

The Central Christian 411

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Numbers 22:21-35

So, Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey, and went with the officials of Moab.

²² God's anger was kindled because he was going, and the angel of the LORD took his stand in the road as his adversary. Now he was riding on the donkey, and his two servants were with him. ²³ The donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand, so the donkey turned off the road and went into the field, and Balaam struck the donkey, to turn it back onto the road. ²⁴ Then the angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on either side. ²⁵ When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, it scraped against the wall and scraped Balaam's foot against the wall, so he struck it again. ²⁶ Then the angel of the LORD went ahead and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right or to the left. ²⁷ When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, it lay down under Balaam, and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff. ²⁸ Then the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?" ²⁹ Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have made a fool of me! I wish I had a sword in my hand! I would kill you right now!" ³⁰ But the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey, which you have ridden all your life to this day? Have I been in the habit of treating you this way?" And he said, "No."

³¹ Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road, with his drawn sword in his hand, and he bowed down, falling on his face. ³² The angel of the LORD said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? I have come out as an adversary because your way is perverse before me. ³³ The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If it had not turned away from me, surely just now I would have killed you and let it live." ³⁴ Then Balaam said to the angel of the LORD, "I have sinned, for I did not know that you were standing in the road to oppose me. Now therefore, if it is displeasing to you, I will return home." ³⁵ The angel of the LORD said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but speak only what I tell you to speak." So, Balaam went on with the officials of Balak.

All too often we who say we believe in God, in the POWER and AWESOMENESS of God try to limit God and his works. Yet, there is no limiting God. I invite you to read the scripture above and to note what God is capable of. First, if you look at verse you will note it is the donkey who sees the angel of the Lord and diverts his path. When the donkey, not Balaam, realized it could not avoid the angel, the donkey laid down right from under Balaam. Balaam, after screaming at the donkey, heard the donkey, that is God, say, "Am I not your donkey, which you have ridden all your life to this day? Have I been in the habit of treating you this way?" If you did not figure out it was God and not the donkey that actually spoke, you once again limited God. However, Balaam DID realize it was God speaking through the donkey and it opened his eyes to the angel of the Lord.

Will it take a donkey to open our eyes to God's presence?

May the God of endless wonders speak to us always, Wes



CHRISTMAS BONUSES

Dear Church Family,

It's that time of year again to think of our wonderful staff, Wes, Tonya, Beth and Ariel.

If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Bonuses, please place a check to the church in a separate envelope with my name on it.

I need the checks by December 22nd.

Thank you!

Connie Spears



SATURDAY

December 3rd

AT 10 A.M.

WE WILL BE

DECORATING

OUR

SANCTUARY

FOR

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO HELP.

Advent

*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th,
IS THE SECOND 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".

Central Christian Church
“Take-out” Christmas Meal
December 25, 2022

The membership of Central Christian Church will be providing a take-out Christmas lunch from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (or until the food is gone) on Christmas day. The meal will consist of turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, roll, and cake for dessert.

The Church will provide the turkey, green beans, potatoes, gravy, and rolls with the dressing and cake being provided by our membership. We will need six pans of dressing; pans will be provided and ten cakes. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer of the Sanctuary for these items.

We will be needing help to prepare and assemble the meals for pick up. I am planning to begin preparing the meal on the 23rd and 24th and distribute Christmas morning. If you can volunteer some time to help prepare and serve, I have a sign-up sheet in the foyer of the Sanctuary this morning and will have it again next Sunday. If you prefer you can call the Church office.

It is always an enjoyable to hang out, prepare and serve others and have fellowship with one another.

Thank you,

Jim Spears

Outreach Committee



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th

IS

HANGING **OF THE** GREENS!

THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL SERVICE

WHERE

WE DECORATE OUR

SANCTUARY FOR

CHRISTMAS

PLEASE COME JOIN IN

ON THIS FESTIVE OCCASION

AT THE 10:40 SERVICE.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th

WE WILL HAVE OUR

ANNUAL

ADVENT

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR

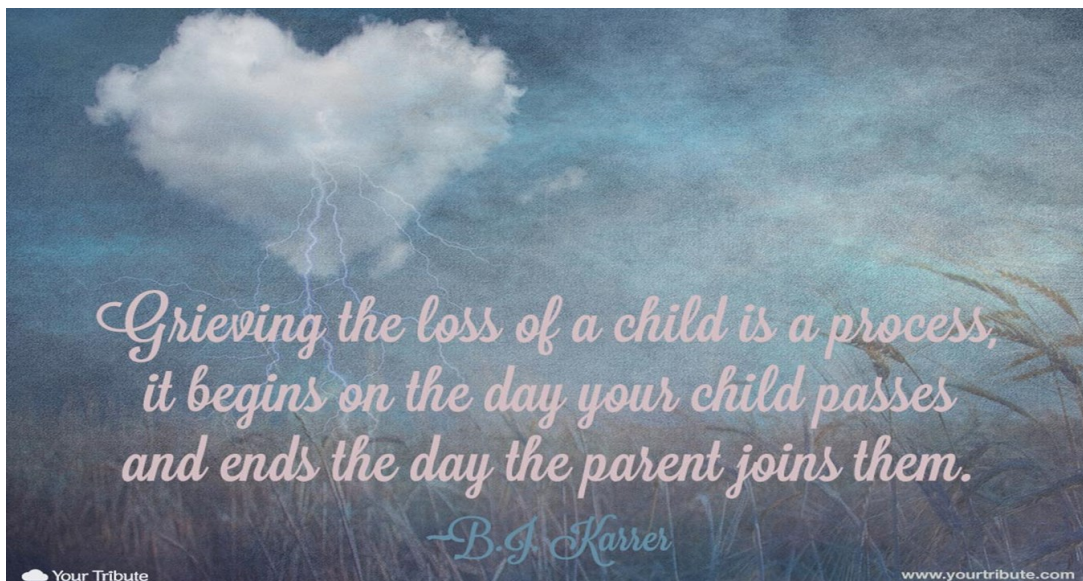
WORSHIP SERVICE.

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.



THE
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Saturday, DEC. 17th

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

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



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!



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.



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.



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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 begin our study of*** **The Gospel of Matthew**

We hope you will join us.

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

The Gospel of Matthew is the first book of the New Testament of the Bible and one of the three synoptic Gospels. It tells how Israel's Messiah, Jesus, comes to his people and forms a community of disciples, of how he taught the people through such events as the Sermon on the Mount and its Beatitudes, and how Israel becomes divided and how Jesus condemns this hostile Israel. This culminates in his departure from the Temple and his execution. At this point many people reject Jesus, and on his resurrection he sends the disciples to the gentiles.

Matthew seems to emphasize that the Jewish tradition should not be lost in a church that was increasingly becoming gentile. The gospel reflects the struggles and conflicts between the evangelist's community and the other Jews, particularly with its sharp criticism of the scribes and Pharisees with the position that through their rejection of Christ, the Kingdom of God has been taken away from them and given instead to the church. The divine nature of Jesus was a major issue for the Matthaean community, the crucial element separating the early Christians from their Jewish neighbors; while Mark begins with Jesus' baptism and temptations, Matthew goes back to Jesus' origins, showing him as the Son of God from his birth, the fulfillment of messianic prophecies of the Old Testament. The title Son of David identifies Jesus as the healing and miracle-working Messiah of Israel (it is used exclusively in relation to miracles), sent to Israel alone. As Son of Man he will return to judge the world, an expectation which his disciples recognize but of which his enemies are unaware. As Son of God, God is revealing himself through his son, and Jesus proving his sonship through his obedience and example. Most scholars believe the gospel was composed between AD 80 and 90, with a range of possibility between AD 70 to 110; a pre-70 date remains a minority view. The work does not identify its author, and the early tradition attributing it to the apostle Matthew is rejected by modern scholars. He was probably a male Jew, standing on the margin between traditional and non-traditional Jewish values, and familiar with technical legal aspects of scripture being debated in his time. Writing in a polished Semitic "synagogue Greek", he drew on the Gospel of Mark as a source, plus a hypothetical collection of sayings known as the Q source (material shared with Luke but not with Mark) and hypothetical material unique to his own community, called the M source or "Special Matthew".



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,

Upcoming Events & Services

November 30	4pm	Deadline to order poinsettias
November 30	5:30pm	Choir
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
December 7	5:30pm	Choir
December 10	11:30am	CWF General Meeting
December 11	all day	3rd Sunday of Advent
December 11	10:40am	Christmas offering
December 11	10:40am	Parade of Poinsettias
December 14	5:30pm	Choir
December 17	9:00am	CMF
December 18	all day	4th Sunday of Advent
December 18	10:40am	Christmas Offering
December 18	10:40am	Christmas Cantata



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.

DECEMBER 2022

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

December Birthdays

Pat Brummal	12-1
Kayden Bennett	12-5
Martha Clinton	12-6
Mike Lamb	12-9
Kathy Cunningham	12-10
Sheri Thomas	12-14
Neldajo Mathison	12-15

December Anniversaries

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



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

December 4, 2022

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

December 11, 2022

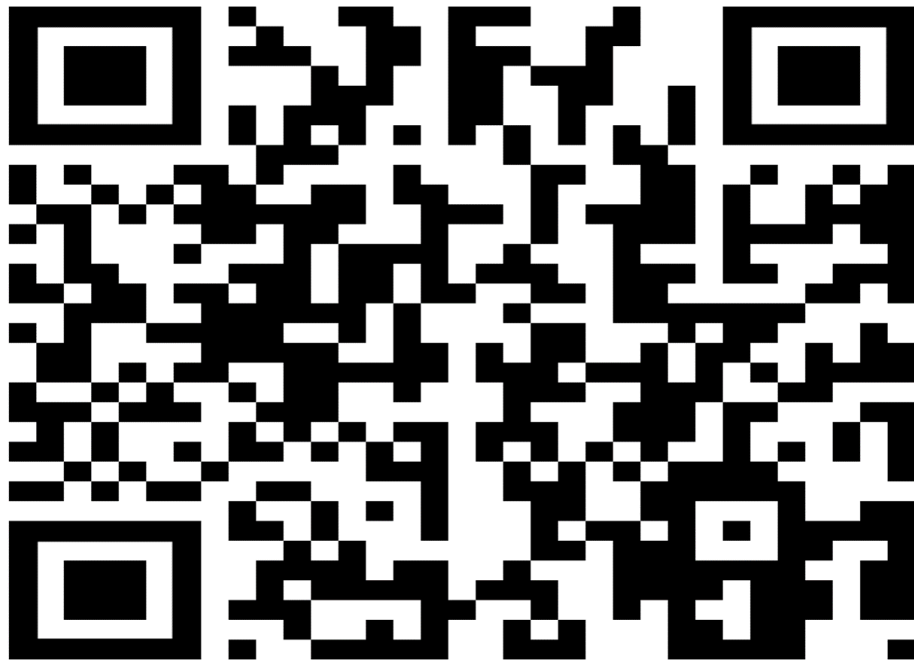
Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter
 Worship Leader: John Beeson
 Hospital Elder: Michael Martin
 Flower Elder: Tom Crow
 Deacons:

December 18, 2022

Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter
 Worship Leader: Donna Nash
 Hospital Elder: George Carpenter
 Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
 Deacons:

December 25, 2022

Greeters: Mike & Martha Clinton
 Worship Leader: Teresa Crow
 Hospital Elder: Joan Carter
 Flower Elder: Jack Carter
 Deacons:



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CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

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Prayer Need

Our Church

Wes Byas

Harold Taylor

Morris Shields, friend of Lynn Wilmoth

Tonya Fields, friend of Lynn Wilmoth

Jackie Dowd, friend of Lynn Wilmoth

Lee Nailling

Paula Smith, friend of Martha Clinton

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

Ongoing Concerns

John Cunningham

Robbin Ridgell, friend of the Mathison's

Terry Love, friend of the Hamiltons

Suzette Witty, friend of Randy King

Laroy and Jane Thomas, friend of Jerry Thomas

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



Thanks does not seem to be enough to express the love and support I received from you and am still receiving. How can anyone get thru the loss of a loved one without a church family?? I love each and every one of you.

Lee and family



**Serving this Sunday
December 4, 2022**

Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhart

Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell

Hospital Elder: Jim Spears

Flower Elder: Connie Spears

Deacons:

November 27, 2022

Attendance: 48

Offering: \$ 8,311.45

Weekly Needs: \$ 4,068.61

Difference: \$ 4,242.84

YTD Collected: \$158,763.37

YTD Needed: \$195,293.78

Difference: \$-36,530.41

LECTIONARY FOR DECEMBER 4, 2022

Peace Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon This Sunday:

"Roots"

Scripture:

Matthew 3:1-12