

The Central Christian 411

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1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Paul speaks of being enriched by Christ and therefore not lacking in any gift. I wonder how many of us truly take inventory of the gifts we have. How many of us are oblivious to our gifts, not seeing a gift as a gift but as something of little value? For the new year I would like to suggest we all take inventory and see the gifts God has given us for what they are. Whether it be cooking, sports, typing, cleaning, taking care of children responsibly, taking care of the sick, helping the mentally challenged, and yes, even being a smart shopper! All gifts are important.

A man goes to buy a hamburger for lunch. The young lady behind the counter asks, "Do you want fries with that?" The man answers he does. The lady gets the fries from under a hot lamp. She could not have gotten the man fries if someone had not delivered them in a truck. The truck driver could not have delivered them unless someone had grown the potatoes and taken them to market. The fries could not have been taken from market and delivered by truck unless someone had made boxes in which to ship them. The boxes would not have been available unless a plant had been built. The plant could not work without a machine, and the machine would not have been available without an engineer to design the machine. The engineer is working on the design of a machine when he notices it is noon. He drives to the nearest fast food restaurant and orders a hamburger. The lady asks, "Do you want fries with that?"

Everyone in the story is important. If you left out one person in that circle there would be no fries in the restaurant. Service gifts tend to be in the background, but that does not mean they are unimportant. They are critical to accomplishing the work of God to his glory.

May the God of gifts be with you always, Wes

URGENT

**WE ARE ASSIGNING A
SECURITY CODE
TO EACH INDIVIDUAL
WHO HAS A KEY.**

**IF YOU HAVE A KEY,
YOU MUST COMPLETE
A**

**KEY CONTROL FORM
NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20TH**

**OR YOU WILL
NO LONGER BE ABLE TO DISARM
THE
SECURITY ALARM.**

**CALL TONYA TO ARRANGE A DAY AND TIME
TO COMPLETE THE FORM.**



Potluck
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH,
WE WILL HAVE A
THIRD SUNDAY
POTLUCK LUNCHEON
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
OUR
WORSHIP SERVICE

A-H = Salad or Vegetable

I-Z = Meat

***LET US COME TOGETHER AS A STRONG
CHURCH FAMILY!!!***



MONDAY

JANUARY 16TH

IS

M.L.K. Jr. DAY.

**His dream was for a nation,
a world, unified regardless of
race. This is what our Lord
taught, as well.**

**Let us celebrate the DREAM
and**

MAKE IT HAPPEN!



THE CHURCH OFFICE

WILL BE CLOSED

MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH

FOR

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

AND

WILL REOPEN ON

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH

HAVE A BLESSED

MLK DAY!!!

A decorative black border with floral motifs at the top and bottom, and swirling scrollwork on the sides, framing the text.

CWF/DWM Blog

CWF will meet on
Tuesday, January 17th at 11:30am
in Disciples Hall.

Our project for the month is
Church World Service and
Running WJ Ranch.

Our lunch will be salad and desserts.

All women are invited.

Hope to see everyone there.



Isaiah 1:12-18

When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation — I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

In the Scripture passage chosen for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023, the prophet Isaiah teaches us how we are to cure these ills. Learning to do right requires the decision to engage in self-reflection. The Week of Prayer is the perfect time for Christians to recognize that the divisions between our churches and confessions cannot be separated from the divisions within the wider human family. Praying together for Christian unity allows us to reflect on what unites us and to commit ourselves to confront oppression and division amongst humanity. The prophet Micah points out that God has told us what is good and what God requires of us: “to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God” (Mic 6:8). To act justly means that we have respect for all persons. Justice requires truly equitable treatment in order to address historic disadvantage based on “race”, gender, religion and socio-economic status. To walk humbly with God requires repentance, reparations, and finally reconciliation. God expects us to unite in a shared responsibility for equity for all God’s children. The unity of Christians should be a sign and foretaste of the reconciled unity of the entire creation. However, Christian division weakens the force of that sign, serving to reinforce division rather than bring healing to the world’s brokenness which is the Church’s mission.

JANUARY 18-25



THE
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Saturday, JAN. 21st

at 9:00 A.M. in the

Community Room

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

Board Meeting



THERE WILL BE A
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY
JANUARY 23RD
AT 6 P.M.
IN
THE COMMUNITY ROOM.
ALL BOARD MEETING ARE VERY
SO ALL BOARD MEMBERS
ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE
PRESENT.
SEE YOU THERE!!



SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH, IS OUR
5TH SUNDAY BREAKFAST!

Sunday School Classes, please bring:

TNT: Continental breakfast food of choice.

Journey: Continental breakfast food of choice.

COME JOIN US IN **BREAKING BREAD**
AS WE CELEBRATE
OUR LORD



African American History Month is an annual observance originating in the United States, where it is also known as African-American History Month.

It has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada, and more recently has been observed in Ireland, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. *It began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora.*

It is celebrated in February in the United States and Canada.



DON'T FORGET THOSE YOU LOVE

ON

VALENTINES DAY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023

WE WILL HAVE A

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

ON SUNDAY, FEB. 12TH

SO, BRING YOUR VALENTINE(S)

AND JOIN US FOR THIS

TIME HONORED TRADITION.



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 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](tel:9032804130).



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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
SEEKERS
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

meets every Sunday morning at
9:30 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,

Upcoming Events & Services

January 11	5:30pm	Choir
January 15	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
January 16	all day	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 16	all day	office closed
January 17	11:30am	CWF Day Group
January 18	5:30pm	Choir
January 18-25	all day	Week of Prayer
January 20	4pm	Deadline for key control forms
January 21	9am	CMF
January 22	11:45am	Fellowship Committee meeting in Community Room
January 22	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
January 22	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
January 23	6pm	General Board Meeting
January 25	5:30pm	Choir
January 29	9:30am	5th Sunday Breakfast
February 1	all month	African American History Month



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.

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	2 office closed	3	4 5:30pm Choir	5	6	7 10:30am Chair Training
8 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	9	10 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	11 5:30pm Choir	12	13	14
15 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 11:45pm Potluck Luncheon	16 office closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17 11:30am CWF Day Group	18 5:30pm Choir	19	20 Deadline for key control forms	21 9am CMF
22 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 11:45am Fellowship Commi. 4pm Randy Sams prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	23 6pm General Board Meeting	24	25 5:30pm Choir	26	27	28
29 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am 5th Sunday Breakfast 10:40am Traditional Worship	30	31				

January Birthdays

Jim Spears	1-1
Mary Cobb	1-4
Seth Byas	1-4
Laura Byas	1-10
Glenda Burkhart	1-15
Rusty Minx	1-15
Glen Hudspeth	1-16
Jerry Thomas	1-18
Sydney Fowler	1-27
Janet Bennett	1-28
Hayden Stover	1-31

January Anniversaries

Mike & Glenda Worley	1-2
Justin & Cara Fowler	1-16



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

January 1, 2023

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
 Worship Leader: Teresa Crow
 Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
 Flower Elder: Connie Spears
 Deacons:

January 8, 2023

Greeters: Herb & Elaine Hamilton
 Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
 Hospital Elder: Tom Crow
 Flower Elder: Mike Martin
 Deacons:

January 15, 2023

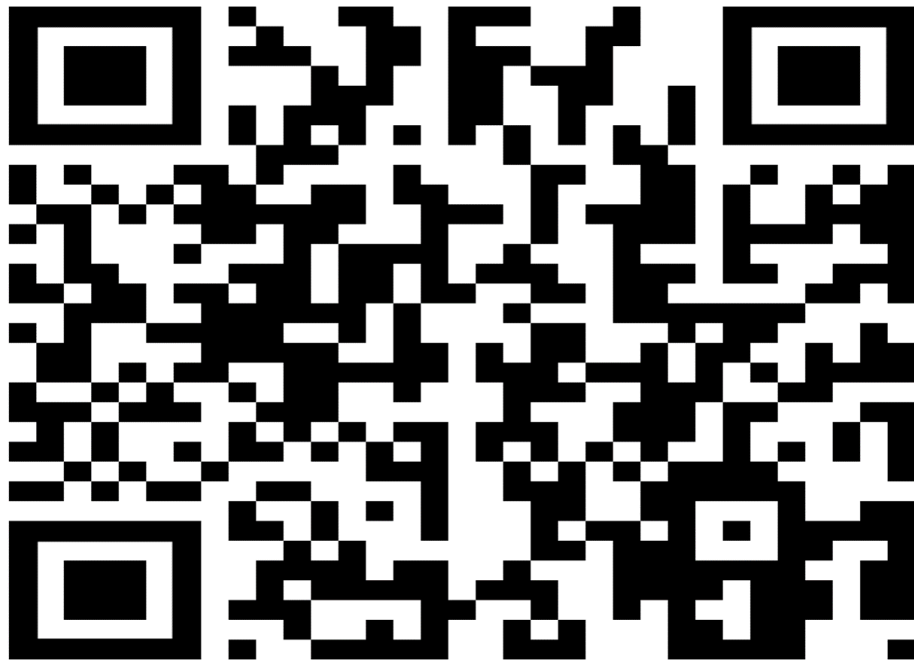
Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern
 Worship Leader: Jim Spears
 Hospital Elder: Julia Carpenter
 Flower Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
 Deacons:

January 22, 2023

Greeters: Randy & Diane King
 Worship Leader: Lee Nailling
 Hospital Elder: John Beeson
 Flower Elder: Donna Nash
 Deacons:

January 29, 2023

Greeters: Cowboy & Neldajo Mathison
 Worship Leader: Alice Coleman
 Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
 Flower Elder: Joan Carter
 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

Cindy Bixler, Hamilton's daughter-in-law

Elizabeth Cooney

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 Burkhardt's son-in-law

Ongoing Concerns

Gary Smith, friend of Lee Nailling

Robbin Ridgell, friend of the Mathison's

David Allard, Glenda Burkhardt'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, hospice of Texarkana room 6

In Loving Memory

Elaine Carpenter

Tim & Donna Nash

Jean Nailling

Tim & Donna Nash

Johnny Cunningham

Tim & Donna Nash



Serving this Sunday
January 15, 2023

Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern

Worship Leader: Jim Spears

Hospital Elder: Julia Carpenter

Flower Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.

Deacons:

December 31, 2022

Offering: \$ 1,950.00

Weekly Needs: \$ 4,068.61

Difference: \$ -2,118.61

YTD Collected: \$184,119.75

YTD Needed: \$211,568.00

Difference: \$-27,448.25

January 8, 2023

Attendance: 41

Offering: \$ 4,649.74

Weekly Needs: \$ 4,068.61

Difference: \$ 581.13

This Sunday:

"What's in a Name?"

Scripture:

John 1:29-42

LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 15, 2023

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42