

The Central Christian 411

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1 Chronicles 15:14-16

So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel. ¹⁵ And the Levites carried the ark of God on their shoulders with the poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.

¹⁶ David also commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their kindred as the singers to play on musical instruments, on harps and lyres and cymbals, to raise loud sounds of joy.

I, like King David, wish to raise loud sounds of joy. You honored me Sunday and I shall never forget. The decade celebrated seems as though it occurred in the blink of an eye. Your support, love, compassion, and collaboration have been such an important part of my ministry here. I do not exaggerate when I say I could not have accomplished what has been accomplished without you.

The term “Church Family” is used quite often even when church members do not act like family. In the case of Central Christian Church, Texarkana, Texas, the term applies. We are family. We act like family. We support one another like family. We have love and compassion like family. In other words, we live the Gospel. Although we are not perfect, we are a family striving for perfection.

Thanks to all of you for the party, the food, the cake, the gifts, not to mention the roasting. Please, don’t mention it. Laugh Out Loud! I have been and continue to be truly blessed to be your pastor. For any mistakes I have made in the past decade I beg your forgiveness. I pray I may be a better and stronger pastor to you.

I also want to thank my wonderful staff for their support. Beth, Tonya, Beverly, Ariel, Kelley, and Jason, who has taken his own pastorate. They have surrounded me with support and at times guidance, for which I am grateful.

The word “Decade” is derived from the Ancient Greek: δεκάς, which means *a group of ten*. Central Christian Church, in its present location, has existed nearly 9 decades. I am proud and honored to have served you during one of those decades. Thank you for everything and God Bless.

May the God of Joy, Hope and Celebration fill your hearts, Wes



Thank you!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE
MY DECADE CELEBRATION POSSIBLE!!
I KNOW A LOT OF HARD WORK WENT IN
ON IT AND I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR ALL
YOU DID. THE FOOD WAS
FANTASTIC AND THE CAKE WAS EXTRA
SWEET BECAUSE OF THE LOVE YOU ADDED
TO IT. THANK YOU FOR THE CARDS AND
GIFTS!
LOVE TO ALL!! Wes**



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.



THERE WILL BE

NO

CHOIR

IN THE MONTH OF

AUGUST.

TAKE A BREAK

AND

GET READY FOR

SEPTEMBER 8th!!!



SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH, IS OUR
5TH SUNDAY BREAKFAST!

Sunday School Classes, please bring:

- Seekers:** Continental breakfast food of choice.
- TNT:** Continental breakfast food of choice.
- Journey:** Continental breakfast food of choice.

COME JOIN US IN **BREAKING BREAD**
AS WE CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE
OUR LORD



Worship Committee

THERE WILL BE A

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

AT 10:30 A.M.

ON MONDAY, AUG. 30th

IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

ALL MEMBERS PLEASE BE PRESENT.



THE
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Saturday, September 18th

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, SEPTEMBER 26TH

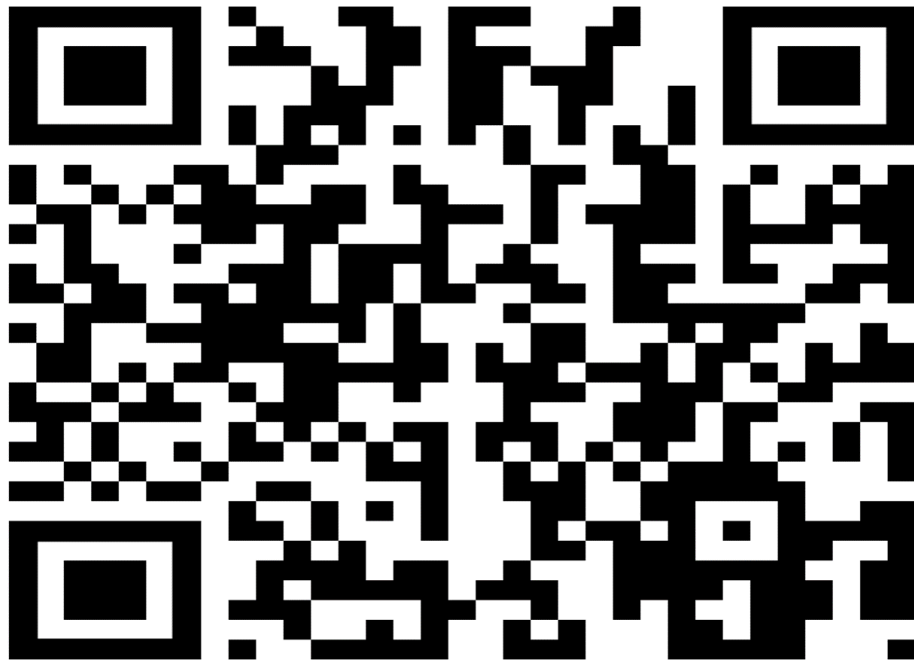
WILL BE SERVING OUR LOCAL
RANDY SAM'S.

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.'



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!



The Journey Sunday School Class will begin our study of

THE BOOK OF RUTH VS. THE BOOK OF EZRA

We hope you will join us.

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

The **Book of Ruth** is included in the third division, or the writings of the Hebrew Bible. In most Christian canons it is treated as a history book and placed between Judges and 1 Samuel.

The book, written in Hebrew in the 6th–4th centuries BC, tells of the Moabite woman Ruth, who accepts Yahweh, the God of the Israelites, as her God and accepts the Israelite people as her own. In Ruth 1:16–17, Ruth tells Naomi, her Israelite mother-in-law, "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me."

The **Book of Ezra** is a book of the Hebrew Bible; which formerly included the Book of Nehemiah in a single book, commonly distinguished in scholarship as Ezra–Nehemiah. The two became separated with the first printed rabbinic bibles of the early 16th century, following late medieval Latin Christian tradition. Composed in Hebrew and Aramaic, its subject is the Return to Zion following the close of the Babylonian captivity, and it is divided into two parts, the first telling the story of the first return of exiles in the first year of Cyrus the Great (538 BC) and the completion and dedication of the new Temple in Jerusalem in the sixth year of Darius I (515 BC), the second telling of the subsequent mission of Ezra to Jerusalem and his struggle to purify the Jews from marriage with non-Jews. Together with the Book of Nehemiah, it represents the final chapter in the historical narrative of the Hebrew Bible.



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

August 29	9:30am	5th Sunday Breakfast
August 29	12pm	Outreach Committee discussing Christmas Dinner
August 30	10:30am	Worship Committee
September 6	all day	office closed
September 8	5pm	Choir
September 11	11:30am	CWF General Meeting
September 14	5pm	Events Committee
September 14	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
September 15	5pm	Choir
September 18	9am	CMF
September 19	12pm	Potluck Luncheon
September 22	5pm	Choir
September 26	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
September 26	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.

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	6 office closed	7	8 5pm Choir	9	10	11 11:30am CWF General Meeting
12 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	13	14 5pm Events Committee 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	15 5pm Choir	16	17	18 9am CMF
19 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 12pm Potluck Luncheon	20	21	22 5pm Choir	23	24	25
26 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop-off	27 6pm General Board	28	29 5pm Choir	30		

September Birthdays

Jack Duncan	9-4
Philip Stover	9-7
Dorothy Alves	9-8
Caroline Crain	9-10
Jack Carter	9-11
Julia Carpenter	9-16
Teresa Crow	9-18
Sondra Bedwell	9-20
Tim Nash	9-22
Jack Fisher	9-27

September Anniversaries

Robert & Alice Kern	9-7
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Servers for the Weeks Ahead

September 5, 2021

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow

Worship Leader:

Hospital Elder:

Flower Elder:

Deacons:

September 12, 2021

Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern

Worship Leader:

Hospital Elder:

Flower Elder:

Deacons:

September 19, 2021

Greeters: Mike & Susan Oates

Worship Leader:

Hospital Elder:

Flower Elder:

Deacons:

September 26, 2021

Greeters: Tim & Donna Nash

Worship Leader:

Hospital Elder:

Flower Elder:

Deacons:



Weekly Info

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Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Mike Lamb
Debbie Putman, friend of Neldajo Mathison
Matthew Cummingham, friend of Jane Watson
Brooke Kern
Jayson Erwin, Lindsey Wilmoth's fiancé
Jean Nailling
Shawn Atkins, friend of George Carpenter
Diane Pope-King
Dan Bennett, Donna Nash's father
Judy Crutchfield, friend of George Carpenter
Roy Arnold, Sondra Bedwell's brother
Richard Price, friend of Herb Hamilton
Sandra Duncan
Davis Coker, friend of Julia Carpenter

Ongoing Concerns

John Cunningham
Donna Lee, Robert Kern's sister
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
Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life
Susan DeFoy, MRC Cornerstone, Rm. 505 A



Serving this Sunday
August 29, 2021

Greeters: Sondra Bedwell
Worship Leader: Connie Spears
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons:

August 22, 2021

Attendance: 43
Offering 2021: \$ 2,071.65
Weekly Needs: \$ 4,019.03
Difference: \$ -1,947.38

YTD Collected: \$120,926.20
YTD Needed: \$136,647.02
Difference: \$ -15,720.82

Central Christian Church Decals

\$5.00

Church office or Hebrews

LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST 29, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon This Sunday:

"Abandoning God's Commandment"

Scripture:

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23