The Central Christian 411

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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2 Corinthians 5:11-17

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope we are also well known to your consciences. ¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced one has died for all; therefore, all have died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, so those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

London businessman Lindsay Clegg told the story of a warehouse property he was selling. The building had been empty for months and needed repairs. Vandals had damaged the doors, smashed the windows, and strewn trash around the interior.

As he showed a prospective buyer the property, Clegg took pains to say he would replace the broken windows, bring in a crew to correct any structural damage, and clean out the garbage.

"Forget about the repairs," the buyer said. "When I buy this place, I'm going to build something completely different. I don't want the building; I want the site."

Compared with the renovation God has in mind, our efforts to improve our own lives are as trivial as sweeping a warehouse slated for the wrecking ball. When we become God's, the old life is over. He makes all things new. All he wants is the site and the permission to build.

Will 2021 be the year you give God permission to build a new life for you? Many of us have been baptized and verbalized our belief in God but have never given God permission to build new lives for us. Let us begin our prayers this day and every day with: "Lord, you have my permission to build me a new life."

May God dwell in your hearts and minds always,



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



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

Elder Training Event Dates: 4 Sundays In January 2021 January 10, 17, 24, 31 Location: Online using Zoom Time: 7pm Central Time / 6pm Mountain Time Cost: \$10

Elders are the spiritual, discernment, and compassion leaders of Disciples congregations. Helping elders develop as elders and connect with others is an important ministry of the Christian Church in the Southwest.

In this Elders' Training, Andy Mangum will guide elders in examining their identity as elders, their roles providing leadership particularly at the table, contributing to congregational decision-making, and offering care to members of the congregation.

This will be an online (teleconference) event and will involve presentational content as well as group discussion.

Register at: https://www.ccsw.org/events



SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021
WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL
ELDERS TRAINING EVENT
IN HeBREWS
AT 10 A.M.

THIS IS REQUIRED TRAINING

SO PLEASE BE PRESENT.

JANUARY 9TH AT 10 A.M.

IN HeBREWS!

(Elder's booklets &

Communion Training included.)



Officer & Committee Chair Training

will occur on

Saturday, January 9th,

1 p.m.

in the Community Room

Current AND New Officers & Chairs are required to attend.

If leaving an Officer post or Chair, you will need to pass your binder & key to the Church to your successor.

This is required training

whether you have Chaired a committee in 2019 or will be in the upcoming year.



THE CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Saturday, January 16th

at 9:00 A.M. in HeBrews

We encourage all of our men to be present.

We are working hard to build our Men's group.



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, Jan. 12th, IN HeBREWS

It has been said, "We never truly get over a loss, but we can move forward and evolve from it." While this is true, it is a process many of us never fully move through, especially if we experience the loss of a child. So often, we get "stuck" in a stage of grief and remain there. This is the reason groups that deal with grief are so important; they help us move through the stages so we can move forward and evolve. Sadly, such groups are often not advertised, promoted, or supported by local organizations.

Here at Central Christian Church we are very blessed to have such a group and we want to promote this organizations work. The *Hope Remains* Chapter of Texarkana meets in HeBrews on the *2nd Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m.* The focus is for parents and grandparents grieving the loss of a child or grandchild.

The mission of Hope Remains is to offer a safe place where any and all emotions may be freely expressed. There may be tears shed at the meetings. There may be laughter and smiles shared as precious memories of a child, grandchild, or sibling is recalled. And, there will always be acceptance, friendship and hope offered at the meetings.

If you have suffered the loss of a child or grandchild and wish to join this greatly needed organization, please contact Cindy Sanford at (903) 280-4130.



MONDAY JANUARY 18TH

IS

M.L.K. Jr. DAY.

His dream was for a nation, a world, unified regardless of race.

This is what our Lord taught, as well.

Let us celebrate the DREAM and MAKE IT HAPPEN!



MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH BEGINS THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR

CHRISTIAN UNITY.

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER NOT JUST

FOR

CHRISTIAN UNITY,

BUT FOR UNITY

AMONG

ALL GOD'S PEOPLE.



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

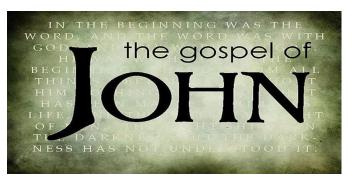
Facebook group.

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 10th

We hope you will join us.

Please read Chapter 17

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, 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

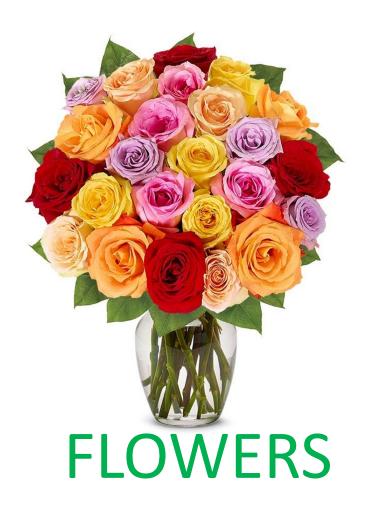
ARE

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 6	5pm	Choir
January 9	10am	Elder Training
January 9	1pm	Chair Training
January 12	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
January 13	5pm	Choir
January 16	9am	CMF
January 18	all day	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 18	all week	Week of Prayer begins
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



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.

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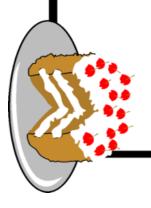
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	25 6pm General Board	18	11	4		Mon
	26	19	12 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	5		Tue
	27	20	13	6		Wed
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	5pm Choir	5pm Choir	5pm Choir	5pm Choir		
	28	21	14	7		Thu
	29	22	15	∞	1	Fri
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	30	23	16 9am CMF	9 10am Elder Training 1pm Chair Training	2	Sat

January Birthdays

1-31	Hayden Stover
1-28	Janet Bennett
1-27	Sydney Fowler
1-16	Glen Hudspeth
1-10	Laura Byas
1-9	Leighton Bennett
1-4	Seth Byas
1-4	Taylor Monday
1-4	Mary Cobb
1-1	Jim Spears

January Anniversaries

Darel & Nancy Bair	Justin & Cara Fowler	Mike & Glenda Worley
1-20	1-16	
		1-2



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

January 3, 2021

Worship Leader: John Beeson Greeters: Philip & Teri Stover

Hospital Elder: Jim Spears

Flower Elder: Connie Spears

Deacons:

January 10, 2021

Greeters: Alan & Janet Bennett

Worship Leader: Jean Nailling Hospital Elder: Alice Kern

Flower Elder: Bob Kern

Deacons:

January 17, 2021

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth

Worship Leader: Lee Nailling Hospital Elder: Donna Nash

Flower Elder: Tim Nash

Deacons:

January 24, 2021

Greeters: Harol & Pat Taylor

Worship Leader: Lisa Kern

Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.

Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter

Deacons:

January 31, 2021

Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter

Worship Leader: Jim Spears

Hospital Elder: Jack Carter Flower Elder: Joan Carter

Deacons:

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church

Wes Byas

John Heath, friend of the Carters

George & Elaine Carpenter

Bob Tallent

Vida Brine

Family of Larry J. Moss, Jean Nailling's cousin

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

Joye Lancaster, Beth Brine's cousin

Ongoing Concerns

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, Brookdale, Apt. 132 Susie Howdeshell Jauquita Hargus, home Jeffrey 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 10, 2021

Greeters: Alan & Janet Bennett Worship Leader: Jean Nailling

Hospital Elder: Alice Kern **Flower Elder:** Robert Kern

Deacons:

January 3, 2021

Attendance: 26

Offering 2021: \$ 2,388.00 Weekly Needs: \$ 4,019.03 Difference: \$ -1,631.03

YTD Collected: \$ 2,388.00 YTD Needed: \$ 4,019.03 Difference: \$ -1,631.03

Central Christian Church Decals

\$5.00

Church office or Hebrews

LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

Sermon This Sunday:

"Formless Void"

Scripture:

Genesis 1:1-5