

# The Central Christian 411

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## Isaiah 12:2-6

<sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid,  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might;

he has become my salvation.

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day:

Give thanks to the LORD,

call on his name;

make known his deeds among the nations;

proclaim his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;

let this be known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

This passage from Isaiah praises God for salvation, being trustworthy, for being one's strength, and ultimately, just for being our God. To the ancients and many even now, praise is a very important part of life. It is important for bosses to praise their employees, for parents to praise their children, and for the church to praise God. After all, if not for God would there be places of employment? Would there be parents to bore children and who would become parents? The cycle of life provides a plethora of opportunities to praise God. Many a life has been ruined due to a lack of praise. Many a life has been lost due to a lack of praise. God is worthy of praise, as are you.

The Duke of Wellington, the British military leader who defeated Napoleon at Waterloo, was not an easy man to serve under. He was brilliant, demanding, and not one to shower his subordinates with compliments. Yet even Wellington realized his methods left something to be desired. In his old age a young lady asked him what, if anything, he would do differently if he had his life to live over again. Wellington thought for a moment, then replied. "I'd give more praise," he said.

May the love and praise of God be with you, Wes

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## **CWF/DWM Blog**

The CWF Christmas party will be  
December 11th at 11:30am in the  
Community Room.

Please bring your favorite finger food and  
a \$10.00 gift for a gift exchange.

Lisa will have the program which is  
ALWAYS good.

You don't want to miss it!

See everyone there!!



## **Christmas Bonuses**

**Dear Church Family,**

**It's the time of year again to think of our wonderful staff, Wes, Tonya, Beth and Ariel. If you would like to contribute to a Christmas bonus, please place a check to the church in a separate envelope with my name on it. I need the checks in by December 23rd.**

**Connie Spears**



**CHANCEL CHOIR**

**REHEARSALS**

**ARE AS FOLLOWS:.**

**December 8<sup>th</sup> – 5 p.m.**

**December 11<sup>th</sup> – 4 p.m.**

**December 15<sup>th</sup> – 5 p.m.**

**December 18<sup>th</sup> – 4 p.m.**

**All Choir members are expected  
to attend these rehearsals as we  
prepare for our  
Christmas Cantata**

# Advent

*A Season of Hope  
& Expectation*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>,  
IS THE THIRD SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT.



**Advent** is a season observed as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas as well as the return of Jesus at the second coming. The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming".

IMAGINE  
*God's Love*  
REVEALED

A special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund supporting the ministries of our Region



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> &  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>,  
WE WILL BE TAKING OUR  
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING.**

**THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING SUPPORTS  
REGIONAL MINISTRIES.**

**IN 32 REGIONS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AND  
CANADA, MINISTERS ARE NURTURED, AND  
CONGREGATIONS ARE PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR WORK AND WORSHIP. OFTEN RECOGNIZED FOR  
THE MINISTRIES OF CAMPS AND CONFERENCES,  
REGIONS ALSO PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE  
PREPARATION AND AUTHORIZATION OF  
MINISTERIAL ORDINATION. BOTH ARE KEY TO  
CHURCH LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT.  
REGIONS PARTNER WITH CONGREGATIONS TO  
SUPPORT THE WORK REQUIRED  
TO CALL A NEW MINISTER.**

# Congregational Meeting

**SUNDAY**

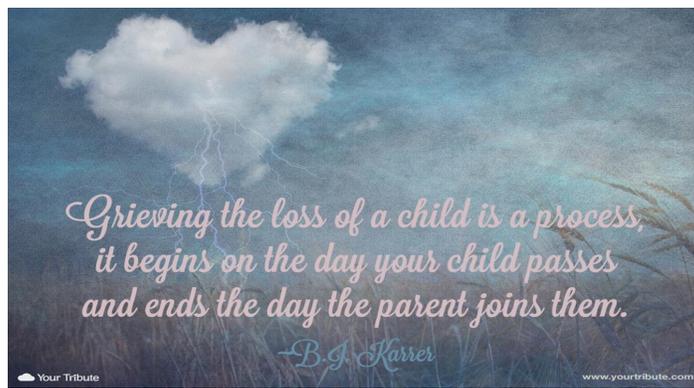
***DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>***

**WE WILL HAVE A  
*CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING***

***IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP***

**TO APPROVE OUR  
2022 BUDGET & OFFICERS/ELDERS/  
DEACONS**

***PLEASE BE PRESENT FOR THIS VERY  
IMPORTANT MEETING.***



## HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

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 the Community Room 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.



Jack & Joan Carter  
cordially invite you to their  
Annual Christmas Party  
Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
at  
3321 Williamsburg Circle  
Texarkana  
6:00 p.m.

Please bring a gift not to exceed \$10 for  
a gift exchange and a food item.



THERE ARE SOME OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AS CHAIR  
OF A COMMITTEE HERE AT CENTRAL CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO TAKE  
ADVANTAGE OF!!!

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN FOR 2022:

Worship Committee Chair  
(Planning for the Special Times &  
Seasons in the Church Year)

Stewardship Committee Chair  
(Planning our Annual  
Stewardship Pledge Drive)

Please prayerfully consider if one of these positions would  
be a way in which you would like to serve the Lord in the  
upcoming year!

Call the Church Office to Volunteer.



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

WILL BE MEETING

**Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**at 9:00 A.M.** in the  
Community Room

**We encourage all of our men to be  
present.**

**We are working hard to build our Men's  
group.**

# Advent

*A Season of Hope  
& Expectation*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>,  
IS THE FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT.



**Advent** is a season observed as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas as well as the return of Jesus at the second coming. The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming".



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, OUR CHANCEL CHOIR WILL  
PRESENT**

The Christmas musical  
*I Call Him Lord.*

This musical is a passionate celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, who left His throne in heaven to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. This stirring, 33-minute worship service includes congregational singing throughout and features treasured hymns, classic choruses, and new worship songs.

All who share in these moments will be moved as they bow in awe and worship at the Manger of the Christ child.

It's Christmas, so Let's Sing!

**TITLES:** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory (And He Shall Reign); O Worship the King (All Joy); Reign Forevermore; Worthy of Your Name with O Come, All Ye Faithful; Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne (Forever Yours); I Call Him Lord; Finale: O Worship the King (All Joy)*

**DON'T MISS THIS AMAZING CANTATA!!**



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>,

JOIN US FOR OUR

CHRISTMAS EVE

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE.

SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT

6 P.M.

IN THE SANCTUARY.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS

CELEBRATION

OF OUR LORD'S BIRTH.



*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  
ESTHER**

We study various books of the Bible  
and recently completed the  
**BOOK OF JUDGES.**

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 MONDAY

VIA

OUR CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE.

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE POSTED **BY 4:00 P.M.**

AND

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW IT

EACH AND EVERY SUNDAY ON FACEBOOK.

REMEMBER:

WATCH WORSHIP ON MONDAYS **AT 4:00 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**

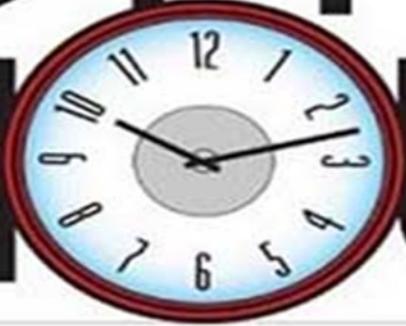


# FLOWERS!!!!

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 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,

**Upcoming Events & Services**

<b>December 8</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>December 11</b>	11:30am	CWF General Meeting
<b>December 11</b>	4pm	Choir
<b>December 12</b>	10:40am	Parade of Poinsettias
<b>December 12</b>	11:45am	Congregational Meeting
<b>December 14</b>	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
<b>December 15</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>December 17</b>	6pm	Christmas Party at Joan & Jack Carter's
<b>December 18</b>	9am	CMF
<b>December 18</b>	4pm	Choir
<b>December 19</b>	10:40am	Christmas Cantata
<b>December 21</b>	all day	1st day of winter
<b>December 22</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>December 24</b>	12pm	office closes
<b>December 24</b>	6pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



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.

# DECEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5pm Choir	2	3	4 4pm Choir
5 2nd Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship w/Hanging of the Greens 12pm Advent potluck	6	7	8 5pm Choir	9	10	11 11:30am CWF General Meeting 4pm Choir
12 3rd Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship w/Parade of Poinsettias 11:45am Congregational Meeting	13	14 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	15 5pm Choir	16	17	18 9am CMF 4pm Choir
19 4th Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Christmas Cantata	20	21	22 5pm Choir	23	24 12pm Office closes 6pm Candlelight Service	25 11am Christmas Dinner for the Homeless and Needy
26 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop-off	27 office closed	28	29 5pm Choir	30	31 12pm Office closes	

## December Birthdays

Pat Brummal	12-1
Kayden Bennett	12-5
Martha Clinton	12-6
Peyton Stover	12-6
Mike Lamb	12-9
Kathy Cunningham	12-10
Colton Crain	12-13
Sheri Thomas	12-14
Neldajo Mathison	12-15
Jason Ellis	12-20
Drake Hudspeth	12-31

## December Anniversaries

John & Margie Beeson	12-11
Phillip & Teri Stover	12-19
Mike & Sondra Crain	12-21
John & Kathy Cunningham	12-22

## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

December 5, 2021

Greeters: Joan & Jack Carter  
Worship Leader: John Beeson  
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter  
Flower Elder: Joan Carter  
Deacons:

December 12, 2021

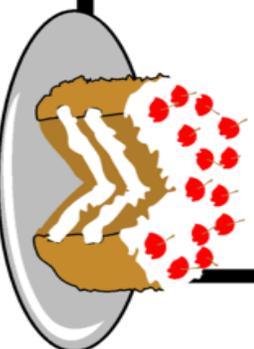
Greeters: Mike & Martha Clinton  
Worship Leader: Lee Nailing  
Hospital Elder: John Beeson  
Flower Elder: Mike Martin  
Deacons:

December 19, 2021

Greeters: Cowboy & Neldajo Mathison  
Worship Leader: Jean Nailing  
Hospital Elder: Julia Carpenter  
Flower Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.  
Deacons:

December 26, 2021

Greeters: Herb & Elaine Hamilton  
Worship Leader: Jim Spears  
Hospital Elder: Donna Nash  
Flower Elder: Tim Nash  
Deacons:





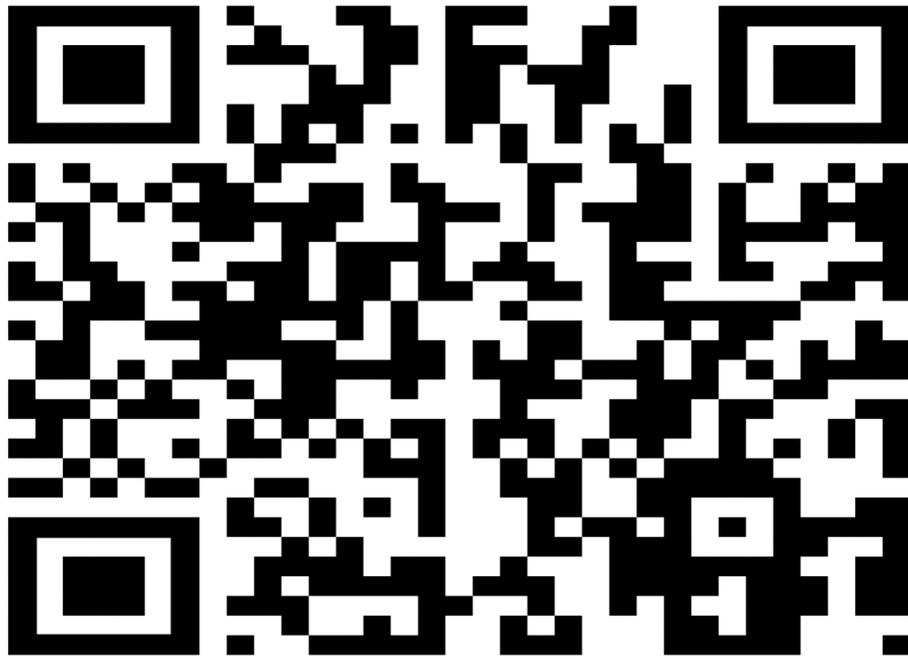
OUR CHURCH HAS A

*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  
BEGINNING NOW.



*SCAN THIS*  
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*TO SEE*  
*OUR*  
*CHURCH VIDEO!*

*SHOW*  
*FRIENDS AND FAMILY.*

# Weekly Info

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## Prayer Need

Our Church  
Wes Byas  
Laroy and Jane Thomas, friend of Jerry Thomas  
Beth Brine  
JoAnn Bunn, friend of Jerry Thomas  
David Allard, Glenda Burkhart's brother-in-law  
Elaine Carpenter  
Mary Chittenden  
Judy Crutchfield, friend of George Carpenter

## Ongoing Concerns

John Cunningham  
Mike Lamb  
Nita Tallent  
Nancy Garner, friend of Herb & Elaine Hamilton  
Matthew Cunningham, friend of Jane Watson  
Davis Coker, friend of Julia Carpenter  
Mandi Whisenhunt Smith, Randy King's niece  
John Heath, friend of the Carters  
Jack Donaldson, friend of Beth Brine  
Vickie Oliver

## Homebound

Susie Howdeshell  
Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life  
Susan DeFoy, MRC Cornerstone, Rm. 505 A



**Serving this Sunday**  
**December 12, 2021**

**Greeters:** Mike & Martha Clinton  
**Worship Leader:** Lee Nailling  
**Hospital Elder:** John Beeson  
**Flower Elder:** Mike Martin  
**Deacons:**

**December 5, 2021**

**Attendance:** 45  
**Offering 2021:** \$ 2,319.12  
**Weekly Needs:** \$ 4,019.03  
**Difference:** \$ -1,699.91  
  
**YTD Collected:** \$166,736.47  
**YTD Needed:** \$196,932.47  
**Difference:** \$-30,196.00

Central Christian Church Decals \$5.00 Church office or Hebrews
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**LECTIONARY FOR DECEMBER 12, 2021**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Zephaniah 3:14-20**  
**Isaiah 12:2-6**  
**Philippians 4:4-7**  
**Luke 3:7-18**

**Sermon This Sunday:**

***"Repentance"***

**Scripture:**

**Luke 3:7-18**