

# The Central Christian 411

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## **1 John 4:7-21**

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup> By this we know we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and do testify the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> God abides in those who confess Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have known and believe the love God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

During the 17th century, Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of England, sentenced a soldier to be shot for his crimes. The execution was to take place at the ringing of the evening curfew bell. However, the bell did not sound. The soldier's fiancé had climbed into the belfry and clung to the great clapper of the bell to prevent it from striking. When she was summoned by Cromwell to account for her actions, she wept as she showed him her bruised and bleeding hands. Cromwell's heart was touched, and he said, "Your lover shall live because of your sacrifice. Curfew shall not ring tonight!"

God said, "Death shall not prevail because of my son's sacrifice. But you shall have life eternal."

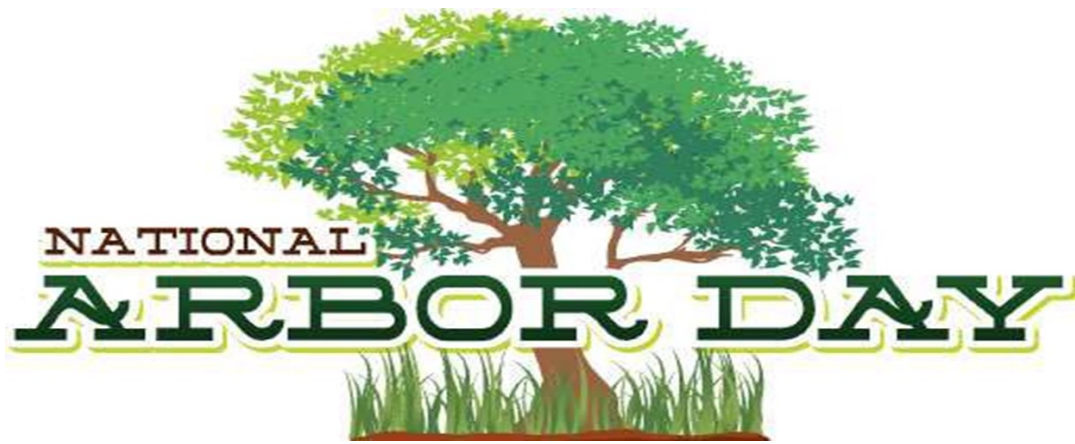
May God hold you in His loving arms always,   Wes



# FLOWERS!!!!

Be sure to purchase flowers for  
the sanctuary to honor  
Friends or Family or  
in memory of a loved one.

The cost is only  
\$40.



**APRIL 30, 2021**

The United States was one of the first countries in the world to celebrate Arbor Day, a holiday dedicated to tree planting. National Arbor Day in the USA is celebrated on the last Friday in April. Besides, each state celebrates its own state tree planting holiday. Arbor Day was founded by Julius Sterling Morton, a Nebraska newspaper editor, agriculturalist and statesman. Morton was a respected agriculturalist fascinated with trees, he planted numerous trees on his estate.

Currently, his former mansion and estate serve as Arbor Lodge State Historical Park. Morton came up with the idea of celebrating Arbor Day in the early 1870s. The first celebration was held in Nebraska on April 10, 1872. Its participants planted an estimated one million trees throughout the state. By the 1920s, each state had passed laws that stipulated a certain day to be state Arbor Day. In some states, the holiday was named Arbor and Bird Day. In Nebraska, Arbor Day is a civic holiday. National Arbor Day in the United States was established as a state holiday in 1885. It was moved from April 10 (its original date proposed by Morton) to April 22 (Morton's birthday). In 1989, the holiday was moved to the last Friday in April. On this day, Americans are encouraged to plant trees, bushes and plants (if weather conditions allow) and care for their national environment.



# CHRISTIAN FAMILY WEEK

IS

MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup>

Plan something special this week  
with your family  
to celebrate  
Christian Family Week at Home.



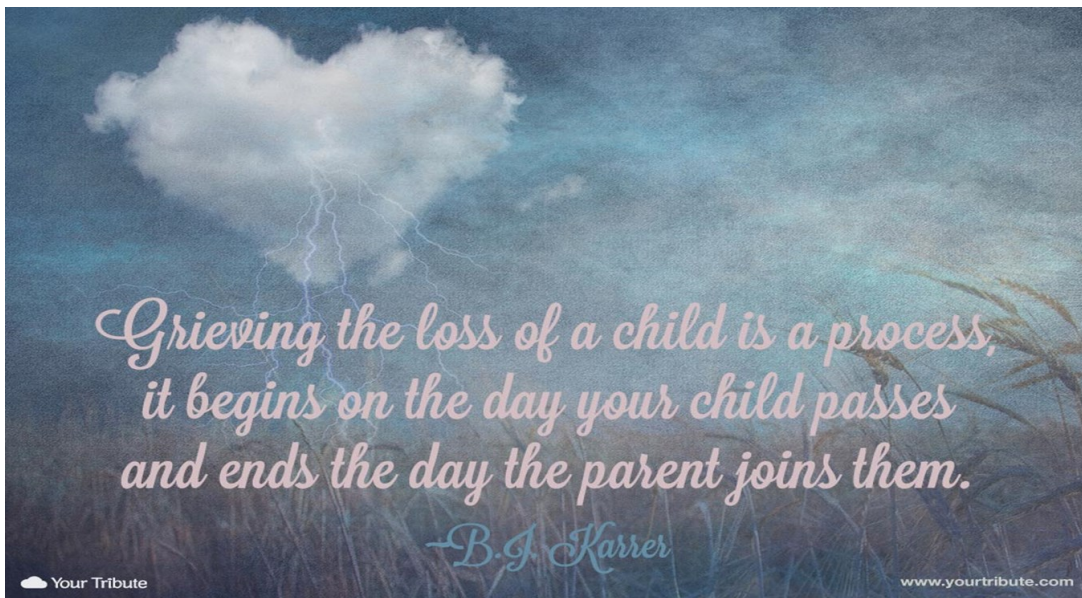
SUNDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>, WE WILL BE  
CELEBRATING

MOTHER'S DAY

HERE AT  
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BRING YOUR MOTHER TO  
CHURCH ON THIS SPECIAL DAY!





## HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, MAY 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



THE  
*CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP*  
*(CMF)*

WILL BE MEETING

**Saturday, MAY 15<sup>th</sup>**

**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.



MAY 23<sup>rd</sup>

IS

PENTECOST  
SUNDAY!

BE SURE TO WEAR RED

FOR THIS CELEBRATION OF THE  
HOLY SPIRIT.





SUNDAY, MAY 23<sup>rd</sup>

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.'

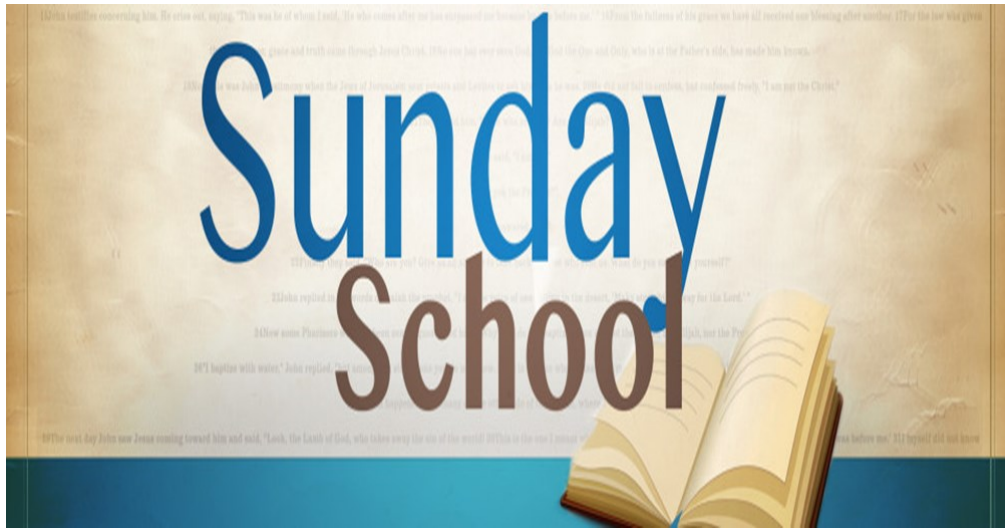


THERE WILL BE A  
GENERAL BOARD  
MEETING  
MONDAY  
MAY 24, 2021  
AT 6 P.M.  
IN  
HeBREWS.



**MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> IS MEMORIAL DAY**

*We walked among the crosses  
Where our fallen soldiers lay.  
And listened to the bugle  
As TAPS began to play.  
The Chaplain led a prayer  
We stood with heads bowed low.  
And I thought of fallen comrades I had known so long ago.  
They came from every city  
Across this fertile land.  
That we might live in freedom.  
They lie here 'neath the sand.  
I felt a little guilty  
My sacrifice was small.  
I only lost a little time  
But these men lost their all.  
Now the services are over  
For this Memorial Day.  
To the names upon these crosses I just want to say,  
Thanks for what you've given  
No one could ask for more.  
May you rest with God in heaven  
From now through evermore.*



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***

***1 SAMUEL***

***on***

***Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>***

We hope you will join us.

Please read **chapter 16**

and be prepared to discuss it.

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

The Book of Samuel forms part of the narrative history of Israel in the Nevi'im or "prophets" section of the Old Testament called the Deuteronomistic history, a series of books (Joshua, Judges, Samuel, and Kings) that constitute a theological history of the Israelites and aim to explain God's law for Israel under the guidance of the prophets. According to Jewish tradition, the book was written by Samuel, with additions by the prophets Gad and Nathan. Modern scholarly thinking is the entire Deuteronomistic history was composed in the period c. 630–540 BC by combining a number of independent texts of various ages.

Samuel begins with the prophet Samuel's birth and God's call to him as a boy. The story of the Ark of the Covenant that follows tells of Israel's oppression by the Philistines, which brought about Samuel's anointing of Saul as Israel's first king. But Saul proved unworthy and God's choice turned to David, who defeated Israel's enemies, purchased the threshing floor (2 Samuel 24:24), where his son, Solomon built the Temple and brought the Ark to Jerusalem. God then promised David and his successors an everlasting dynasty.





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**



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.

## 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

<b>May 2-8</b>		Christian Family Week
<b>May 3</b>	10:30am	Worship Committee
<b>May 5</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>May 9</b>	all day	Mother's Day
<b>May 10</b>	5pm	Events Committee
<b>May 11</b>	11:30am	CWF Day Group
<b>May 11</b>	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
<b>May 12</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>May 14</b>	5:30pm	Cunningham/Wheatley rehearsal
<b>May 15</b>	9am	CMF
<b>May 15</b>	5:30pm	Cunningham/Wheatley wedding
<b>May 16</b>		Mental Health Sunday
<b>May 16</b>	10:40am	Pentecost Special offering
<b>May 19</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>May 23</b>		Pentecost Sunday
<b>May 23</b>	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
<b>May 23</b>	6pm	Randy Sams drop off





Be sure to keep up-to-date  
with Church Activities

By visiting

[www.ccctxk.com](http://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 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> Christian Family Week Begins 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	<b>3</b> 10:30am Worship Committee	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5pm Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Mother's Day 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	<b>10</b> 5pm Events Committee	<b>11</b> 11:30am CWF Day Group 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	<b>12</b> 5pm Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:30pm Cunningham/ Wheatley rehearsal	<b>15</b> 9am CMF 5:30pm Cunningham/ Wheatley wedding
<b>16</b> Mental Health Sunday Pentecost offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5pm Choir	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Pentecost Sunday Pentecost offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop-off	<b>24</b> 6pm General Board Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 5pm Choir	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	<b>31</b> office closed					

## May Birthdays

Bob Wilmoth	05-09
Richard Martin	05-13
Isabelle Fowler	05-13
Gabriel Fowler	05-16
Diane Pope-King	05-20
Nick (Cowboy) Mathison	05-23
Aaron Duddy	05-24
Midge Cooney	05-28
Wes Byas	05-28
John Beeson	05-29

## May Anniversaries

Tim & Donna Nash      05-21



## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

May 2, 2021

Greeters: John & Margie Beeson  
 Worship Leader:  
 Hospital Elder:  
 Flower Elder:  
 Deacons: Lois Moore, Jack Fisher, Tami Hudspeth, Jason Ellis

May 9, 2021

Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern  
 Worship Leader:  
 Hospital Elder:  
 Flower Elder:  
 Deacons: Donna Nash, Sondra Bedwell, Robert Kern, Bob Wilmoth

May 16, 2021

Greeters: Randy & Diane King  
 Worship Leader:  
 Hospital Elder:  
 Flower Elder:  
 Deacons: Alice Coleman, Mike Lamb, Pat Taylor, Jack Duncan

May 23, 2021

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow  
 Worship Leader:  
 Hospital Elder:  
 Flower Elder:  
 Deacons: Jack Fisher, Lois Moore, Tami Hudspeth, Jason Ellis

May 30, 2021

Greeters: Tim & Donna Nash  
 Worship Leader:  
 Hospital Elder:  
 Flower Elder:  
 Deacons: Bob Wilmoth, Robert Kern, Sondra Bedwell, Donna Nash

# Weekly Info

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## Prayer Need

Our Church  
Wes Byas  
John Cunningham  
Family of Jim Cunningham  
Julia Carpenter  
Sandra Duncan  
Jane Watson  
Davis Coker, friend of Julia Carpenter  
Jan McCoy, Mary Chittenden's daughter

## Ongoing Concerns

Mandi Whisenhunt Smith, Randy King's niece  
John Heath, friend of the Carters  
George Wadsworth, friend of Beth Brine  
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  
Susie Howdeshell  
Vida Brine, The Oaks, room 22  
Jauquita Hargus, home  
Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life  
Susan DeFoy, MRC Cornerstone, Rm. 505 A

*In  
Loving  
Memory  
of*

**Carma Lee Frost**

*Lois Moore  
Jack & Joan Carter  
Alice Coleman  
Jim & Connie Spears  
David & Becky McClintock*

**Bob Tallent**

*Jack & Joan Carter  
Claudine Brown*

**Jim Cunningham**

*Jim & Connie Spears*

**Serving this Sunday  
May 2, 2021**



**Greeters:** John & Margie Beeson

**Worship Leader:**

**Hospital Elder:**

**Flower Elder:**

**Deacons:** Lois Moore, Jack Fisher, Tami  
Hudspeth, Jason Ellis

**April 25, 2021**

**Attendance:** 35

**Offering 2021:** \$ 2,685.13

**Weekly Needs:** \$ 4,019.03

**Difference:** \$ -1,333.90

**YTD Collected:** \$ 60,544.67

**YTD Needed:** \$ 68,323.51

**Difference:** \$ -7,778.84

Central Christian Church Decals

\$5.00

Church office or Hebrews

**LECTIONARY FOR MAY 2, 2021**

Christian Family Sunday

**Acts 8:26-40**

**Psalms 22:25-31**

**1 John 4:7-21**

**John 15:1-8**

**Sermon This Sunday:**

**"Mirror, Mirror"**

**Scripture:**

**Acts 8:26-40**