for the kill.

The B-17 pilot, Charles Brown, was a 21-year-old West Virginia farm boy on his first combat mission. His bomber had been shot to pieces by swarming fighters, and his plane was alone in the skies above Germany. Half his crew was wounded, and the tail gunner was dead, his blood frozen in icicles over the machine guns.

But when Brown and his co-pilot, Spencer “Pinky” Luke, looked at the fighter pilot again, something odd happened. The German didn’t pull the trigger. He nodded mercifully at Brown instead and let him go free.

What happened next was one of the most remarkable acts of chivalry recorded during World War II. Years later, Brown would track down his would-be German executioner for a reunion that reduced both men to tears after the war was over.

MERCY can be quite powerful. All too often we miss opportunities to show mercy. Jesus never did. Paul tells us God has always shown us mercy and shall continue to do so. And it is important to add, Paul says God shows mercy to ALL. God has no favorite child. He loves ALL of His children.

God’s love & mercy to all,

Wes

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,

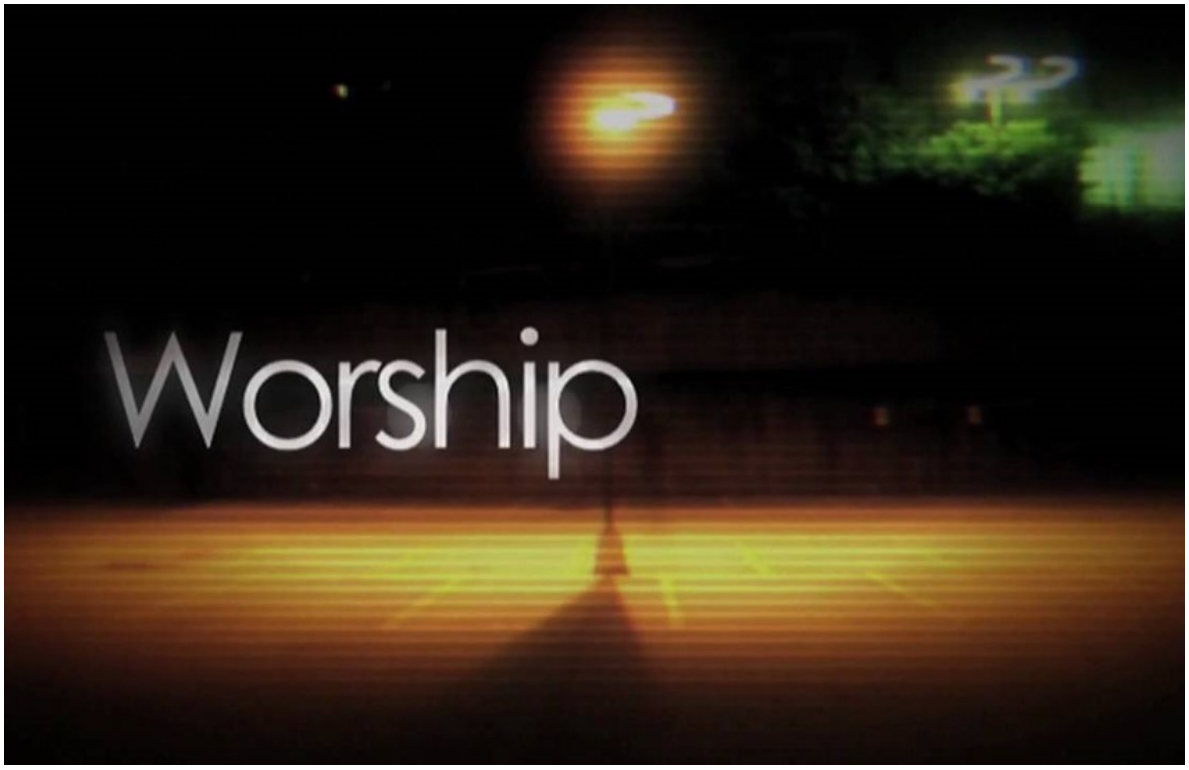
Late May, Central Christian returned to sanctuary services about the time states were beginning to relax their Covid-19 rules. Since then, there has been an increase in the virus throughout our two states. Both Arkansas and Texas Governors have mandated citizens to wear masks whenever in public.

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.

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 held here at the church in the Community Room AND presented by use of a

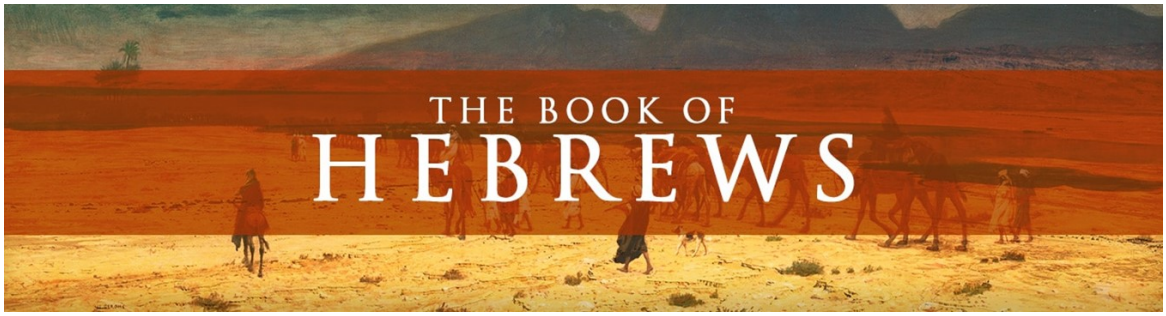
Facebook group.

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 16th

We hope you will join us.
Please read chapter 10
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.

SUMMER

PIZZA & SCRIPTURE

CONTINUES

SUNDAY, AUG. 16TH

AT 5 PM

IN

HeBREWS

There will be a Love Offering

Basket available to help with the cost of the Pizza.

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

Givelify

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.

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

August 15	9am	CMF
August 16	5pm	Pizza & Scripture
August 23	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
August 23	5pm	Pizza & Scripture
August 23	6pm	Randy Sams drop-off
August 24	6pm	Cabinet Meeting
September 2	5pm	Choir
September 7	all day	office closed

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 "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.

AUGUST 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 5pm Pizza & Scripture	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 5pm Pizza & Scripture	10	11 6pm Hope Remains Greif Support Group in HeBrews	12	13	14	15 9am CMF
16 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 5pm Pizza & Scripture	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pm Randy Sams Prep 5pm Pizza & Scripture 6pm Randy Sams drop off	24 6pm Cabinet Meeting	25	26	27	28	29
30 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	31					

August Birthdays

Ben Nash	8-2
Claudine Brown	8-2
Cari Cunningham	8-3
Nancy Bair	8-7
Joan Carter	8-7
Randy King	8-8
James Thompson	8-14
Tom Crow	8-15
Carma Lee Frost	8-17
Bobbie Atkinson	8-18
Betty Webb	8-25
Herb Hamilton	8-26
Jamie Bennett	8-31

August Anniversaries

Tom & Teresa Crow	8-7
Glen & Tami Hudspeth	8-9
Harold & Pat Taylor	8-12

Servers for the Weeks Ahead

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

August 9, 2020
Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Donna Nash
Hospital Elder: Lisa Kern
Flower Elder: Michael Martin
Homebound Elder:
Homebound Deacon:
Deacons: Jack Fisher, Lois Moore, Tom Crow, Pat Taylor

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

August 23, 2020
Greeters: Philip & Teri Stover
Worship Leader: Jean Nailling
Hospital Elder: Connie Spears
Flower Elder: Jim Spears
Homebound Elder:
Homebound Deacon:
Deacons: Robert Kern, Mike Lamb, Sondra Bedwell, Alice Coleman

August 30, 2020
Greeters: Randy & Diane King
Worship Leader: Tim Nash
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Pat Taylor, Jack Fisher, Diane Pope-King, Jason Ellis

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Annette Wilmoth
Audrey Bedwell
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 16, 2020

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

August 9, 2020

Attendance:	26
Offering:	$ 2,688.98
Weekly Needs:	$ 4,131.82
Difference:	$ -1,442.84
YTD Collected:	$139,338.16
YTD Needed:	$132,218.24
Difference:	$ 7,119.92

LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST 16, 2020

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

In Loving Memory

Evelyn Tallent
Mary Phiffer
Frank Caudle

Jim & Connie Spears
Richard Martin
Michael & Glenda Worley
Alan & Janet Bennett
Jack & Joan Carter
Alice Coleman
Tom & Teresa Crow
Randy & Diane King
Richard Martin

Sermon This Sunday:

"Family Reunions"

Scripture:

Genesis 45:1-15