The Central Christian 411

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

There is an apocalyptic theme in much of Paul's writings. As wise and brilliant as Paul was, he was one who believed the apocalypse would occur in his lifetime. And, if not his, certainly during his generation's lifetime.

As many of you know, there have been those throughout history, Christians and Jews, who have believed and predicted the end of the world to no avail. Sometime between 66 and 70 AD, Simon bar Giora, the Jewish Essene sect of ascetics saw the Jewish uprising against the Romans in 66–70 in Judea as the final end-time battle which would bring about the arrival of the Messiah. By the authority of Simon, coins were minted declaring the redemption of Israel. In 500 AD, Hippolytus of Rome, Sextus Julius Africanus, and Irenaeus, all three predicted Jesus would return in that year, with one of the predictions being based on the dimensions of Noah's Ark. As recently as THIS year, 2021, F. Kenton Beshore, an American pastor, bases his prediction on the prior suggestion Jesus would return in 1988, that is, within one biblical generation (40 years) of the founding of Israel in 1948. Beshore argues the prediction was correct, but the definition of a biblical generation was incorrect and was actually 70–80 years, placing the second coming of Jesus between 2018 and 2028, and the rapture by 2021 at the latest.

The list of those who have believed the world would end in their lifetime or during their generation is long. From as early as 66 AD and before, as we can see with Paul who was writing most likely around 40 AD, whatever triggered their beliefs these people preached and taught the world was coming to an end......and yet it has not. Why? Because I believe these words from Jesus: "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." (Matthew 24:36)

Let us live life to the fullest in God's light and truth. Each day is precious, as are you to God.

May the love of God and His guiding hand be with you, Wes



BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY

VIA

OUR CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE.

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE POSTED **BY 5:30 P.M.**AND

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW IT

EACH AND EVERY SUNDAY ON FACEBOOK.

REMEMBER:

WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS **BY 5:30 P.M.**ON
OUR CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE

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



COMMUNION FOR SHELTER IN PLACE

We have communion juice and wafers 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



SUNDAY, JANUARY 24TH

WILL BE SERVING OUR LOCAL RANDY SAM'S.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO

HELP SERVE THE HOMELESS

PLEASE LET OUR ADMIN. ASSIST.,

TONYA KNOW.

WE MEET IN DISCIPLE HALL AT 4 PM
TO PREPARE THE MEAL, THEN SERVE AT
RANDY SAM'S AT 6 PM.

Matthew 25:40

And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'



THERE WILL BE A GENERAL BOARD MEETING MONDAY

JAN. 25, 2021

AT 6 P.M.

IN

HeBREWS.



DON'T FORGET THOSE YOU LOVE ON

VALENTINES DAY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021 WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE ON THAT SUNDAY SO, BRING YOUR VALENTINE(S) AND JOIN US FOR THIS TIME HONORED TRADITION.



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14TH WILL BE TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY! The transfiguration of Jesus is described in the Synoptic Gospels when Jesus is transfigured and becomes radiant in glory upon a mountain. The Second Epistle of Peter

also refers to it.



February 17th

OUR

ASH WEDNESDAY

SERVICE

WILL BE HELD

AT

6:00 P.M.

IN THE SANCTUARY

LET US BEGIN *LENT* BY

BRINGING

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

TO

THIS VERY SPECIAL **LENTEN** SERVICE

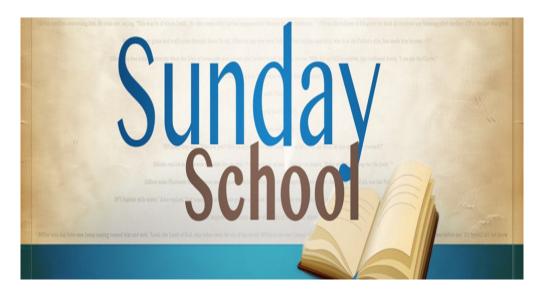


SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH IS

WEEK OF COMPASSION

We will be taking our Week of Compassion Special Offering on these two Sunday.

As the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),
Week of Compassion
works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world.



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

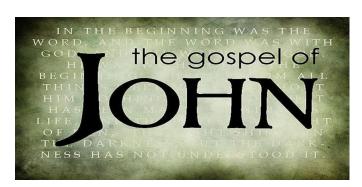
Facebook group.

This class is studying the gospel of Matthew 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 GOSPEL OF JOHN on Sunday, January 24th

We hope you will join us.

Please read Chapter 20

and be prepared to discuss it.

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

The Gospel of John, the fourth of the gospels, has 21 chapters and is a highly schematic account of the ministry of Jesus, with seven "signs" culminating in the raising of Lazarus (foreshadowing the resurrection of Jesus) and seven "I am" discourses culminating in Thomas's proclamation of the risen Jesus as "my Lord and my God"; the concluding verses set out its purpose, "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name."

John reached its final form around AD 90–110, although it contains signs of origins dating back to AD 70 and possibly even earlier. Like the three other gospels, it is anonymous, although it identifies an unnamed "disciple whom Jesus loved" as the source of its traditions. It most likely arose within a "Johannine community", and as it is closely related in style and content to the three Johannine epistles most scholars treat the four books, along with the Book of Revelation, as a single corpus of Johannine literature, albeit not from the same author.



JUST A REMINDER TO OUR CONGREGATION

OUR

OFFICE HOURS

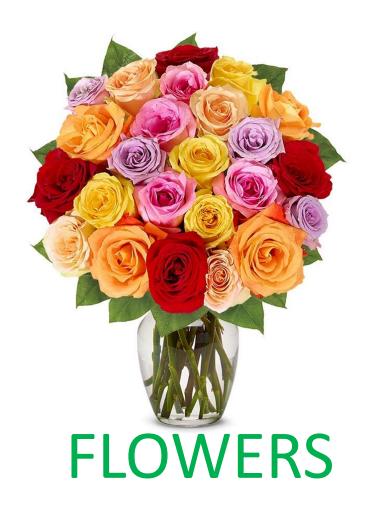
ARE

8 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY



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.



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

January 20	5pm	Choir
January 24	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
January 24	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
January 25	6pm	General Board Meeting
January 27	5pm	Choir
February 3	5pm	Choir
February 9	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
February 10	5pm	Choir
February 14	all day	Valentine's Day
February 14	all day	Transfiguration Sunday
February 17	6pm	Ash Wednesday service
February 20	9am	CMF



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.

FEBRUARY 2021

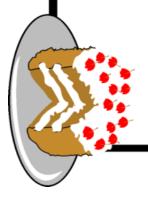
28 Week of Compassion 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	21 Week of Compassion 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	14 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	7 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship		Sun
	22 6pm Cabinet Meeting	15 office closed Presidents Day	∞	1	Mon
	23	16	9 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	2	Tue
	24 5pm Choir	17 5pm Choir 6pm Ash Wednesday Service	10 5pm Choir	3 5pm Choir	Wed
	25	18	11	4	Thu
	26	19	12	5	Fri
	27	20 9am CMF	13	6	Sat

February Birthdays

2-24 2-26 2-28	Linda Harris Troy Kern Joe Alves
2-20 2-22 2-24	Cara Fowler Jean Nailling George Carpenter
2-8 2-9 2-13	Susie Howdeshell Cameron Lumpkin Connie Spears
2-2 2-3 2-6 2-8	Elaine Hamilton Joe Shelton Susan DeFoy Joe Frost, Sr.

February Anniversaries

George & Elaine Carpenter 2-9
Joe & Dorothy Alves 2-10



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

February 7, 2021

Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter

Worship Leader: George Carpenter, Jr.

Hospital Elder: Jim Spears

Flower Elder: Connie Spears

Deacons:

February 14, 2021

Greeters: John & Margie Beeson

Worship Leader: Lee Nailling

Hospital Elder: John Beeson

Flower Elder: Midge Cooney

Deacons:

February 21, 2021

Greeters: Mike & Martha Clinton

Worship Leader: Jean Nailling

Hospital Elder: Donna Nash

Flower Elder: Tim Nash

Deacons:

February 28, 2021

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow

Worship Leader: Randy King

Hospital Elder: Jack Carter Flower Elder: Joan Carter

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Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church

Wes Byas

Lynn Wilmoth

George & Elaine Carpenter

Bob Tallent

Vida Brine

Jeannette Chittenden, Mary Chittenden's daughter-in-law

Jim Folmar, Kelly Folmar's uncle

Barbara McCash

Michael Bennett, Alan Bennett's brother

Julia Carpenter

Emillee Pop, Mike Lamb's granddaughter

Carla Lewis

Scottie Scurlock, friend of Julia Carpenter

Jove Lancaster, Beth Brine's cousin

Ongoing Concerns

John Heath, friend of the Carters

George Wadsworth, friend of Beth Brine

Roy Anderson, Carol Ann Tallent's fiancé's grandfather

Kimberly Shute-McDaniel, friend of the Naillings

Millege Norton, Martha Clinton's brother

Ann Smith, Dorothy Alves' sister

Jack Donaldson, friend of Beth Brine

Zoe Jones, friend of Lois Moore

Vickie Oliver

Homebound

Betty Webb, Brookdale, Apt. 109

Carma Lee Frost, Waterton, Room 107A

Susie Howdeshell

Jauquita Hargus, home

Jeffrev Turner, Abundant Life

Susan DeFoy, MRC Cornerstone, Rm. 505 A

A support group for Widowed Men meets each

Thursday at 1:30pm at

Texarkana, Hospice. For more

information, contact

Texarkana Hospice at 903-794-4263.

Serving this Sunday January 24, 2021

Greeters: Harold & Pat Taylor Worship Leader: Lisa Kern

Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.

Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter

Deacons:

January 17, 2021

Attendance: 33

Offering 2021: \$ 3,603.00

Weekly Needs: \$ 4,019.03

Difference: \$ -416.03

YTD Collected: \$ 9,810.00

YTD Needed: \$ 12,057.09

Difference: \$ -2,247.09

Central Christian Church Decals

\$5.00

Church office or Hebrews

LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 24, 2021

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Sermon This Sunday:

"HERE I AM"

Scripture:

1 Samuel 3:1-10