

The Central Christian 411

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Jeremiah 23:1-6

“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ² Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. ³ “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

⁵ “The days are coming,” declares the LORD,

“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.

⁶ In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called:

The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

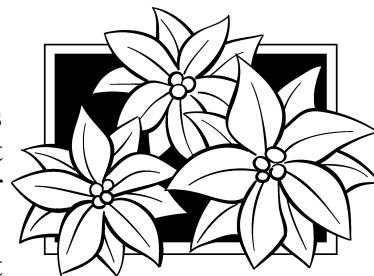
Some of you may recall a warning in Ezekiel 34 that is very similar to this one, in Jeremiah 23. So often, as in the days of old, it is not the enemy who run off the flock of the Lord, but the very ones in charge of the flock. If we were to review the history of the church, we would find periods wherein the church punished people for not converting to Christianity, for not believing “correctly:” that would be heresy, or for being a “non-believer,” such as in the days of the Inquisition. Because of the actions of these “Church Officials” some 2 to 6 million or more perished between 1095 and 1291 in the Crusades. The Inquisition’s “Church Officials” accounted for some 32,000 executions. Add to this the many cults and communes that caused more deaths due to believing or not believing a certain way. Truth be told, the Church can be and has been its own worst enemy in many cases. Jeremiah (626 to 587 BC) and Ezekiel (592 to 570 BC) among other prophets were actively warning the Israelites of the abuses of the “Shepherds” who were supposed to be tending to, that is, caring for the flock. Jesus came and also warned the Community of Faith, as well as his disciples, of the abuses of the Pharisees, Sadducees, and Scribes who were not doing the work of God. Later we find Paul writing letters to churches to warn them of abusive leaders in the church. Are there abuses today? Is it possible for “members” of the community of faith to be abusive by requiring others to believe like them? What say you?

The love, strength, patience and tolerance of God be with you always, Wes

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Please designate on the form below the number of plants you wish to order this year. We also ask that you specify how you would like the Sunday Bulletin Insert to read when it is published. In addition, please take the time to let us know whether or not you will be picking up your

Poinsettia following our Christmas Eve service, or if you would prefer to have it delivered to one of our shut-ins, a homebound member, or to one of the local hospitals or nursing homes. May God bless you every day, and especially this Christmas season!



POINSETTIAS

The cost of each Plant is \$15.00 Please pay in advance with you order.

NUMBER OF PLANTS: _____

PAYMENT AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

(Please print)

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

NAME (S) OF DONOR (S) AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE CHRISTMAS BULLETIN:

You may pick up your poinsettia Christmas Eve following the service.

ORDER DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH.



PLEASE READ IN ENTIRETY!!

The picture above is a
Water Sensor.

If you should see one on the floor or
anywhere else,

PLEASE DO NOT PICK IT UP.

Our insurance company has
requested we place these in the
appropriate areas to track water
leaks and other water issues.



SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 20th
WE WILL HAVE OUR
THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Psalm 50:1-2, 14-15

- ¹ The mighty one, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- ² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.
- ¹⁴ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and pay your vows to the Most High.
- ¹⁵ Call on me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

We hope you will give!



THE
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Saturday, NOV. 19th

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

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



THANKSGIVING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, IS
THANKSGIVING DAY.

On this day, let us be in prayer
for our families, friends and for
our church.

Central Christian Church
gives thanks for each and every
one of you!

(THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY FOR THE HOLIDAYS)

Advent

*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27th,
IS THE FIRST 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".



Community Outreach

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27th

WILL BE SERVING OUR LOCAL
RANDY SAM'S.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
HELP SERVE THE HOMELESS
PLEASE COME JOIN
IN.

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.'

Board Meeting



THERE WILL BE A
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY

NOVEMBER 28TH

AT 6 P.M.

IN

THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

THIS MEETING IS VERY
IMPORTANT AS IT INCLUDES
VOTING ON OUR
2023 BUDGET.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th

WE WILL HAVE OUR

ANNUAL

ADVENT

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR

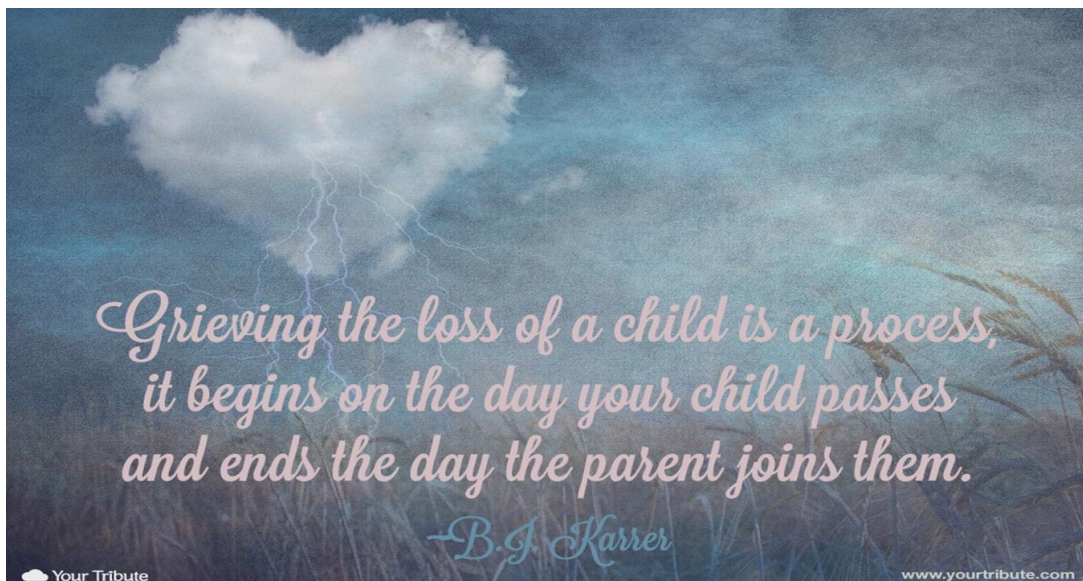
WORSHIP SERVICE.

COME JOIN IN!

Meat will be provided.

Please bring Vegetables/Salad/

Dessert



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 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. **On the 13th we will have our Annual Candlelight Service.** **If you have lost a child, please join us on this special day.**

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.



SUNDAY

DECEMBER 18TH

OUR ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

WILL BE PRESENTED BY OUR

CHANCEL CHOIR

IN OUR 10:40 A.M. SERVICE!

COME JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR

IN SONG!



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



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.



NOW AVAILABLE!!!

OUR BEAUTIFUL

CCC BALL CAP

AND

T-SHIRT

CAN BE YOURS FOR

ONLY \$20 EACH!!!

To purchase your

CCC Ball Cap

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
ACTS**

We study various books of the Bible
and recently completed the
GOSPEL OF JOHN.

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



Honorariums/Memorials

JUST A REMINDER

HONORARIUM

&

MEMORIAL

GIFTS ARE WELCOME

ANYTIME.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE AN

HONORARIUM OR MEMORIAL

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK TO CCC

WITH A NOTE STATING WHO YOUR

HONORARIUM OR MEMORIAL

IS IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF.



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



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

November 19	9am	CMF
November 20	10:40am	Thanksgiving offering
November 24	all day	Thanksgiving Day
November 24-25	all day	office closed
November 27	all day	1st Sunday of Advent
November 27	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
November 27	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
November 28	6pm	General Board Meeting
November 29	5:30pm	Choir
November 30	4pm	Deadline to order poinsettias
December 3	10am	Decorating sanctuary
December 4	all day	2nd Sunday of Advent
December 4	10:40am	Hanging of the Greens Service
December 4	11:45am	Advent potluck



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.

NOVEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 All Saints Day 5:30pm Choir 5:30pm Worship Committee	2	3	4	5 Turn clocks back one hour before going to bed
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	7	8 5:30pm Choir 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group in HeBrews	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12 4pm-9pm Disciple Hall Reserved
13 Thanksgiving offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:15am Breakfast w/Bobby Hawley 10:40am Traditional Worship	14	15 11:30am CWF Day Group 5:30pm Choir	16	17	18	19 9am CMF
20 Thanksgiving offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	21	22	23	24 office closed 	25 office closed	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:40am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	28 6pm General Board Meeting	29 5:30pm Choir	30			

November Birthdays

Donna Nash	11-7
Sarah Carpenter	11-9
Carol Ann Tallent	11-18
Teri Stover	11-19
Margie Beeson	11-22
Chad Bennett	11-30
Justin Fowler	11-30

November Anniversaries

Herb & Elaine Hamilton	11-4
Bob & Lynn Wilmoth	11-13
Lee & Jean Nailling	11-17
Nick & Neldajo Mathison	11-27



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

November 6, 2022

Greeters: Mike & Susan Oates
 Worship Leader: Teresa Crow
 Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
 Flower Elder: Connie Spears
 Deacons:

November 13, 2022

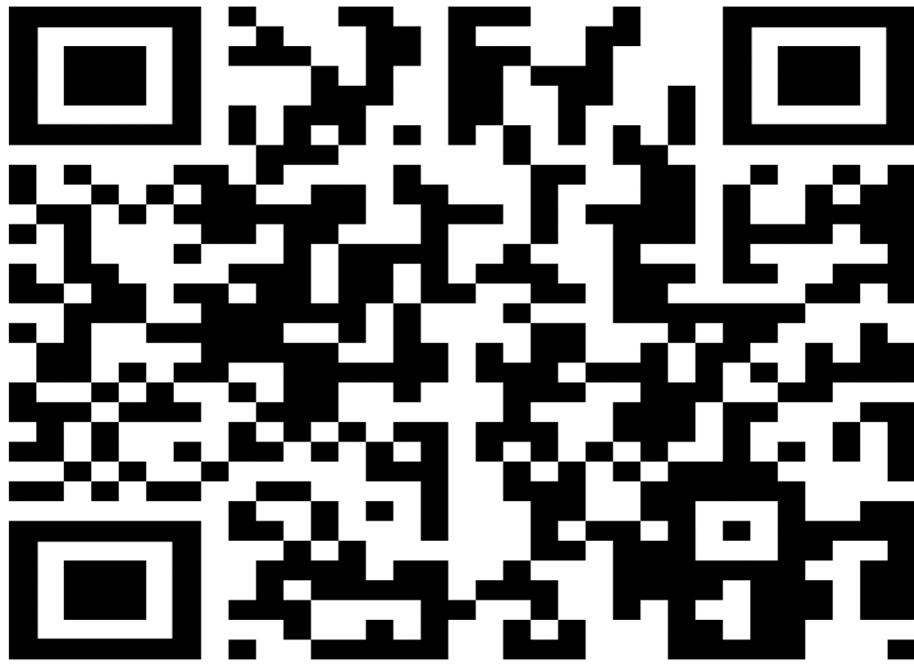
Greeters: Harold & Pat Taylor
 Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
 Hospital Elder: Julia Carpenter
 Flower Elder: George Carpenter
 Deacons:

November 20, 2022

Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas
 Worship Leader: John Beeson
 Hospital Elder: Joan Carter
 Flower Elder: Tom Crow
 Deacons:

November 27, 2022

Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhart
 Worship Leader: Donna Nash
 Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
 Flower Elder: Mike Martin
 Deacons:



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

Harold Taylor

Morris Sheilds, friend of Lynn Wilmoth

Tonya Fields, friend of Lynn Wilmoth

Jackie Dowd, friend of Lynn Wilmoth

Lee Nailling

Terry Love, friend of the Hamiltons

Paula Smith, friend of Martha Clinton

Emily Hoover, friend of Carlye Allen

Bill Griffin, Glenda Burkhart's son-in-law

Ongoing Concerns

John Cunningham

Robbin Ridgell, friend of the Mathison's

Suzette Witty, friend of Randy King

Laroy and Jane Thomas, friend of Jerry Thomas

David Allard, Glenda Burkhart's brother-in-law

Mandi Whisenhunt Smith, Randy King's niece

Tommy Campbell, friend of Hamilton's

Homebound

Elaine Carpenter, The Villa Rm. 401

Joe Frost, Sr., home

James Thompson, home

Susie Howdeshell, home

Jane Watson, home

Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life

Susan DeFoy, MRC Cornerstone, Rm. 505A



Serving this Sunday
November 20, 2022

Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas

Worship Leader: John Beeson

Hospital Elder: Joan Carter

Flower Elder: Tom Crow

Deacons:

November 13, 2022

Attendance: 38

Offering: \$ 4,363.68

Weekly Needs: \$ 4,068.61

Difference: \$ 295.07

YTD Collected: \$149,111.24

YTD Needed: \$187,156.56

Difference: \$-38,045.32

LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 1:68-79

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Sermon This Sunday:

"Inheritance: A Reflection of the Creator"

Scripture:

Colossians 1:11-20