The Central Christian 411

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Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. [33] With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. [34] There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. [35] They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

In my many years of ministry this passage has been among those most controversial in Bible Studies. So many have said, "It sounds like Communism to me!" while others have said, "It sounds like heaven to me!"

Sharing wealth is appalling to some while to others believe living in a world where there is "not a needy person," is what the Gospel is all about. What do you think? Is this passage a passage of Capitalism vs. Communism? Or is it a passage of "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."

I often wonder if it is not that we aren't willing to share but we are unable to prioritize how we share. For example, in our world:

· Number of children who don't get enough food to fully develop mentally and physically: 500 million.

· Number of hunger-related deaths every day: 40,000.

· Amount of money Americans spend annually on pet food: $3 billion.

As one who loves my pet dearly, I still must pause for thought when I see this. As a follower of Christ, I believe we all must take into account all of God's children when we label a loving act of sharing as Communist. I do not believe any legitimate system of sharing wealth, like the disciples' setup, is anything but good. That being said, most governments typically are not good at sharing wealth. But as Followers of the Lord Jesus Christ shouldn't we be?

May the God who shared His only son fill your hearts with love & compassion.

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CWF/DWM Blog

CWF will meet on Tuesday, April 13th

in the Community Room at 11:30am.

Program will follow lunch.

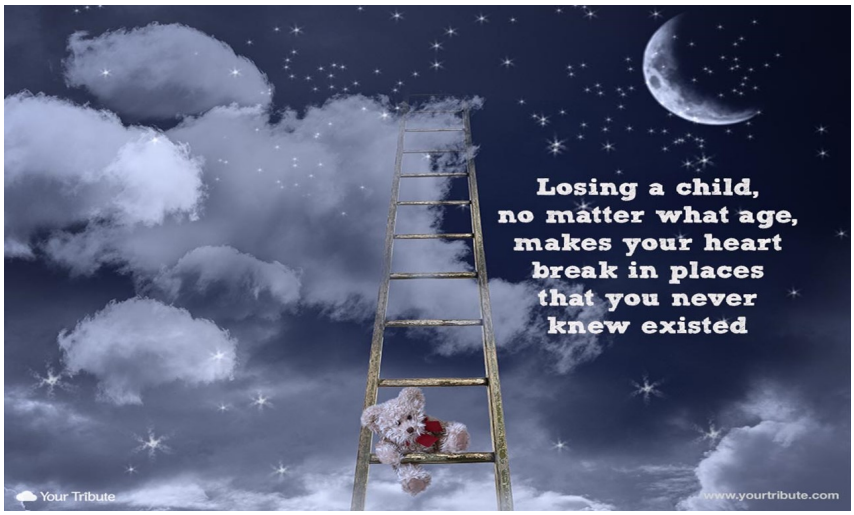
Lunch will be salads and desserts.

Connie is bring the program—
”Women Called to Lead”.

Our project for April is the

Heifer Project which is a budgeted item.

Hope to see everyone there!



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, APRIL 13th, 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.

THE

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Saturday, APRIL 17th

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.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH

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.'

Our Church Growth

& Evangelism

Committee will meet

Monday, April 26th, at

5:30 p.m.

in the

Community Room.

All members

please be present.

CABINET MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 26TH

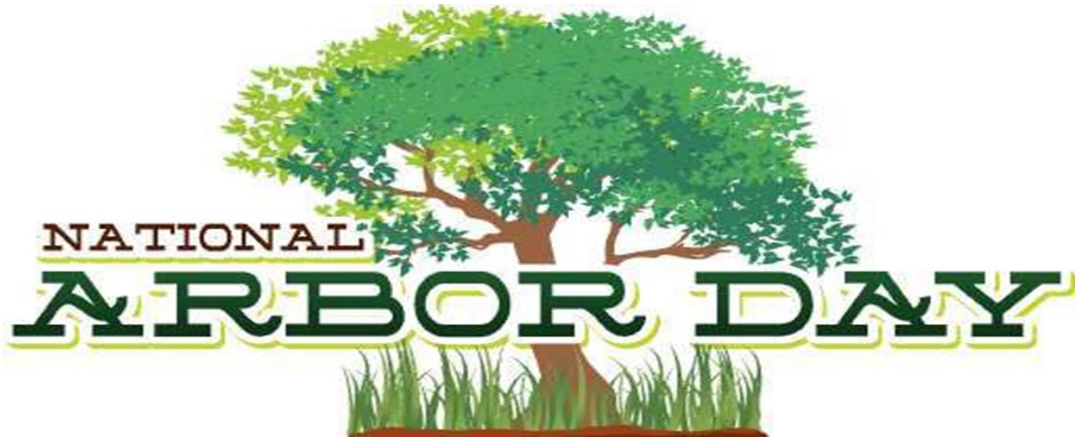
WE WILL HAVE OUR

CABINET MEETING

AT 6 P.M.

IF YOU ARE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, YOU ARE ON THE CABINET:

Moderator, Vice Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. The Chair of each Committee, President of CMF, CWF and Youth.



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 2ND - 8TH

Plan something special this week

with your family

to celebrate

Christian Family Week at Home.

SUNDAY, MAY 9TH, WE WILL BE CELEBRATING

MOTHER'S DAY

HERE AT

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BRING YOUR MOTHER TO CHURCH ON THIS SPECIAL DAY!

THE

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(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Saturday, MAY 15th

at 9:00 A.M. in HeBrews

We encourage all of our men to be present.

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MAY 23rd

IS

PENTECOST SUNDAY!

BE SURE TO WEAR RED

FOR THIS CELEBRATION OF THE

HOLY SPIRIT.

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THERE WILL BE A GENERAL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY

MAY 24, 2021

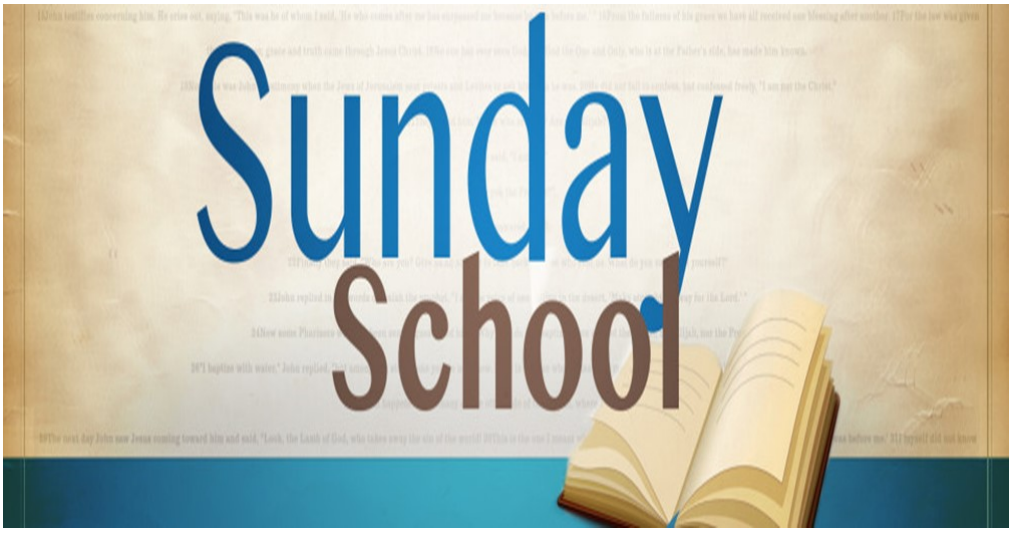
AT 6 P.M.

IN

HeBREWS.

MAY 31ST IS MEMORIAL DAY

We walked among the crosses
Where our fallen soldiers lay.
And listened to the bugle
As TAPS began to play.
The Chaplin 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, April 11th

We hope you will join us.

Please read Chapter 12

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

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

JUST A REMINDER TO OUR CONGREGATION

OUR

OFFICE HOURS

ARE

8 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

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.

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

April 7	5pm	Choir
April 10	9am-12pm	Parlor reserved
April 13	11:30am	CWF Day Group
April 13	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
April 14	5pm	Choir
April 17	9am	CMF
April 18	11:50am	Fellowship Committee
April 21	5pm	Choir
April 23	6pm	McElhany/Atkins wedding rehearsal
April 24	6pm	McElhany/Atkins wedding
April 25	4pm	Randy Sams prep
April 25	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
April 26	5:30pm	Church Growth Committee
April 26	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.

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.

APRIL 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Maundy Thursday 7pm Last Supper Reenactment on Facebook	2 Good Friday 8am-6pm Prayer and meditation in the sanctuary	3 11am Easter Lilies delivery
4 Easter Sunday Easter Offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	5 Office closed	6	7 5pm Choir	8	9	10 Parlor reserved 9am-12pm
11 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	12	13 11:30am CWF Day Group 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	14 5pm Choir	15	16	17 9am CMF
18 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 12pm Fellowship Committee	19	20	21 5pm Choir	22	23 6pm McElhany-Atkins wedding rehearsal	24 6pm McElhany-Atkins wedding
25 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	26 5:30pm Church Growth 6pm Cabinet Meeting	27	28 5pm Choir	29	30 Arbor Day	

March Birthdays

Tami Hudspeth	03-01
George Caven	03-02
George Carpenter, Jr.	03-06
Joseph Cunningham	03-08
Jim Cox	03-14
Alice Kern	03-14
Pat Taylor	03-14
Steven Howdeshell	03-25
William Doddy	03-26

March Anniversaries

David & Michelle Cherry	03-20

Servers for the Weeks Ahead

April 4, 2021
Greeters: Harold & Pat Taylor
Worship Leader: Jim Spears
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons:

April 11, 2021
Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth
Worship Leader: Lee Nailling
Hospital Elder: Donna Nash
Flower Elder: Tim Nash
Deacons:

April 18, 2021
Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter
Worship Leader: Jean Nailling
Hospital Elder: John Beeson
Flower Elder: Mike Martin
Deacons:

April 25, 2021
Greeters: Alan & Janet Bennett
Worship Leader: Lisa Kern
Hospital Elder: Julia Carpenter
Flower Elder: George Carpenter
Deacons:

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Mike Lamb
Jane Watson
Davis Coker, friend of Julia Carpenter
Blaire McCaleb, Sheri & Jerry Thomas' granddaughter
Jan McCoy, Mary Chittenden's daughter
Polly Orr, Jane Watson's sister
Vida Brine
Barbara McCash
Emillee Pop, Mike Lamb's granddaughter
Joye Lancaster, Beth Brine's cousin

Ongoing Concerns
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
Carma Lee Frost, Waterton 305A
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
April 11, 2021

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth
Worship Leader: Lee Nailling
Hospital Elder: Donna Nash
Flower Elder: Tim Nash
Deacons:

April 4, 2021

Attendance:	68
Offering 2021:	$ 7,345.12
Weekly Needs:	$ 4,019.03
Difference:	$ 3,326.09
YTD Collected:	$ 54,253.25
YTD Needed:	$ 56,266.42
Difference:	$ -2,013.17

Central Christian Church Decals

$5.00

Church office or Hebrews

LECTIONARY FOR APRIL 11, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

Sermon This Sunday:
"Blinded by the Light"
Scripture:
1 John 1:1-2:2