

The Central Christian 411

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2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter, I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so their abundance may be for your need, in order there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

A great teacher is not simply one who imparts knowledge to his students, but one who awakens their interest in it and makes them eager to pursue it for themselves. He is a spark plug, not a fuel pipe. The writer of 2 Corinthians wishes the readers of his letter will make themselves a spark plug of eagerness, so others will want to join them in their spiritual journey.

Note verse 7:

“Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.”

If the members of Central Christian Church were to perform as “Spark Plugs” to spark interest in our church, our programs and our mission, we may experience growth. May we excel in all areas!

May God bless you and yours, Wes

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

SUNDAY

JUNE 27TH

OUR OWN

JASON ELLIS

COMMISSIONED MINISTER

WILL BE PREACHING!

Sermon title: “Amazing Love”

Scripture: Mark 5:21-43

Be sure to be here for this
special service.



SUNDAY, JUNE 27th

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.'



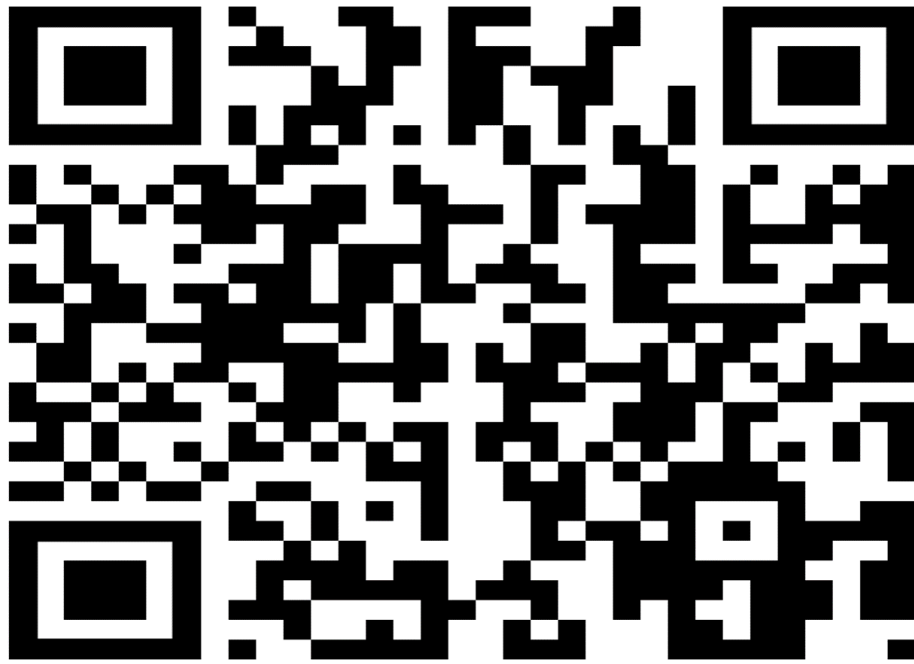
OUR CHURCH HAS A

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

WHICH IS:

tonya@ccctxk.com

PLEASE LOOK FOR EMAILS FROM *THIS*
ADDRESS AND SEND EMAIL TO *THIS*
NEW ADDRESS
BEGINNING NOW.



SCAN THIS
QR CODE
TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.



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.



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!



Our Church Growth & Evangelism

Committee will meet

Monday, June 28th, at

5:30 p.m.

in the

Community Room.

All members

please be present.

CABINET MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE. 28TH

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.

BAKED POTATO LUNCHEON



SUNDAY

JULY 4TH

We will have a “loaded”
Baked Potato luncheon that will
include a salad and dessert!

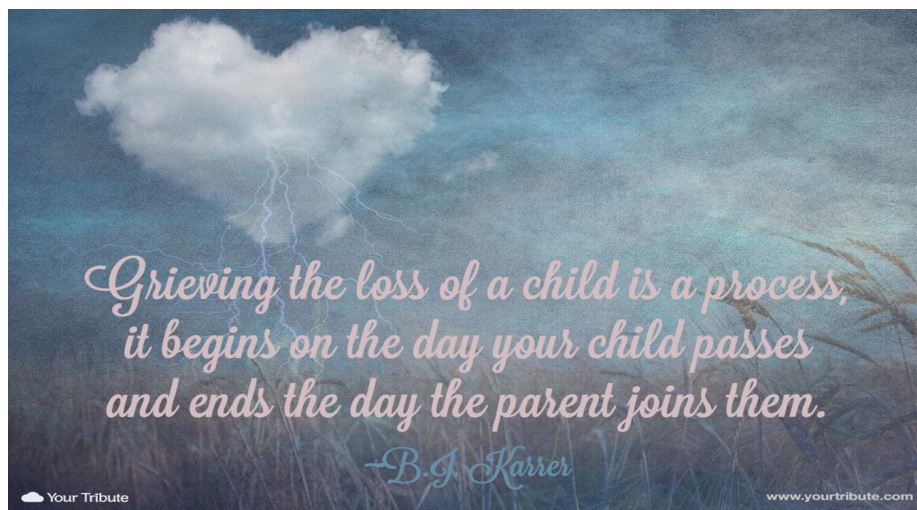
This is a joint venture of the
Events and Fellowship
Committees

TAKEOUT ORDERS AVAILABLE

Donations
are requested for this Luncheon



OUR CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, JULY 5TH
FOR THE
4TH OF JULY
HOLIDAY WEEKEND
AND
WILL REOPEN ON
TUESDAY, JULY 6TH
HAVE A VERY HAPPY
4TH OF JULY
WEEKEND!!!



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, JULY 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 Journey Sunday School Class

Will continue our study of

1 SAMUEL

on

Sunday, June 27th

We hope you will join us.

Please read **chapter 24**

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.



THE
SEEKERS
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

meets every Sunday morning at 9:40
a.m. to discuss the Bible.

We have spirited discussions along with great class
participation on lessons from *The Present Word*
study book

You are invited to join with us each Sunday.
We are located in the Education Building next to
HeBrews.



The **TNT** Sunday School Class
is continuing its study of

**THE BOOK OF
JUDGES**

We study various books of the Bible
and recently completed the **GOSPEL
OF MATTHEW.**

If you enjoy a wide range study of scripture, we would
love to have you join us
in class or **on FACEBOOK.**

We meet every Sunday in the Community Room.



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/](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



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

June 23	5pm	Choir
June 27	4pm	Randy Sams prep
June 27	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
June 28	5:30pm	Church Growth/Evangelism Committee
June 28	6pm	Cabinet Meeting
June 29	5pm	Events Committee
June 30	5pm	Choir
July 4	12pm	Baked Potato luncheon
July 5	all day	office closed
July 7	5pm	Choir
July 13	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
July 14	5pm	Choir
July 17	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.



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.

JULY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Independence Day 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 12pm Baked Potato Luncheon	5 office closed	6	7 5pm Choir	8	9	10
11 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	12	13 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	19	20	21 5pm Choir	22	23	24
25 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop-off	26 6pm General Board	27	28 5pm Choir	29	30	31

July Birthdays

Darel Bair	7-1
Joe Cunningham	7-5
David Cherry	7-10
Betty Caudle	7-12
Mike Clinton	7-15
Anthony Johnson	7-18
Brian Burns, Jr.	7-18
Beverly Folmar	7-21
Lee Nailling	7-24
Harold Taylor	7-24
Lois Moore	7-29
Tamara Campbell	7-29

July Anniversaries

Jack & Patti Fisher	7-8
Jim & Connie Spears	7-11
Brain & Emily Burns	7-11
Mike & Martha Clinton	7-21
Jack & Joan Carter	7-24



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

July 4, 2021

Greeters: Jason Ellis & Alice Coleman
 Worship Leader: John Beeson
 Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
 Flower Elder: Connie Spears
 Deacons:

July 11, 2021

Greeters: Alan & Janet Bennett
 Worship Leader: Lee Nailling
 Hospital Elder: Donna Nash
 Flower Elder: Tim Nash
 Deacons:

July 18, 2021

Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter
 Worship Leader: Jean Nailling
 Hospital Elder: Julia Carpenter
 Flower Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
 Deacons:

July 25, 2021

Greeters: Tim & Donna Nash
 Worship Leader: Michael Martin
 Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
 Flower Elder: Joan Carter
 Deacons:

Weekly Info

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Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Diane Pope-King
Dan Bennett, Donna Nash's father
Judy Crutchfield, friend of George Carpenter
Cowboy Mathison
Roy Arnold, Sondra Bedwell's brother
Donna Lee, Robert Kern's sister
Richard Price, friend of Herb Hamilton
Sandra Duncan
Davis Coker, friend of Julia Carpenter

Ongoing Concerns

John Cunningham
Jane Watson
Mandi Whisenhunt Smith, Randy King's niece
John Heath, friend of the Carters
Millege Norton, Martha Clinton's brother
Jack Donaldson, friend of Beth Brine
Vickie Oliver

Homebound

Susie Howdeshell
Vida Brine, The Oaks, Room 22
Jauquita Hargus, home
Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life
Susan DeFoy, MRC Cornerstone, Rm. 505 A

Serving this Sunday
June 27, 2021



Greeters: Harold & Pat Taylor

Worship Leader: Teri Stover

Hospital Elder: Jack Carter

Flower Elder: Joan Carter

Deacons: Jason Ellis, Donna Nash, Jack Duncan, Alice Coleman

June 20, 2021

Attendance: 35

Offering 2021: \$ 6,413.65

Weekly Needs: \$ 4,019.03

Difference: \$ 2,394.62

YTD Collected: \$ 90,942.58

YTD Needed: \$ 100,475.75

Difference: \$ -9,533.17

Central Christian Church Decals

\$5.00

Church office or Hebrews

LECTIONARY FOR JUNE 27, 2021

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

Sermon This Sunday:

"Amazing Love"

Scripture:

Mark 5:21-43