

The Central Christian 411

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Luke 3:15-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things Herod had done, ²⁰ added to them all by putting John in prison.

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Bruce Larson, in his book "Wind and Fire," points out some interesting facts about sandhill cranes: "These large birds, who fly great distances across continents, have three remarkable qualities. First, they rotate leadership. No one bird stays out in front all the time. Second, they choose leaders who can handle turbulence. And then, all during the time one bird is leading, the rest are following and honking their affirmation."

All too often we elect leaders in our church, like the ones who too office January 1, 2022, then back away leaving them to do the job we "chose" them for. Rarely do many of us offer the following and affirmation they need to do the ministry they chair. I can assure you many of our chairs, if not all, handle turbulent times in their tenure. I can also assure you, if they had our cooperation, became a member of their committee and allowed them to delegate us to carry out parts of the committee's goals there would be less turbulence and greater success in achieving all the committee sets out to do.

Will you be the Sandhill Crane who supports the ministries of the church?

May God fill you with His spirit and guide you throughout the New Year. Wes



**DUE TO THE RECENT SPIKE
IN COVID CASES**

**WE ARE ENCOURAGING
EVERYONE TO MASK UP**

DURING

WORSHIP SERVICES.



SATURDAY

JANUARY 8TH

AT 10:30 A.M.

WE WILL BE

TAKING DOWN

OUR

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

DECORATIONS

IN THE SANCTUARY.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO HELP.

Epiphany

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH,

BEGINS

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY.

Epiphany is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ. The feast commemorates principally (but not solely) the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, and thus Jesus Christ's physical manifestation to the Gentiles. It is sometimes called Three Kings' Day, and in some traditions celebrated as Little Christmas.



COMING TUESDAY,

JANUARY 11TH

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

MEETING!

We will meet in the

COMMUNITY ROOM

at 11:30 a.m.

If wish to join

CWF

this meeting is for you.



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 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 ***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.



Officer & Committee Chair Training

will occur on

Saturday, January 15th,

10:30 a.m.

in the Community Room

**Current AND New Officers & Chairs
are required to attend.**

*If leaving an Officer post or Chair, you will need to pass
your binder & key to the Church to your successor.*

This is *required training*
**whether you have Chaired
a committee in 2021 or will be in the upcoming year.**



SUNDAY, JANUARY 16th

OUR

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

WILL BE

RECRUITING MEMBERS

FOR THEIR COMMITTEES

DURING OUR POTLUCK

PLEASE SAY, "YES," IF ASKED.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 16TH,
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
THE NEW YEAR!!!

Installation of Officers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23rd, 2022

WE WILL HAVE

THE

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

AND

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

during our 10:40 service.

If you have accepted one of these positions, please plan to attend on this special day.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 23RD

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.'



We currently have two opportunities for you to serve our congregation in a special way. At this time, we are in need of a **Fellowship Committee** Chair, which is one of our most popular committees!

We also have the **Stewardship Committee** Chair position open. This committee heads up our Annual Stewardship Drive employing the Pony Express or other pledge drives to prepare for the coming year.

Please prayerfully give consideration to these two positions and contact the church office, if you would like to serve as chair of one.

Thank you for your consideration!!



***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
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, please email or call the church office at (903) 792-1915 and let Tonya know.

Upcoming Events & Services

January 8	10:30am	Undecorating the sanctuary
January 9	10:40am	Epiphany Sunday
January 11	11:30am	CWF Day Group
January 11	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
January 15	9am	CMF
January 15	10:30am	Chair Training
January 16	12pm	Potluck Luncheon w/Committee Recruiting
January 19	5pm	Choir
January 23	10:40am	Installation Service
January 23	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
January 23	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
January 24	6pm	General Board
January 26	5pm	Choir



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.

JANUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 11:45am Property Committee	3 office closed	4	5	6	7	8 10:30am Undecorating the sanctuary
9 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	10	11 11:30am CWF Day Group 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	12	13	14	15 9am CMF 10:30am Chair Training 3pm-9pm Disciple Hall reserved
16 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 12pm Potluck Luncheon w/ Committee Recruiting	17	18	19 5pm Choir	20	21	22
23 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship w/Installation Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	24 6pm General Board Meeting	25	26 5pm Choir	27	28	29
30 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	31					

January Birthdays

Jim Spears	1-1
Mary Cobb	1-4
Taylor Monday	1-4
Seth Byas	1-4
Laura Byas	1-10
Glenda Burkhart	1-15
Glen Hudspeth	1-16
Jerry Thomas	1-18
Sydney Fowler	1-27
Janet Bennett	1-28
Hayden Stover	1-31

January Anniversaries

Mike & Glenda Worley	1-2
Justin & Cara Fowler	1-16
Darel & Nancy Bair	1-20



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

January 2, 2022

Greeters: Joan & Jack Carter
Worship Leader: Jean Nailing
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons:

January 9, 2022

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Lee Nailing
Hospital Elder: Alice Kern
Flower Elder: Robert Kern
Deacons:

January 16, 2022

Greeters: Harold & Pat Taylor
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons:

January 23, 2022

Greeters: Alice Coleman & Midge Cooney
Worship Leader: Jim Spears
Hospital Elder: Mike Martin
Flower Elder: Tom Crow
Deacons:

January 30, 2022

Greeters: Cowboy & Neldajo Mathison
Worship Leader: Lisa Kern
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons:



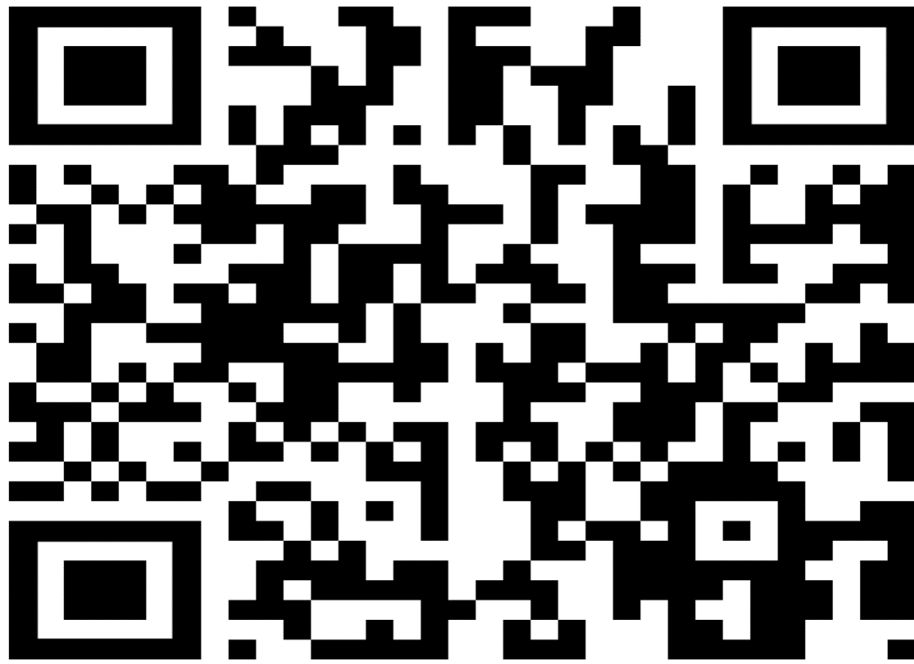
OUR CHURCH HAS A

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

WHICH IS:

tonya@ccctxk.com

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



SCAN THIS
QR CODE
TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

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Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Cowboy Mathison
Cuma Heronemus, friend of Elaine Hamilton
Beth Brine
Elaine Carpenter
Mary Chittenden
Judy Crutchfield, friend of George Carpenter

Ongoing Concerns

John Cunningham
Mike Lamb
Laroy and Jane Thomas, friend of Jerry Thomas
David Allard, Glenda Burkhart's brother-in-law
Coretha Loughridge, former NE Area minister
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
January 9, 2022

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Lee Nailling
Hospital Elder: Alice Kern
Flower Elder: Robert Kern
Deacons:

January 2, 2022

Attendance: 33
Offering 2021: \$ 12,273.32
Weekly Needs: \$ 4,019.03
Difference: \$ 8,254.29
YTD Collected: \$192,095.56
YTD Needed: \$208,990.00
Difference: \$-16,894.44
Offering 2022: \$ 5,466.00
Weekly Needs: \$ 4,068.61
Difference: \$ 1,397.39

Central Christian Church Decals \$5.00 Church office
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LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 9, 2022

Epiphany

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon This Sunday:

"Affirmation & Acceptance"

Scripture:

Acts 8:14-17