

#### <mark>Mark</mark> 10:2-16

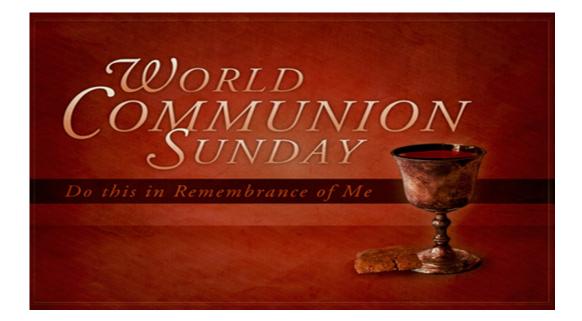
Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup> He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup> They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup> But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup> 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh.' So, they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

<sup>10</sup> Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup> He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup> and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to him in order he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup> And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The above scripture along with many others in the Bible has been called a "text of terror." Texts like this offend many of today's Christians and rightfully so. Within scripture we find misogyny, ableism, racism, queerphobia, or classism and struggle to find value in them. In the New Testament there are texts that condone enslavement which is, or at least should be abhorrent to anyone who follows Jesus. In the above text, women who find themselves in an abusive relationship will most certainly disagree with the teaching of not divorcing. It is also interesting how there are those who will pick and choose their text of terror. For example, a man may divorce his wife in today's society and say, "No problem. Scripture is wrong." But when confronted with their feelings on racism or homophobia, will say, "Yep, that text is the gospel." Let us take our scripture in context to those days and that society vs our days and our society.

May the God of love and acceptance be with you always, Wes



# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup> IS World Communion Sunday which is a celebration observed by Christian denominations, taking place on the First Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation.

It focuses on an observance of the eucharist.



# COMING OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>! **OUR ANNUAL** FISH FRY & AUCTION! Tickets: \$12.00 Doors Open at 5:30 p.m. Begin Serving at 6:00 p.m. For Auction, bring New Items & Baked Goods on Day of Auction.



# THE

# CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (CMF)

## WILL BE MEETING

## Saturday, October 16<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, OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, WE HAVE OUR FRIENDS & FAMILY POTLUCK LUNCHEON IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OUR

## WORSHIP SERVICE

If your last name begins with A-H – Please bring a meat dish I-Z – Please bring a vegetable or salad

# BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY SPECIAL MEAL TO CELEBRATE OUR CHURCH FAMILY.



# **Our Church Growth** & Evangelism Committee will meet Monday, Oct. $25^{TH}$ , at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room. All members please be present.

# CABINET MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



# Veterans Day is Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup>

We will be honoring our men and women of the Armed Forces on Sunday, 11/7 through music and recognition of their service.

> Please come join in for this very special time.



## The Journey Sunday School Class will continue our study of

## THE BOOK OF EZRA

### We hope you will join us.

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

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/



## 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



# 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.



# JUST A REMINDER TO OUR CONGREGATION OUR OFFICE HOURS ARE 8 A.M. TO 4 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

# Guelify

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.

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#### 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**

September 29	5pm	Choir
October 3	10:40am	Reconciliation offering
October 3	all day	World Communion Sunday
October 3	11:45am	Christmas Dinner Meeting in sanctuary
October 4	10:30am	Worship Committee
October 6	5pm	Choir
October 9	6pm	Fish Fry & Silent Auction
October 12	11:30am	CWF Day Group
October 12	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
October 13	5pm	Choir
October 16	9am	CMF
October 17	12pm	Potluck Luncheon
October 20	5pm	Choir
October 24	4pm	Randy Sams prep
October 24	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.

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	25 5:30pm Church Growth/ Evangelism Committee 6pm Cabinet Meeting	18	11	4 10:30am Worship Committee	Mon
	26	19	12 11:30am CWF Day Group 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	5	Tue
	27	20	13	6	Wed
		5pm Choir	5pm Choir	5pm Choir	
	28	21	14	7	Thu
	29	22	15	8 5pm-7pm Sarah Launius' baby shower @ Southern Grace Boutique	
	30 2pm-4pm Drake Hudspeth's wedding shower @ Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	23 12pm-2pm Bailey Vann's baby shower	16 9am CMF	9 5:30pm Fish Fry and Silent Auction	Sat

George & Julia Carpenter	Octobe	Annette Wilmoth	Beth Brine	David DeFoy	Alice Coleman	Sondra Crain	Kelley Folmar	Kelly Cunningham	Octok
10-18	October Anniversaries	10-31	10-27	10-22	10-18	10-12	10-9	10-1	October Birthdays

# Servers for the Weeks Ahead

October 3, 2021 Greeters: Harold & Pat Taylor Worship Leader: Teresa Crow Hospital Elder: Donna Nash Flower Elder: Tim Nash Deacons:

October 10, 2021 Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter Worship Leader: Jean Nailling Hospital Elder: Lisa Kern Flower Elder: John Beeson Deacons:

October 17, 2021 Greeters: John & Margie Beeson Worship Leader: Lee Nailling Hospital Elder: Julia Carpenter Flower Elder: George Carpenter Deacons:

October 24, 2021 Greeters: Herb & Elaine Hamilton Worship Leader: Jim Spears Hospital Elder: Alice Kern Flower Elder: Robert Kern Deacons:

October 31, 2021 Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter Worship Leader: Mike Martin Hospital Elder: Jack Carter Flower Elder: Joan Carter Deacons:



## 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.



SHOW FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

# Weekly Info



Our Church Wes Byas Family of Linda Stone, Frank Caudle's sister Joey Caudle Mary Chittenden Annette Wilmoth Jare Watson Tom Crow Terry Case, friend of Herb & Elaine Hamilton Matthew Cummingham, friend of Jane Watson Jayson Erwin, Lindsey Wilmoth's fiancé Shawn Atkins, friend of George Carpenter Judy Crutchfield, friend of George Carpenter Davis Coker, friend of Julia Carpenter

#### **Ongoing Concerns**

John Cunningham Mike Lamb Diane Pope Dan Bennett, Donna Nash's father 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 October 3, 2021

Greeters: Harold & Pat Taylor Worship Leader: Teresa Crow Hospital Elder: Donna Nash Flower Elder: Tim Nash Deacons:

#### September 26, 2021

 Attendance:
 21

 Offering 2021:
 \$ 2,447.65

 Weekly Needs:
 \$ 4,019.03

 Difference:
 \$ -1,571.38

 YTD Collected:
 \$133,074.62

 YTD Needed:
 \$156,742.17

 Difference:
 \$-23,667.55

**Central Christian Church Decals** 

\$5.00

Church office or Hebrews

#### LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER 3, 2021

**World Communion Sunday** 

Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16

Sermon This Sunday:

"Persistent Integrity"

#### Scripture:

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

