

# The Central Christian 411

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## Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So, I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

As Alexander the Great was setting out on his conquest of Asia, he inquired into the finances of his followers. To ensure they would not be troubled over the welfare of their dependents during their absence, he distributed crown estates and revenues among them. When he had thus disposed of nearly all the royal resources, his friend General Perdiccas asked Alexander what he had reserved for himself. "Hope," answered the king.

"In that case," said Perdiccas, "we who share in your labors will also take part in your hopes." He then refused the estate allotted to him, and several other of the king's friends did the same.

Hope is central to a human being's existence. Without hope most will give up and check out of this world either physically or mentally. Being a great prophet, Jeremiah understood this and therefore gave this message of hope in our scripture above.

Two things very important for us to note in Jeremiah's prophecy:

1. God says, "Then I myself will gather the remnant of the flock out of ALL the lands."
2. God says, "I will raise up for David a righteous Branch and he shall reign as king."

In our Lord Jesus the Christ, God kept His promise. Hallelujah and Amen!

May God the Shepherd and Comforter be with you always,

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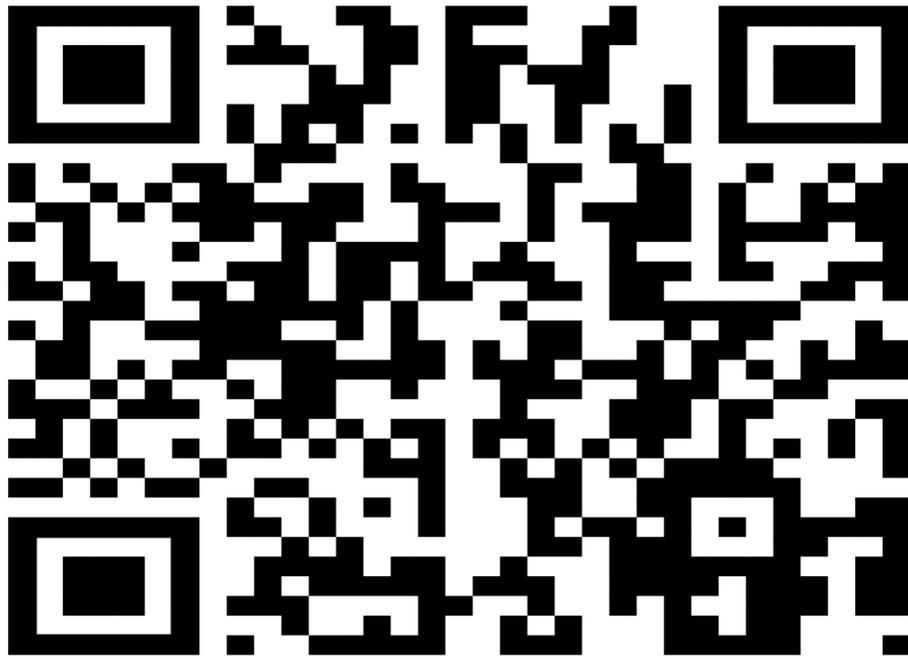
OUR CHURCH HAS A

*NEW EMAIL ADDRESS*

WHICH IS:

[tonya@ccctxk.com](mailto:tonya@ccctxk.com)

PLEASE LOOK FOR EMAILS FROM *THIS*  
ADDRESS AND SEND EMAIL TO *THIS*  
NEW ADDRESS  
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*SCAN THIS*  
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*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!



**MEN'S  
FELLOWSHIP**

**THE**

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

**WILL BE MEETING**

**Saturday, JULY 17<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.**



SUNDAY, JULY 25<sup>th</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.

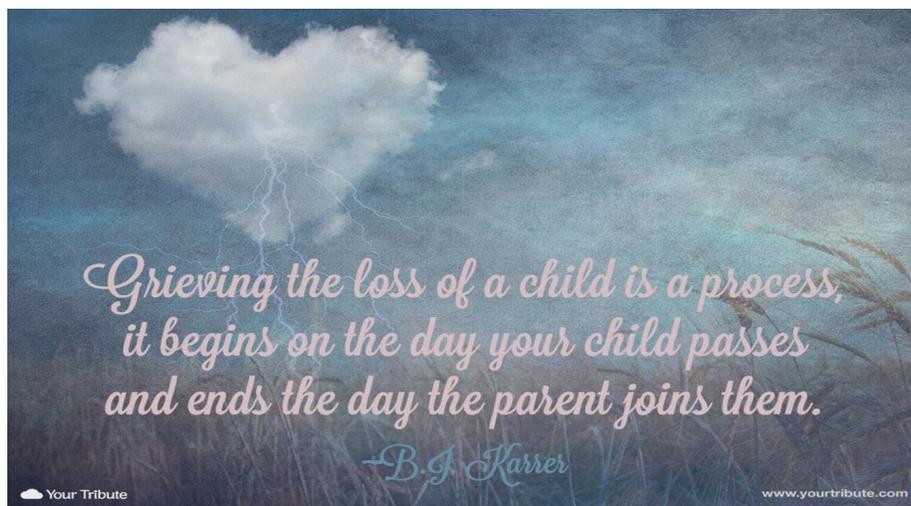
**Matthew 25:40**

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.'



**Board Meeting**

**THERE WILL BE A  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY  
JULY 26, 2021  
AT 6 P.M.  
IN  
HeBREWS.**



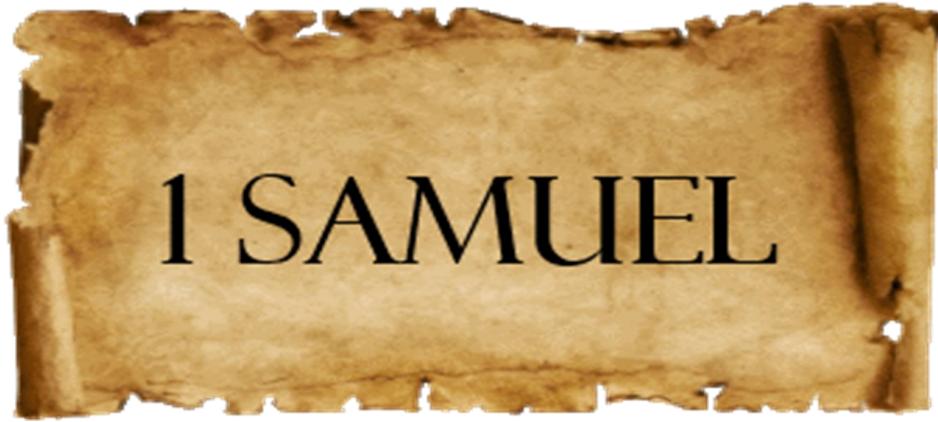
## HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>, IN HeBREWS

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 Journey Sunday School Class***

***Will continue our study of***

***1 SAMUEL***

We hope you will join us.

*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.**

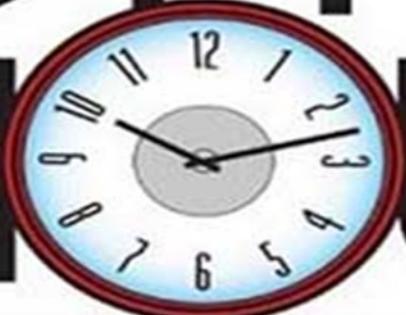
**These are single serve like this:**



**Again, we have plenty for all, just call!**

**903-792-1915**

# OFFICE HOURS



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 cctxk 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>July 14</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>July 17</b>	9am	CMF
<b>July 21</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>July 25</b>	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
<b>July 25</b>	6pm	Randy Sams drop-off
<b>July 26</b>	6pm	General Board
<b>July 28</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>August 8</b>	12pm	Fellowship Committee
<b>August 10</b>	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
<b>August 15</b>	12pm	Potluck Luncheon
<b>August 21</b>	9am	CMF
<b>August 23</b>	5:30pm	Church Growth Committee
<b>August 23</b>	6pm	Cabinet Meeting
<b>August 29</b>	9:30am	5th Sunday Breakfast



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.

# JULY 2021

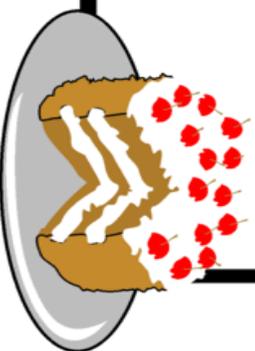
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>4 Independence Day</b> 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 12pm Baked Potato Luncheon	5 office closed	6	7 5pm Choir	8	9	10
11 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional 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  
Shawn Atkins, friend of George Carpenter  
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

*In  
Loving  
Memory  
of*

*Jauquita Hargus*

*Alice Coleman*



**Serving this Sunday  
July 18, 2021**

**Greeters:** George & Julia Carpenter  
**Worship Leader:** Jean Nailling  
**Hospital Elder:** Julia Carpenter  
**Flower Elder:** George Carpenter  
**Deacons:**

**July 11, 2021**

**Attendance:** 34

**Offering 2021:** \$ 7,589.12

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

**Difference:** \$ 3,570.09

**YTD Collected:** \$105,086.94

**YTD Needed:** \$ 112,532.84

**Difference:** \$ -7,445.90

Central Christian Church Decals

\$5.00

Church office or Hebrews

**LECTIONARY FOR JULY 18, 2021**

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**2 Samuel 7:1-14a**

**Psalm 89:20-37**

**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

**Ephesians 2:11-22**

**Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

**Sermon This Sunday:**

***"To Be a Follower"***

**Scripture:**

**Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**