

# The Central Christian 411

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## Isaiah 7:10-16

Again, the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup>“Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.”

<sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test.”

<sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, <sup>16</sup>for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.

Isaiah speaks of “Immanuel” having to learn “to reject the wrong and choose the right.” This is something we all must learn and not all are successful. Yet, it must be said, not all decisions have a clear wrong or right. Some are quite complicated and therefore difficult. For example, read the following story:

During World War II, Winston Churchill was forced to make a painful choice. The British secret service had broken the Nazi code and informed Churchill the Germans were going to bomb Coventry. He had two alternatives:

- (1) evacuate the citizens and save hundreds of lives at the expense of indicating to the Germans the code was broken; or
- (2) take no action, which would kill hundreds but keep the information flowing and possibly save many more lives. Churchill had to choose and followed the second course.

Always remember when you have a difficult decision to make, God is with you and understands difficult decisions better than we can imagine. Be strong and courageous. Jesus was.

May the God of love and peace abide with you always,

Wes



Jack & Joan Carter  
cordially invite you to the  
Church Christmas Party  
Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
at  
3321 Williamsburg Circle  
Texarkana  
6:00 p.m.

Please bring a gift for a gift exchange under  
\$15.00.



## ***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 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Thank you!**

**Connie Spears**

# Advent

*A Season of Hope  
& Expectation*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>,  
IS THE FOURTH 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".



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> &  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>,  
WE WILL BE TAKING OUR  
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING.

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING SUPPORTS  
REGIONAL MINISTRIES.

IN 32 REGIONS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AND  
CANADA, MINISTERS ARE NURTURED, AND  
CONGREGATIONS ARE PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR WORK AND WORSHIP. OFTEN RECOGNIZED FOR  
THE MINISTRIES OF CAMPS AND CONFERENCES,  
REGIONS ALSO PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE  
PREPARATION AND AUTHORIZATION OF  
MINISTERIAL ORDINATION. BOTH ARE KEY TO  
CHURCH LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT.  
REGIONS PARTNER WITH CONGREGATIONS TO  
SUPPORT THE WORK REQUIRED  
TO CALL A NEW MINISTER.



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

WILL BE MEETING

**Saturday, DEC. 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

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



SUNDAY

DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

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!



OUR CHURCH OFFICE

WILL CLOSE AT NOON

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

FOR THE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

AND

WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>.

HAVE A VERY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND GOD BLESS!!!





**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>,**

**JOIN US FOR OUR**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE.**

**SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT**

**6 P.M.**

**IN THE SANCTUARY.**

**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS**

**CELEBRATION**

**OF OUR LORD'S BIRTH.**

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 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



OUR CHURCH OFFICE  
WILL CLOSE AT NOON  
ON  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>  
FOR  
NEW YEARS HOLIDAY  
AND  
WILL REOPEN ON  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>  
HAVE A  
BLESSED 2023!!!



***SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, IS***

***NEW YEAR'S EVE!***

***LET US RENEW***

***OUR***

***COMMITMENT TO GOD,***

***SET NEW***

***GOALS FOR SERVING HIM***

***AND FOR SERVING***

***OUR***

***NEIGHBOR (COMMUNITY).***

***HAVE A***

***BLESSED & PROSPEROUS***

***2023!!***



## 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> **So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!** <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**MAY 2023 NOT ONLY BE A NEW YEAR,  
BUT A NEW LIFE FOR US ALL!**



**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.



**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***

## **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.

# 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 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,

**Upcoming Events & Services**

<b>December 14</b>	5:30pm	Choir
<b>December 17</b>	9:00am	CMF
<b>December 17</b>	4:00pm	Choir
<b>December 17</b>	6:00pm	Hendricks/Kern wedding rehearsal
<b>December 18</b>	all day	4th Sunday of Advent
<b>December 18</b>	10:40am	Christmas Offering
<b>December 18</b>	10:40am	Christmas Cantata
<b>December 18</b>	5:30pm	Hendricks/Kern wedding
<b>December 21</b>	5:30pm	Choir
<b>December 23</b>	12:00pm	office closes
<b>December 24</b>	6:00pm	Candlelight Service
<b>December 25</b>	all day	Christmas Sunday
<b>December 25</b>	11am	Christmas Dinner for the homeless and needy
<b>December 26</b>	all day	office closed
<b>December 28</b>	5:30pm	Choir



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.

# 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 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 4pm Choir 6pm Hendricks/Kern wedding rehearsal
18 4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Christmas Cantata 5:30pm Hendricks/Kern wedding	19	20	21 5:30pm Choir	22	23 12pm Office closes	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 5:30pm Choir	29	30 12pm Office closes	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

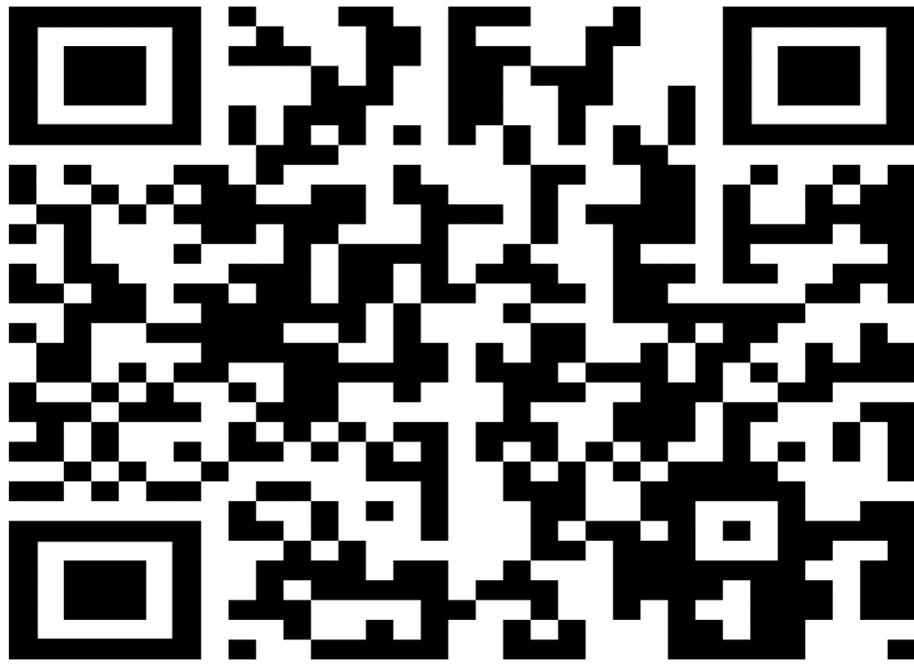
Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter  
Worship Leader: John Beeson  
Hospital Elder: Michael Martin  
Flower Elder: Tom Crow  
Deacons:

### 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:



*SCAN THIS*  
*QR CODE*  
*TO SEE*  
*OUR*  
*CHURCH VIDEO!*

*SHOW*  
*FRIENDS AND FAMILY.*

# Weekly Info

## Prayer Need

Our Church  
Wes Byas  
Elizabeth Cooney  
Elaine Hamilton  
Morris Shields, friend of Lynn Wilmoth  
Tonya Fields, friend of Lynn Wilmoth  
Jackie Dowd, friend of Lynn Wilmoth  
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  
David Allard, Glenda Burkhart's brother-in-law  
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

Joe Frost, Sr., home  
James Thompson, home  
Susie Howdeshell, home  
Jane Watson, home  
Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life  
Susan DeFoy, MRC Cornerstone, Rm. 505A



*Elaine Carpenter*

*Alice Coleman*  
*Lois Moore*



**Serving this Sunday**  
**December 18, 2022**

**Greeters:** Jack & Joan Carter

**Worship Leader:**

**Hospital Elder:** George Carpenter

**Flower Elder:** Julia Carpenter

**Deacons:**

## December 11, 2022

**Attendance:** 35

**Offering:** \$ 3,012.48

**Weekly Needs:** \$ 4,068.61

**Difference:** \$ -1,056.13

**YTD Collected:** \$168,116.98

**YTD Needed:** \$203,431.00

**Difference:** \$-35,314.02

## **LECTIONARY FOR DECEMBER 18, 2022**

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Isaiah 7:10-16**

**Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

**Romans 1:1-7**

**Matthew 1:18-25**

**This Sunday:**

***Christmas Cantata***