

The Central Christian 411

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Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

During the Revolutionary War an American officer felt led by the Holy Spirit to show love to an enemy who he felt should not die. During a very dangerous assignment Duncan McColl, a British Soldier was protected from being shot and killed when the American officer gave an order “Do not shoot Duncan McColl. The American officer told his men God had work for Duncan to do.

After the Revolutionary War Duncan became a minister of the Gospel. He was led by the Lord to oversee a congregation on the Canadian side of the St. Croix River. The congregation was made up of Christians from both Canada and Maine. They exercised their Spiritual gifts sacrificially, meeting each other’s needs and when the War of 1812 broke out, Pastor McColl told his congregation to keep ministering to each other as though nothing was going on.

It is said even today the people on each side of the river go out of their way to minister to each other. There is a sweet fellowship between the sister towns of St. Stephen and Calais.

Though separated by a national border, the Americans still cross to congregate in Christian fellowship. They share an expression of love that causes all who will take time to see the Lord is doing work among them.

Peter felt the Holy Spirit speaking to him. The American Officer felt the Holy Spirit speaking to him. Some of us call this our conscience when we feel the Holy Spirit is speaking to us. In 1 Kings 19:12, the Holy Spirit is referred to as “a still small voice.”

Have you heard God’s “still small voice,” His “Holy Spirit” speaking to you? If not, you might try tuning into God through prayer and meditation. God DOES speak to us.

May God fill you with love and compassion,

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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.



SUNDAY, MAY 9TH, WE WILL BE
CELEBRATING

MOTHER'S DAY

HERE AT
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BRING YOUR MOTHER TO
CHURCH ON THIS SPECIAL DAY!

A decorative black and white border with a central floral motif at the top and bottom, and swirling scrollwork on the sides.

CWF/DWM Blog

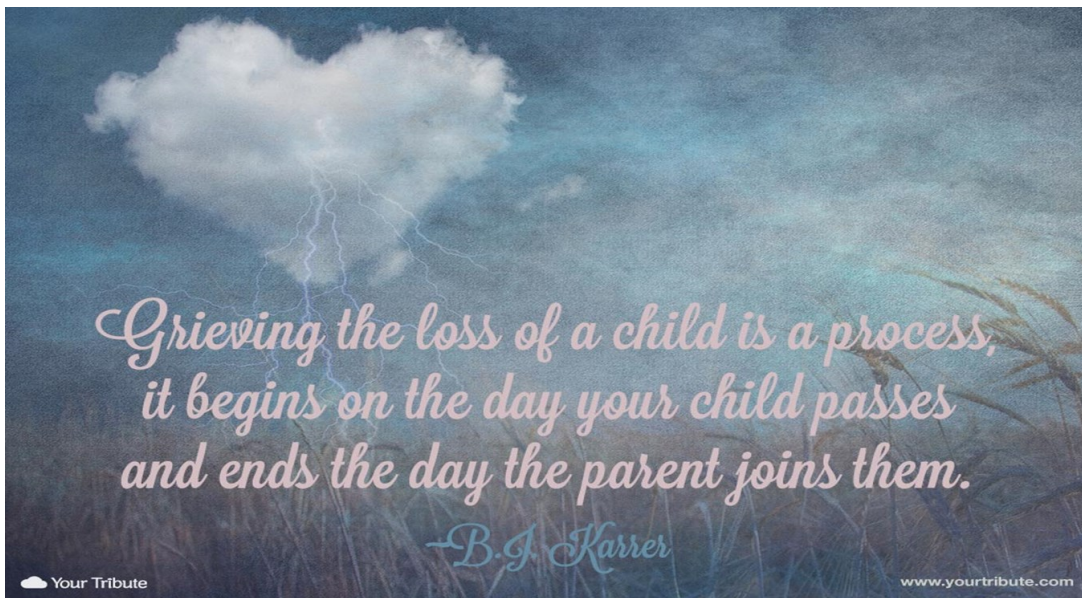
CWF will meet on
Tuesday, May 11th at 11:30am in the
Community Room.

Connie will do the lesson and we will have
a baked potato bar with desserts.

Our project will be canned food or box
foods for Harvest Texarkana and Blessing
Boxes.

Our meeting will be a beach theme.

Hope to see everyone there!



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, MAY 11th, 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, MAY 15th

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 16, 2021

Because one in five people will have a mental illness during any given year, many people and their families are affected in our congregations. And yet, no one talks about it.

Sadly, many are left feeling alone in their struggle. However, congregations can be places where people can receive good support. It is important church leaders speak up about mental illness and recovery, so people know it is okay to talk about it and ask for help when they have problems.

Let us be helpers and healers!



MAY 23rd

IS

PENTECOST
SUNDAY!

BE SURE TO WEAR RED

FOR THIS CELEBRATION OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT.



SUNDAY, MAY 23rd

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 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 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.*



FATHER'S DAY
IS
SUNDAY, JUNE 20th

MAKE PLANS NOW TO BRING YOUR
DAD

WE WILL HAVE A POTLUCK
LUNCHEON AFTER WORSHIP!



OFFICE OF DISCIPLES MEN

A Virtual Men's Group!

The COVID-19 pandemic forced a lot of change upon all of us. Just about everything we took for granted about church could no longer be taken for granted. For months, we could not sit next to family and friends in our favorite pews in the sanctuary of our beloved churches. That is still true for many congregations. The hymnody of the church was turned into performance art rather than a way of expressing our heartfelt joy and gratitude to God. Our praise voices were silenced. Communion was no longer communal but a solitary act around our kitchen tables. The worship, business, study, prayer, and care activities of the church went virtual.

And, yet, we are still here, still church, still surviving the most significant disruption to life in the memory of nearly anyone alive today. Why? Because we adapted to the new reality we were handed. Like generations before us we adapted, we played the cards we were dealt, we made lemonade out of lemons, pick your favorite adage. We learned to live, work, play, and be church through a virtual platform.

We are not living a virtual life. Life is still very much real. Pain, suffering, oppression, violence, senseless killings, war, disease, poverty, racism, patriarchy are sadly all too real. No, we have been handed a virtual *platform* to carry on much of the relational dynamics so intrinsic to life.

True to the human spirit, we are learning how to make that platform work for us, not against us. We are learning how to preserve our humanity, exercise our faith, conduct our human affairs, and be a part of our grandchildren's lives...virtually.

So why not do men's ministry in this way, too!

If you would like information on starting a men's study group using The Jesus Way Journey resources from the Office of Disciples Men we encourage you to head over to the [Jesus Way Men website](#) for information on how to start a virtual study group for your congregation or with men in different congregations. Using a virtual platform, everyone can participate.

God bless!

DISCIPLES MEN PODCAST

Please join Greg and Alex as they discuss issues related to men's ministry from a variety of perspectives. Listen to their conversations with Disciples leaders as they explore the importance of a dynamic men's ministry among Disciples committed to becoming a non-patriarchal and a pro-reconciling/anti-racist church. Here is a list of our most recent podcast:

[Rev. Yvonne Gilmore, Interim Administrative Secretary for the National Convocation](#)

[Chung Seong Kim, Executive Pastor of NAPAD \(North American Pacific/Asian Disciples\)](#)

[Patriarchy, White Supremacy, and Their Impact on Men's Ministries](#)

[Rev. Lori Tapia - National Pastor for Hispanic Ministries](#)

[Greg and Alex discuss the events of January 6, 2021](#)

[Rev. William Rose-Heim - Regional Minister of the Greater Kansas City Region](#)

[Rev. Sheila Spencer - Interim President of Disciples Home Missions](#)

[Mr. Nathan Higginbotham - Director of Men's Ministries for the Southwest Region](#)

[Complete List of the Disciples Mens Podcasts](#)

Learn more about **The Jesus Way Journey**, the work of Disciples Men, and the General Conference of Disciples Men through these podcasts!



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 9th

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 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

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



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.



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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2 Christian Family Week Begins 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	3 10:30am Worship Committee	4	5 5pm Choir	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	10 5pm Events Committee	11 11:30am CWF Day Group 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	12 5pm Choir	13	14 5:30pm Cunningham/ Wheatley rehearsal	15 9am CMF 5:00pm Cunningham/ Wheatley wedding
16 Mental Health Sunday Pentecost offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	17	18	19 5pm Choir	20	21	22
23 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	24 6pm General Board Meeting	25	26 5pm Choir	27	28	29
30 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	31 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: Connie Spears
 Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
 Flower Elder: Connie Spears
 Deacons: Lois Moore, Jack Fisher, Tami Hudspeth, Jason Ellis

May 9, 2021

Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern
 Worship Leader: Mike Martin
 Hospital Elder: John Beeson
 Flower Elder: Elizabeth Cooney
 Deacons: Donna Nash, Sondra Bedwell, Robert Kern, Bob Wilmoth

May 16, 2021

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

May 23, 2021

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

May 30, 2021

Greeters: Tim & Donna Nash
 Worship Leader: Tami Hudspeth
 Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
 Flower Elder: Joan Carter
 Deacons: Bob Wilmoth, Robert Kern, Sondra Bedwell, Donna Nash

Weekly Info

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Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Julia Carpenter
Sandra Duncan
Jane Watson
Davis Coker, friend of Julia Carpenter

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

*Alana Morel
Claudine Brown*

Jim Cunningham

*Roger Messier
Alice Coleman*

Bob Tallent

Alice Coleman

Bobby Tallent

Alice Coleman

Evelyn Tallent

Alice Coleman

**Serving this Sunday
May 9, 2021**



Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern

Worship Leader: Mike Martin

Hospital Elder: John Beeson

Flower Elder: Elizabeth Cooney

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

May 2, 2021

Attendance: 29

Offering 2021: \$ 5,229.96

Weekly Needs: \$ 4,019.03

Difference: \$ 1,210.93

YTD Collected: \$ 65,774.63

YTD Needed: \$ 72,342.54

Difference: \$ -6,567.91

Central Christian Church Decals

\$5.00

Church office or Hebrews

LECTIONARY FOR MAY 9, 2021

Mother's Day

Acts 10:44-48

Psalms 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

Sermon This Sunday:

"The Tie That Binds"

Scripture:

John 15:9-17