

# The Central Christian 411

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## Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

As always it is very important to place Jesus’ words in context with his time and place in history. So often when people read this passage, they tend to take it literally, as though Jesus would have them actually hate their father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and life itself. Yet, this is far from anything Jesus would teach or preach. The intended message Jesus is conveying is this: If you are to be my disciple should you refuse to allow something less valuable to displace something more valuable. That is, do not allow anyone or anything to become more valuable than your commitment to God. If you are on a mission for God, stay true to that mission and do not become distracted by things less than God. Jesus was a master of taking that which is dear to us and using it as an example as to how dear God should be to us.

In April 1667, English poet John Milton signed an agreement with Samuel Simmons, a London publisher, by which he sold the copyright of Paradise Lost for five pounds, plus five pounds for the sale of each of three subsequent editions, an edition comprising 1,500 copies. Milton received a second five pounds in April 1669, making a grand total of 10 pounds to the author of England's greatest epic. After his death, Milton's widow Elizabeth sold all remaining rights for eight pounds to Simmons, who became perpetual copyright owner. It's hard to imagine someone selling something of such great value for so little.

In this passage, Jesus says to each and every one of us: “God is of such great value we should not take anything less in place of Him.”

May God fill you with the riches of His Spirit, Wes



Honorariums/Memorials

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&

MEMORIAL

GIFTS ARE WELCOME

ANYTIME.

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HONORARIUM OR MEMORIAL

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WITH A NOTE STATING WHO YOUR

HONORARIUM OR MEMORIAL

IS IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF.



CONTINUING ON  
SUNDAY, SEPT. 4<sup>TH</sup>

THE CIRCUS CHARADE REHEARSALS!!

All cast members need to be present on  
the 4<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.

We will:

Memorize Prologue

Scene I, pages 2-4



WE ANNOUNCED IN OUR SERVICE A  
FEW WEEKS AGO

WE WILL NO LONGER LEAVE THE  
ALLEY DOOR TO THE SANCTUARY  
BUILDING UNLOCKED

DUE TO UNWANTED GUESTS WHO  
MAKE THEIR HOME UPSTAIRS.

IF YOU ARE A KEY HOLDER,  
PLEASE DO NOT  
UNLOCK THE ALLEY DOOR.

# LABOR SUNDAY



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>, IS

## LABOR SUNDAY

To work is to pray is the motto the Order of St. Benedict adopted.

St. Benedict, the founder of the order, recognized the sacred value of hard work, the notion that through the sweat of our brows and the strength of our arms and backs, we can worship the Creator.

Each of us works, whether with our hands or with our minds. Whether we are builders and teachers, executives or students, all of us spend a good portion of our lives at work. How we do that work and how we treat those who labor to make our world what it is says a lot about how we see the world spiritually.

Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> is, in some Christian traditions, Labor Sunday -- the day before the national holiday that was created more than 100 years ago to honor workers. It has come to mean an end to the lazier days of summer and -- for many of us -- a day off to relax.

Let us come together to pray for our  
workforce on this special Sunday!



OUR CHURCH OFFICE

WILL BE CLOSED

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

FOR THE

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

AND

WILL REOPEN ON

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>

HAVE A VERY RELAXING

LABOR DAY

HOLIDAY!!!



***COMING SATURDAY,***

**SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

***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.



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 13<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](tel:9032804130).





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

WILL BE MEETING

**Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

We encourage all of our men to be  
present.

## What's Been Happening in Disciples Men?

It has been quite a while since we published the last edition of *The Voice of Disciples Men*. Alex and I sincerely apologize for that. Rest assured, since the last publication, much has been happening in the world of Disciples Men.

Disciples Men is a very part-time ministry for both Alex and me. That is not by our choice or the choice of Disciples Home Missions. It is a reflection of the financial realities denominations as a whole are facing. Alex and I both have other ministry responsibilities beyond Disciples Men. So, passion, not profit, drives our desire to serve. This reality requires us to prioritize our time in ways that, we believe, provide the best return.

Beyond our weekly Zoom meetings, we devoted our time to the following.

***The Jesus Way Journey*** was first released in 2020. We published it as a pdf rather than going through the normal "book" publishing process to reduce the cost to the church and to allow for easy revisions as warranted. Since its release, we have received great feedback on how to make it better. So, Alex and I took a hard look at the materials, line by line. We incorporated much of the feedback received, and we discovered other changes that would strengthen the resource.

Now, as of this week, that work is completed. The 2022 Edition of *The Jesus Way* is available for purchase. We are very excited about this newly revised resource for men's ministry and encourage you to prayerfully consider using it in your congregation.

***The Disciples Men's Podcast*** continues to be a wonderful opportunity for Alex and me to introduce the work of Disciples Men to the wonderful leaders of our church and to introduce these wonderful leaders to all of you. Each leader we have interviewed has been very supportive of our work and committed to supporting this ministry in any way that they can.

In addition, Alex and I use the podcast to introduce current and pertinent topics that impact our work as Disciples Men. We want us to wrestle with the question, how is God calling us to respond to these challenges if we are to be faithful to God?

Thanks to Alex's diligent work, *Disciples Men's Podcast* is now available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and Amazon Music/Audible. Just go to your favorite podcast app, search for Disciples Men and click to become a follower. Here is a list of our most recent podcasts:

Rev. Angele Saunders Johnson, the new Director of Disciples Women;  
Touchstones (3 available) - a series of podcasts unpacking the five touchstones that now ground the ministry of the General Conference of Disciples Men;  
Patriarchy, White Supremacy, and their Impact on Men's Ministries.

Upcoming podcasts include conversations about the remaining two Touchstones, an interview with new Disciples Home Missions President Dr. Chris Dorsey, and the wonderful work of the Executive Committee of the General Conference of Disciples Men. There is much good news to share coming from the GCDM.

Alex and I continue to keynote regional men's events in-person and by Zoom. It has been a real blessing to return to face-to-face gatherings this year.

In the final stages of production is a new video podcast entitled, "Contexts and Contrasts." It is our intent to use this resource to make the case for revitalizing congregational men's ministries. Stay tuned!

On the drawing board is a new pilot ministry. Alex and I will host a weekly men's study by way of Zoom. There will be no cost to participate. Seating will be limited and require men to sign up to reserve a seat. We plan to do a trial run of four to six weeks to test the waters for interest and format. Then, using the feedback we receive, we will decide if the interest is sufficient to warrant making this a regular feature of Disciples Men.

## 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. You will find the Disciples Men Podcast on your favorite podcast sites: [Apple Podcast](#), [Spotify](#) and/or [Amazon Music/Audible](#)



Dear Church Family,

We are reaching out to you to remind you our church is alive and well but remains in need of your support. We realize these are difficult days but the ministry of our church presses on. In the past month we have had two water heaters break, replaced a freezer in our Disciple Hall kitchen, an increase in our electric bill due to the restoration equipment used in the Education Building, an issue with our phone system and air conditioning problems in the parlor and sanctuary. We need your support to repair and replace the necessary items and to pay the increase in our electric bill for the upkeep of our beautiful building.

As a reminder, there are a number of ways in which you may send the needed support:

1. Label your offering as **special gift**.
2. Mail your check via USPS in the enclosed addressed envelope.
3. Online banking, if you use it.
4. Go to the church with money or check in an envelope and drop it in the mail slot located by the entrance to the Admin. Offices.
5. Use Givelify. If you use this method, please be sure to find Central Christian Church, **Texarkana**.

Although we are preparing for the upcoming stewardship drive, this need is immediate and would be above and beyond your yearly commitment. We hope you and your family are well. Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting our church and God bless.

*The Stewardship Committee*



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**and**

**T-Shirt**

**Call or come by the**

**Admin. Office today!!!**



In our Sanctuary/Education building we have three areas where we try to maintain an energy efficient temperature; that can be adjusted as needed. These areas are the sanctuary, the parlor, and HeBrews. Each area has their own controls.

In an attempt to help us control the cost of heating and cooling our Sanctuary/Education building we are asking everyone to help keep doors in these areas shut at all times. When doors are left open, the heat goes up the staircases to the hallway and upper rooms and the A/C goes into rooms we are not using downstairs.

The parlor has two doors we need to keep closed, HeBrews has two doors into hallway we need to keep closed, and the kitchen door to the hallway we need to keep closed. In the area where the water fountain and women's restroom are, the door going up the steps into back of the sanctuary and the door in the hallway leading to HeBrews need to be kept closed.

With everyone's help we can save on the cost of gas and electricity.

Thank You!

Your Property Committee



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

## **1 John**

**We hope you will join us.**

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

The **First Epistle of John** is the first of the Johannine epistles of the New Testament, and the fourth of the catholic epistles. There is no scholarly consensus as to the authorship of the Johannine works. The author of the First Epistle is termed John the Evangelist, who most scholars believe is not the same as John the Apostle. Most scholars believe the three Johannine epistles have the same author, but there is no consensus if this was also the author of the Gospel of John.

This epistle was probably written in Ephesus between 95 and 110 AD. The author advises Christians on how to discern true teachers: by their ethics, their proclamation of Jesus in the flesh, and by their love. The original text was written in Koine Greek. The epistle is divided into five chapters.



*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  
GOSPEL OF JOHN**

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

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 MONDAY 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](#) or at the [Google Play Store](#) under:

“Givelify Mobile Giving App.”

Our church is listed, and this is a safe and fast way to give. Please

**be sure you find**

Central Christian Church Texarkana.

**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**

<b>September 4</b>	all day	Labor Sunday
<b>September 4</b>	5pm	Play Rehearsal
<b>September 5</b>	all day	office closed
<b>September 6</b>	5pm	Events Committee
<b>September 10</b>	11:30am	CWF General Meeting
<b>September 11</b>	11:45am	Fellowship Committee
<b>September 11</b>	5pm	Play Rehearsal
<b>September 13</b>	5:30pm	Choir
<b>September 13</b>	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
<b>September 17</b>	9am	CMF
<b>September 18</b>	11:45am	3rd Sunday Potluck
<b>September 18</b>	5pm	Play Rehearsal
<b>September 20</b>	5:30pm	Choir
<b>September 25</b>	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
<b>September 25</b>	5pm	Play Rehearsal
<b>September 25</b>	6pm	Randy Sams drop off



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.



# SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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4 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 5pm Play Rehearsal	5 office closed	6 5pm Events Committee	7	8	9	10 11:30am CWF General Meeting
11 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 11:45am Fellowship Comm. 5pm Play Rehearsal	12	13 5:30pm Choir 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	14	15	16	17 9am CMF
18 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 11:45am 3rd Sunday potluck 5pm Play Rehearsal	19	20 5:30pm Choir	21	22	23	24
25 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pm Randy Sams Prep 5pm Play Rehearsal 6pm Randy Sams drop off	26 6pm General Board	27 5:30pm Choir	28	29	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



## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

### September 4, 2022

Greeters: John & Margie Beeson  
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell  
Hospital Elder: Connie Spears  
Flower Elder: Jim Spears  
Deacons:

### September 11, 2022

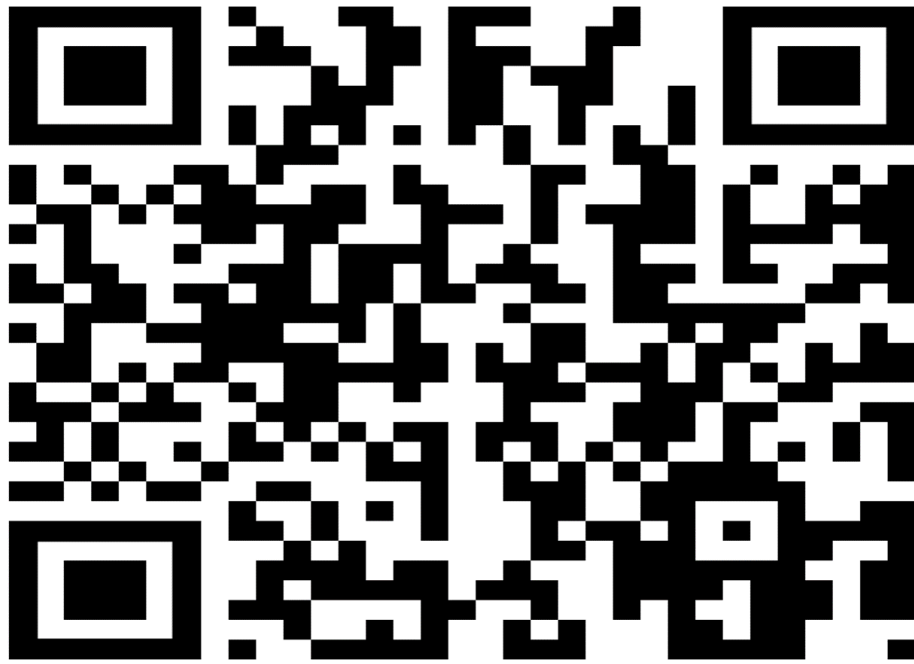
Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter  
Worship Leader: Lee Nailing  
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern  
Flower Elder: Alice Kern  
Deacons:

### September 18, 2022

Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter  
Worship Leader: Michael Martin  
Hospital Elder: Joan Carter  
Flower Elder: Jack Carter  
Deacons:

### September 25, 2022

Greeters: Betty Caudle & Midge Cooney  
Worship Leader: Tom Crow  
Hospital Elder: Julia Carpenter  
Flower Elder: George Carpenter  
Deacons:



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*TO SEE*  
*OUR*  
*CHURCH VIDEO!*

*SHOW*  
*FRIENDS AND FAMILY.*

# Weekly Info

## Prayer Need

Our Church  
Wes Byas  
Linda Harris  
Alice Coleman  
Steve Turney, Cara Fowler's father  
Jean Nailling  
Fran Corley, friend of Betsy Spencer  
Chris McKellar, friend of George Carpenter  
Tommy Campbell, friend of Hamilton's  
Nancy Garner, friend of Herb and Elaine Hamilton

## Ongoing Concerns

John Cunningham  
Bobbie Roberts, Pat Taylor's mom  
Laroy and Jane Thomas, friend of Jerry Thomas  
David Allard, Glenda Burkhart's brother-in-law  
Davis Coker, friend of Julia Carpenter  
Mandi Whisenhunt Smith, Randy King's niece

## Homebound

Elaine Carpenter, The Villa Rm. 401  
Joe Frost, Sr., home  
Susie Howdeshell, home  
Jane Watson, home  
Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life  
Susan DeFoy, MRC Cornerstone, Rm. 505A



*Darel Bair*

*Alice Coleman  
Tom & Teresa Crow  
Robert & Camille McGinnis*

*Trissy Engle*

*Jim & Connie Spears*



**Serving this Sunday  
September 4, 2022**

**Greeters:** John & Margie Beeson  
**Worship Leader:** Sondra Bedwell  
**Hospital Elder:** Connie Spears  
**Flower Elder:** Jim Spears  
**Deacons:**

**August 28, 2022**

**Attendance:** 48  
**Offering:** \$ 2,831.93  
**Weekly Needs:** \$ 4,068.61  
**Difference:** \$ -1,236.68  
  
**YTD Collected:** \$118,951.84  
**YTD Needed:** \$142,401.85  
**Difference:** \$-23,450.01

**LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER 4, 2022**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Jeremiah 18:1-11**  
**Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18**  
**Philemon 1:1-21**  
**Luke 14:25-33**

**Sermon This Sunday:**

***"Love & Acceptance"***

**Scripture:**

**Philemon 1:1-21**