

The Central Christian 411

Volume 14, Issue 3
January 18, 2023



Psalm 27:1, 4-9

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴ One thing I asked of the LORD;
this I seek:

to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

⁶ Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, do I seek.

⁹ Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

This has been a favorite Psalm of mine for many years. I personally think of this Psalm equal to the 23rd Psalm. For me it brings comfort, peace, and a sense of well-being. It reminds me of the words: "You may destroy my body, but not my spirit."

To think of God as a stronghold, as one who can hide me in His shelter, conceal me under the cover of His tent, or set me high on a rock, brings a contentment and peace that is indescribable. I hope you find this Psalm as a source of peace and comfort.

May the God of peace, comfort and love abide in 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.**



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



SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th, 2023

WE WILL HAVE

THE

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

AND

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

during our 10:40 service.

If you have accepted one of these
positions, please plan to attend on this
special day.



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).



THE
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Saturday, FEB. 18TH

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

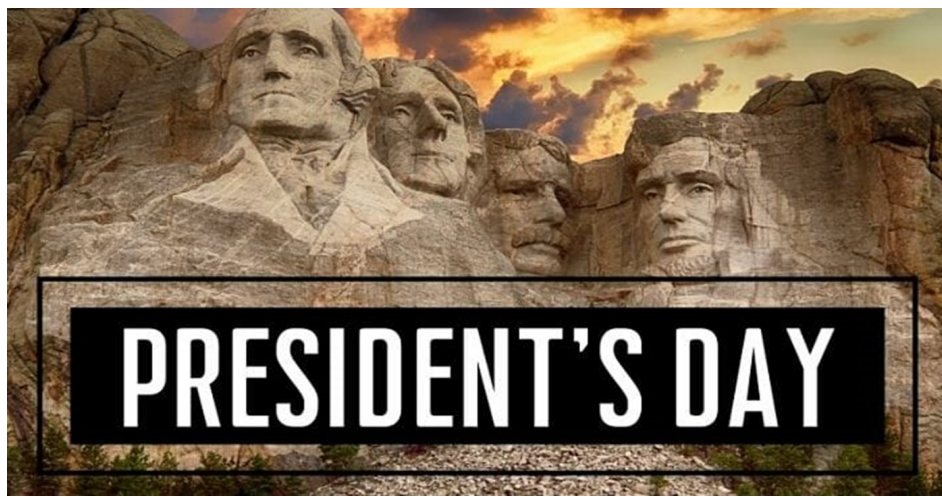
**We encourage all of our men to be
present.**



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19th
THROUGH
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH
IS
WEEK OF COMPASSION

We will be taking our Week of Compassion Special
Offering on these two Sundays.

As the relief, refugee, and development mission
fund of the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),
Week of Compassion
works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout
the world.



This year, Presidents' Day is Monday, February 20th! Which presidents do we celebrate on Presidents' Day? And why do we commonly call it "Presidents' Day" when the observed federal holiday is officially called "Washington's Birthday"?

Although the holiday is most often referred to as "Presidents' Day," the observed federal holiday is officially called "**Washington's Birthday.**" Neither Congress nor the President has ever stipulated that the name of the holiday observed as Washington's Birthday be changed to Presidents' Day. Additionally, Congress has never declared a national holiday that is binding in all states; each state has the freedom to determine its own legal holidays. This is why there are some calendar discrepancies when it comes to this holiday's date.

In a sense, calling the holiday Presidents' Day helps us to reflect on not just the first president, but also the founding of our nation, its values, and what Washington calls in his Farewell Address the "beloved Constitution and union, as received from the Founders." Additionally, Abraham Lincoln's birthday is in February (on the 12th), so by calling the holiday "Presidents' Day," we can include another remarkable president in our celebrations as well.

Today, many calendars list the third Monday of February as Presidents' Day, just as quite a few U.S. states do, too. Of course, all of the 3-day retail store sales are called "Presidents' Day" sales and this vernacular has also been influential in how we reference the holiday.



February 22nd

OUR

ASH WEDNESDAY

SERVICE

WILL BE HELD

AT

6:00 P.M.

IN THE SANCTUARY

LET US BEGIN **LENT** BY BRINGING
FAMILY AND FRIENDS

TO

THIS VERY SPECIAL **LENTEN** SERVICE



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 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
February 1	5:30pm	Choir
February 8	5:30pm	Choir
February 14	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group



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.

FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30pm Choir	2	3	4
5 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	6	7	8 5:30pm Choir	9	10	11 Bingo
12 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	13	14 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	15 5:30pm Choir	16	17	18 9am CMF
19 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 11:45am Potluck Luncheon	20	21	22 6pm Ash Wednesday Service	23	24	25
26 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	27 6pm Cabinet Meeting	28				

February Birthdays

Elaine Hamilton	2-2
Joe Frost, Sr.	2-8
Susie Howdeshell	2-8
Cameron Lumpkin	2-9
Connie Spears	2-13
Cara Fowler	2-20
George Carpenter, Sr.	2-24
Troy Kern	2-26
Joe Alves	2-28

February Anniversaries

Joe & Dorothy Alves	2-10
---------------------	------



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

February 5, 2023

Greeters:
Worship Leader:
Hospital Elder:
Flower Elder:
Deacons: Jac

February 12, 2023

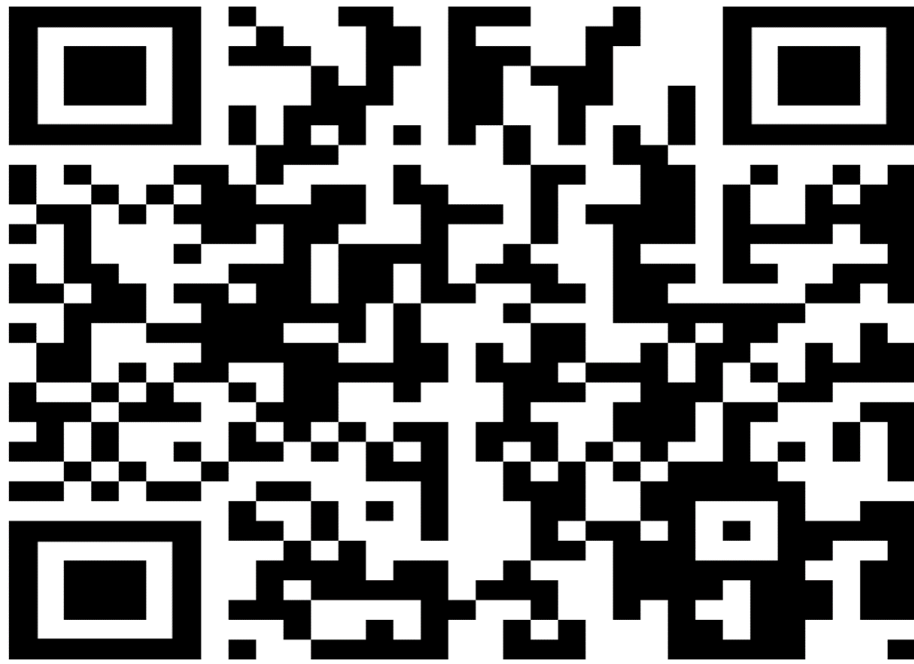
Greeters:
Worship Leader:
Hospital Elder:
Flower Elder:
Deacons:

February 19, 2023

Greeters:
Worship Leader:
Hospital Elder:
Flower Elder:
Deacons:

February 26, 2023

Greeters:
Worship Leader:
Hospital Elder:
Flower Elder:
Deacons:



SCAN THIS
QR CODE
TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

Page 33

Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Ethan Cole and family
Bill Brittenham, friend of Lois Moore
James Brittenham, friend of Lois Moore
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 Burkhart's son-in-law

Ongoing Concerns

Gary Smith, friend of Lee Nailling
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

Memorials

Susan DeFoy

Jack & Joan Carter
Alice Coleman



Serving this Sunday
January 22, 2023

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

January 15, 2023

Attendance:	47
Offering:	\$ 5,754.54
Weekly Needs:	<u>\$ 4,068.61</u>
Difference:	\$ 1,685.93
 YTD Collected:	 \$ 11,603.96
YTD Needed:	<u>\$ 12,205.83</u>
Difference:	\$ -601.87

This Sunday:

"A Sense of Belonging"

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 22, 2023

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23