

The Central Christian 411

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Genesis 2:15-22

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day you eat of it you shall die.”

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, “It is not good the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

Scripture tells us God has never intended for us to be alone. In this passage we are told God even created animals to be company for us. Yet, God saw the need for us to have a helper as our partner, so he created another human being. Loneliness can be destructive. It can cause depression, anxiety, desperation, and much more.

Unfortunately, COVID has created a situation where many are lonely due to separation. It has even, at times, created situations where loved ones could not even be visited in a hospital, nursing home, assisted living or other such places of care. And, yes, even where loved ones have died never seeing those they love when death came. To say this has made life difficult, even unbearable, is an understatement. It rips at the very core of our souls.

So, what makes it survivable? What can ease the pain? Some may say, “Just read scripture and remember the Lord is with you.” I say, “I wish it was that easy.” What I have found through researching the topic and helping people through counseling is this: 1) **Connect with yourself.** Connecting with yourself doesn't mean turning inward and calling it a day. It means engaging in small mental choices and making small habitual changes over time that can give you a sense of self-efficacy, esteem, and comfort with yourself. 2) **Remember You are Unique.** Feeling “less than” can contribute to feelings of loneliness. Try to avoid comparing yourself to others. 3) **Participate in Meaningful Activities.** 4) **Practice Gratitude.** Studies have shown acts of gratitude can help us feel more positive and have stronger relationships.

While there is no magic pill we can take to cure loneliness, there are steps we can take to fight off loneliness. With these steps in our repertoire, we may keep in mind God is with us and wishes us not to be lonely.

May you keep the faith and use the tools God has provided, Wes



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

**WE ARE ENCOURAGING
EVERYONE TO MASK UP**

DURING

WORSHIP SERVICES.

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CWF/DWM Blog

CWF will meet on
Monday, February 14th at 11:30am
in the Community Room.

We will have lasagna, garlic bread,
salad and dessert.

Come enjoy the fellowship!

Wear Red and Hearts and
we'll celebrate Valentines together.

See everyone there.



THE
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Saturday, February 19th

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.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH,
WE HAVE OUR
THIRD SUNDAY
POTLUCK LUNCHEON
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
OUR
WORSHIP SERVICE

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY
SPECIAL MEAL TO CELEBRATE
GOD'S BLESSINGS.



THE CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST
FOR
PRESIDENTS DAY
AND
WILL REOPEN ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND
HAVE A VERY HAPPY
PRESIDENTS DAY!!!



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

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.'

Church Cabinet



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28th

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.



March 2nd

OUR

ASH WEDNESDAY

SERVICE

WILL BE HELD

AT

6:00 P.M.

IN THE SANCTUARY

LET US BEGIN *LENT* BY

BRINGING

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

TO

THIS VERY SPECIAL *LENTEN* SERVICE



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH, 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.



COMING TUESDAY,

MARCH 12TH

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

GENERAL MEETING

We will meet in the

COMMUNITY ROOM

at 11:30 a.m.

If wish to join

CWF

this meeting is for you.

Men's Fellowship

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

2 Corinthians

We hope you will join us.

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

While there is little doubt among scholars that Paul is the author, there is discussion over whether the Epistle was originally one letter or composed from two or more of Paul's letters.

Although the New Testament contains only two letters to the Corinthian church, the evidence from the letters themselves is that he wrote at least four and the church replied at least once:

1. 1 Corinthians 5:9 ("I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators", KJV) refers to an early letter, sometimes called the "warning letter" or the "previous letter."

2. 1 Corinthians

3 The Severe Letter: Paul refers to an earlier "letter of tears" in 2 Corinthians 2:3–4 and 7:8. 1 Corinthians does not match that description, so this "letter of tears" may have been written between 1 Corinthians and 2 Corinthians.

4. 2 Corinthians

1 Corinthians 7:1 states that Paul was replying to certain questions written and sent to him by the church in Corinth.

The abrupt change of tone from being previously harmonious to bitterly reproachful in 2 Corinthians 10–13 has led many to infer that chapters 10–13 form part of the "letter of tears" which were in some way appended to Paul's main letter. Those who disagree with this assessment usually say that the "letter of tears" is no longer extant. Others argue that although the letter of tears is no longer extant, chapters 10–13 come from a later letter.

The seemingly sudden change of subject from chapter 7 to chapters 8–9 leads some scholars to conclude that chapters 8–9 were originally a separate letter, and some even consider the two chapters to have originally been distinct themselves.

Some scholars also find fragments of the "warning letter", or of other letters, in chapters 1–9, for instance that part of the "warning letter" is preserved in 2 Cor 6:14–7:1, but these hypotheses are less popular.



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
EPHESIANS**

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

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

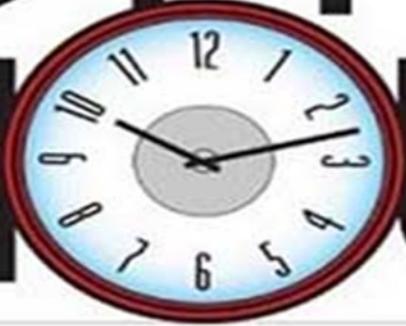


FLOWERS!!!!

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

February 9	5pm	Choir
February 15	11:30am	CWF Day Group
February 16	5pm	Choir
February 19	9am	CMF
February 20	10:40am	Week of Compassion offering
February 20	12pm	Potluck Luncheon
February 21	all day	office closed/President's Day
February 22	5:30pm	Events Committee
February 23	5pm	Choir
February 27	10:40am	Week of Compassion offering
February 27	4pm	Randy Sams prep
February 27	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
February 28	6pm	Cabinet Meeting



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.

FEBRUARY 2022

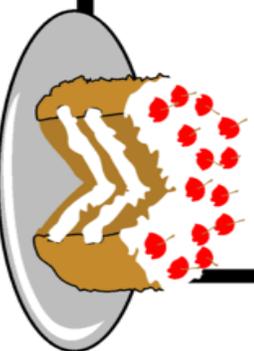
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5pm Choir	3	4	5
6 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 11:45am Fellowship Comm.	7	8 11:30am CWF Day Group 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	9 5pm Choir	10	11	12
13 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	14	15	16 5pm Choir	17	18	19 9am CMF
20 Week of Compassion offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 12pm Potluck Luncheon	21 President's Day Office closed	22 5:30pm Events Committee	23 5pm Choir	24	25	26
27 Week of Compassion offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	28 6pm Cabinet Meeting					

February Birthdays

Elaine Hamilton 2-2
Joe Shelton 2-3
Susan DeFoy 2-6
Joe Frost, Sr. 2-8
Susie Howdeshell 2-8
Cameron Lumpkin 2-9
Connie Spears 2-13
Cara Fowler 2-20
Jean Nailing 2-22
George Carpenter, Sr. 2-24
Linda Harris 2-24
Troy Kern 2-26
Joe Alves 2-28

February Anniversaries

George & Elaine Carpenter 2-9
Joe & Dorothy Alves 2-10



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

February 6, 2022

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth
Worship Leader: John Beeson
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons:

February 13, 2022

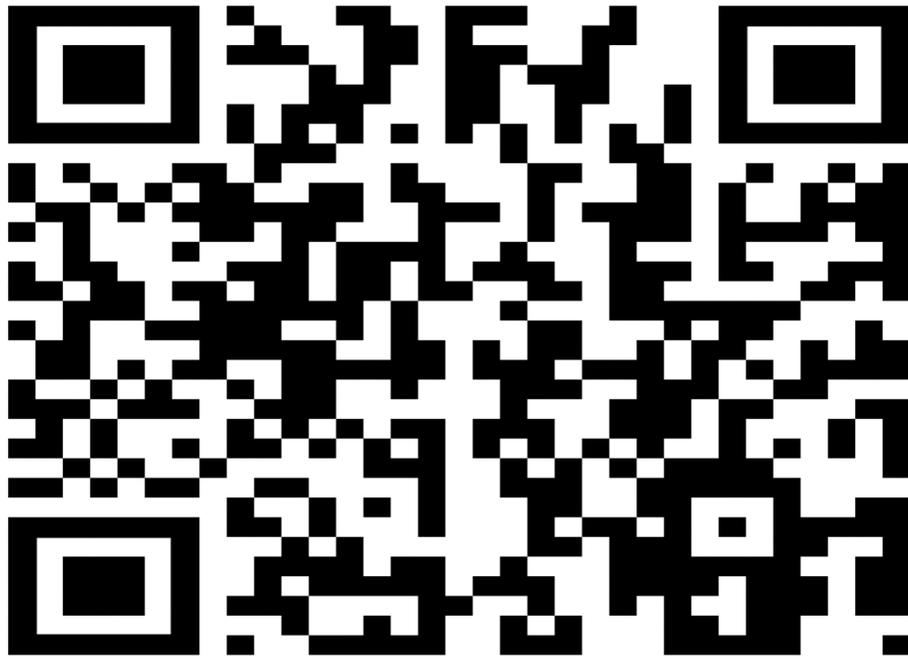
Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern
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Deacons:

February 20, 2022

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

February 27, 2022

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



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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
Greg Dagley, Lee & Jean Nailling's nephew
Jeff Turner, Beth Brine's son
Sasha Wilmoth, niece of Tom & Teresa Crow
Paul Rainwater, friend of Lois Moore
Judy Crutchfield, friend of George Carpenter

Ongoing Concerns

John Cunningham
Mike Lamb
Laroy and Jane Thomas, friend of Jerry Thomas
Cuma Heronemus, friend of Elaine Hamilton
Coretha Loughridge, former NE Area Minister
David Allard, Glenda Burkhart's brother-in-law
Nita Tallent
Nancy Garner, friend of Herb & Elaine Hamilton
Davis Coker, friend of Julia Carpenter
Mandi Whisenhunt Smith, Randy King's niece
Jack Donaldson, friend of Beth Brine

Homebound

Elaine Carpenter
Mary Chittenden
Susie Howdeshell
Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life
Susan DeFoy, MRC Cornerstone, Rm. 505 A



Serving this Sunday
February 13, 2022

Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern
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Flower Elder: Donna Nash
Deacons:

February 6, 2022

Attendance: 43
Offering: \$ 9,892.68
Weekly Needs: \$ 4,068.61
Difference: \$ 5,824.07

YTD Collected: \$ 27,593.29
YTD Needed: \$ 24,411.66
Difference: \$ 3,181.63

Central Christian Church Decals \$5.00 Church office
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LECTIONARY FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

Sermon This Sunday:

"Bullying"

Scripture:

Proverbs 11:1-5, 9-13