

# The Central Christian 411

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## 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so your trust and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth, so you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

As most of you know, James was a big believer in works. That he who has faith MUST have works. Here in 1 Peter, we are reading: If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to *each person's work*," which is equally clear Peter believed in works, then we may logically conclude works are VERY important. It is one thing to say, "I have great faith," but it sends a whole different message if we have no works to back up our great faith. That is, if we do not ACT on our faith in ways that express our belief, especially when it comes to loving our neighbor as ourselves, helping the poor, the lame, the deaf and the blind. In other words, if we are not helping those who need help. What if Jesus had ensured his disciples did all he asked of them? What if Jesus was a tough manager of all his followers?

A manager and a sales rep stood looking at a map on which colored pins indicated the company representative in each area. "I'm not going to fire you, Wilson," the manager said, "but I'm loosening your pin a bit just to emphasize the insecurity of your situation."

Would Jesus loosen your colored pin? Threaten you with being removed from the map of his followers? Are you one of his hard, diligent workers or are you finding yourself in a precarious state?

Let us be secure in our discipleship. Let us provide works with our faith.

May we all stand before God with mighty works,

Wes

Christian Church



*(Disciples of Christ)*

in the United States and Canada

### How and why we worship in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) continued:

Obviously, what Disciples do when we gather to worship does not differ greatly from what is done by other Christians. Three practices are particularly noteworthy, however. These three involve the way in which the **Lord's Supper** is celebrated in all Disciples congregations.

First, we observe the Lord's Supper *weekly* as one of the twin focal points of our worship. We understand this to have been the practice of the early church.

Second, we invite *all* persons who follow Christ to participate in the Lord's Supper. The church erects no artificial barriers to sharing the loaf and cup.

Third, *lay* elders and deacons prepare, celebrate, and serve the Lord's Supper. Although the clergy may participate in this act of worship, the presence of an ordained minister is not imperative.

What happens when Christians gather to worship has been one of the central questions which has emerged from our conversations with other churches. This is as it should be, because worship is the very heart of our life together as the people of God.

Whether or not it occurs during the Sunday morning worship service, or at some other time, **baptism** calls a congregation together. Parallel to the Lord's Supper in its importance, baptism is an event where God's presence and action command the attention of the congregation. When someone who has professed faith in Christ is immersed in water in front of the church, we see the visible sign of what happens inwardly when one dies to sin, is raised to new life in Christ, and becomes a members of the body of Christ – the church.

In addition to the Sunday morning service, many **other occasions** call Christians to worship. Devotional services in fellowship meetings, church business sessions, and prayer groups are a part of the worship life in many congregations. Many churches participate in an international chain of prayer by holding a 24 hour prayer vigil each year. Private devotional life on the part of the church members undergirds the corporate worship activity of a congregation.

Events in the life of God's people are occasions for worship: ordaining a man or woman to the ministry, installing church officers, dedicating buildings, and celebrating anniversaries. And events in the lives of individual Christians, such as weddings and funerals, provide settings to support one another in love and to renew our understanding of life.

Customarily, cultural and secular concerns, such as Mother's Day and Labor Day, have influenced worship services. The Week of Compassion and other emphases of the mission of the church determine the direction of worship on certain Sundays. Occasions such as World Communion Sunday or the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity evoke ecumenically shared concerns in worship.



**SATURDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**ALL TOGETHER now!**

**This is the moment to change it all — the business climate, the political climate, and how we take action on climate. Now is the time for the unstoppable courage to preserve and protect our health, our families, our livelihoods... together, we must Invest in Our Planet.**

**Because a green future is a prosperous future.**

**We need to act (boldly), innovate (broadly), and implement (equitably). It's going to take all of us. All in. Businesses, governments, and citizens — everyone accounted for, and everyone accountable. A partnership for the planet.**

**And while there is still time to solve the climate crisis, time to choose BOTH a prosperous and sustainable future, and time to restore nature and build a healthy planet for our children and their children, time is short.**

**The Earth Day 2023 Theme is Invest in Our Planet.**

**What Will You Do?**

**For Earth Day 2023, together, for everyone, everything, every day...**

**#InvestInOurPlanet**



# Community Outreach

SUNDAY, APRIL 23<sup>rd</sup>

WE WILL BE SERVING OUR LOCAL  
RANDY SAM'S SHELTER

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.'

# Cabinet Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>

WE WILL HAVE OUR

**CABINET MEETING**

AT 6 P.M.

IF YOU ARE ANY OF THE  
FOLLOWING, YOU ARE ON THE  
CABINET:

**Moderator, Vice Moderator, Secretary,**  
Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. The  
Chair of each Committee, President of CMF,  
and CWF.



**APRIL 28, 2023**

The United States was one of the first countries in the world to celebrate Arbor Day, a holiday dedicated to tree planting.

National Arbor Day in the USA is celebrated on the last Friday in April. Besides, each state celebrates its own state tree planting holiday. Arbor Day was founded by Julius Sterling Morton, a Nebraska newspaper editor, agriculturalist and statesman. Morton was a respected agriculturalist fascinated with trees, he planted numerous trees on his estate.

Currently, his former mansion and estate serve as Arbor Lodge State Historical Park. Morton came up with the idea of celebrating Arbor Day in the early 1870s. The first celebration was held in Nebraska on April 10, 1872.

Its participants planted an estimated one million trees throughout the state. By the 1920s, each state had passed laws that stipulated a certain day to be state Arbor Day. In some states, the holiday was named Arbor and Bird Day. In Nebraska, Arbor Day is a civic holiday. National Arbor Day in the United States was established as a state holiday in 1885.

It was moved from April 10 (its original date proposed by Morton) to April 22 (Morton's birthday). In 1989, the holiday was moved to the last Friday in April. On this day, Americans are encouraged to plant trees, bushes and plants (if weather conditions allow) and care for their national environment.



COMING

APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>!

OUR ANNUAL

FISH FRY & AUCTION!

Tickets: \$20.00 Doors

Open at 6:00 p.m.

Begin Serving at 6:30 p.m.

For Auction, bring New Items in Advance.

Bring Baked Goods

on Day of Auction.



SUNDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, IS OUR  
5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
BREAKFAST!

ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE  
(AND WE HOPE ALL OF YOU DO)

PLEASE BRING A  
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST FOOD ITEM

COME JOIN US AT 9:30 A.M. IN  
BREAKING BREAD  
AS WE CELEBRATE  
OUR LORD





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  
EZEKIEL**

We study various books of the Bible  
and recently completed the  
**BOOK OF ACTS.**

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>April 19</b>	5:30pm	Choir
<b>April 23</b>	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
<b>April 23</b>	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
<b>April 24</b>	6pm	Cabinet Meeting
<b>April 26</b>	5:30pm	Choir
<b>April 27</b>	4pm	Church Growth/Evangelism Committee
<b>April 28</b>	10am	Set up for Fish Fry and Auction
<b>April 29</b>	6pm	Fish Fry and Auction
<b>April 30</b>	9:30am	5th Sunday Breakfast
<b>May 3</b>	5:30pm	Choir
<b>May 9</b>	11:30am	CWF Day Group
<b>May 9</b>	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
<b>May 10</b>	5:30pm	Choir
<b>May 14</b>	all day	Mother's Day
<b>May 17</b>	5:30pm	Choir
<b>May 20</b>	9am	CMF
<b>May 21</b>	11:45am	Monthly potluck



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.

# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Monthly potluck Last name beginning with: A-H: Vegetable or salad I-Z: Meat	1	2	3 5:30pm Choir	4	5	6
7 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	8	9 11:30am CWF Day Group 6pm Hope Remains	10 5:30pm Choir	11	12	13
<b>14 Mother's Day</b> Christian Family Week Begins 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	15	16	17 5:30pm Choir	18	19	20 9am CWF
21 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 11:45am Potluck Luncheon	22 6pm General Board Meeting	23	24 5:30pm Choir	25	26 4:30pm-6:30pm Spaghetti Dinner	27
28 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pm Randy Sams prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	29 Office closed	30	31 5:30pm Choir			



## May Birthdays

Bob Wilmoth	05-09
Richard Martin	05-13
Isabelle Fowler	05-13
Gabriel Fowler	05-16
Richard Burkhart	05-17
Diane Pope-King	05-20
Nick (Cowboy) Mathison	05-23
Aaron Dobby	05-24
Midge Cooney	05-28
Wes Byas	05-28
John Beeson	05-29

## May Anniversaries

Richard & Glenda Burkhart	05-03
Tim & Donna Nash	05-21



## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

### May 7, 2023

Greeters: Harold & Pat Taylor  
Worship Leader:  
Hospital Elder:  
Flower Elder:  
Deacons:

### May 14, 2023

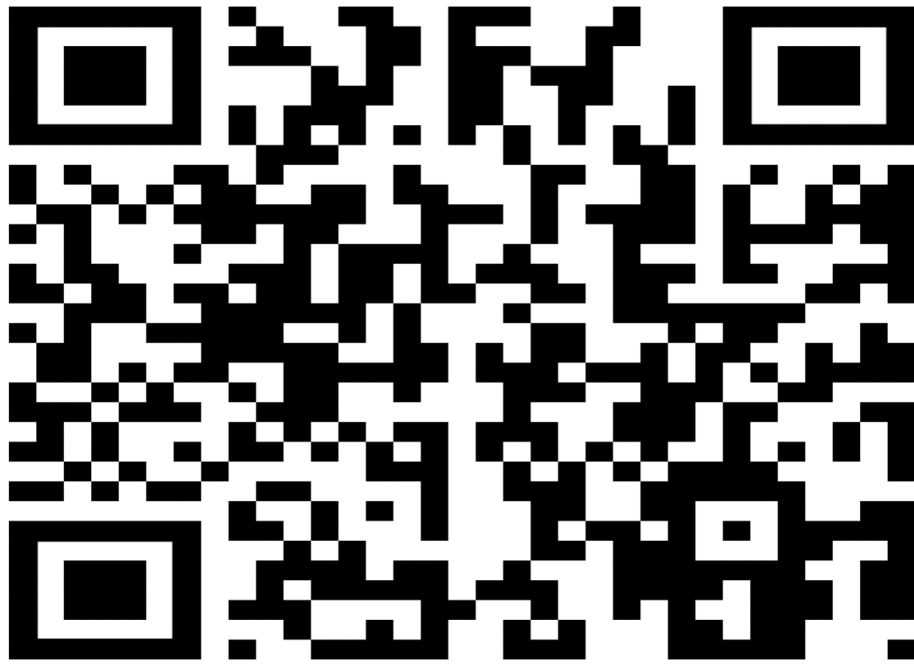
Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas  
Worship Leader:  
Hospital Elder:  
Flower Elder:  
Deacons:

### May 21, 2023

Greeters: Ethan Cole & Alice Coleman  
Worship Leader:  
Hospital Elder:  
Flower Elder:  
Deacons:

### May 28, 2023

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth  
Worship Leader:  
Hospital Elder:  
Flower Elder:  
Deacons:



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*CHURCH VIDEO!*

*SHOW*  
*FRIENDS AND FAMILY.*

# Weekly Info

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## Prayer Need

Our Church  
Wes Byas  
Neldajo Mathison  
Jane Hamilton, friend of Teresa Crow  
Dan Hall, Julia Carpenter's dad  
Jeanette Chittenden, Mary Chittenden's daughter-in-law  
Jeane Duren, Beth Brine's aunt  
Shirley Hawthorn, friend of Mary Chittenden  
Mitch Anderson, friend of George & Julia Carpenter  
Tonya Fields, friend of Lynn Wilmoth  
Paula Smith, friend of Martha Clinton  
Bill Griffin, Glenda Burkhart's son-in-law

## Ongoing Concerns

Pam Smotherman, Joan Carter's sister  
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

## Homebound

Joe Frost, Sr., home  
Elizabeth Cooney, home  
Nancy Bair, home  
James Thompson, home  
Susie Howdeshell, home  
Bobbie Roberts, Pat Taylor's mom, home  
Jane Watson, home  
Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life



**Serving this Sunday**  
**April 23, 2023**

**Greeters:** Robert & Alice Kern  
**Worship Leader:** Sondra Bedwell  
**Hospital Elder:** John Beeson  
**Flower Elder:** Jim Spears  
**Deacons:** Mae Kidd & Ethan Cole

**April 16, 2023**

**Attendance:** 33  
**Offering:** \$ 705.54  
**Weekly Needs:** \$ 4,379.46  
**Difference:** \$ -3,673.92  
  
**YTD Collected:** \$ 55,607.06  
**YTD Needed:** \$ 70,071.36  
**Difference:** \$ -14,464.30

**This Sunday:**

***"Burning Hearts"***

**Scripture:**

**Luke 24:13-35**

**LECTIONARY FOR APRIL 23, 2023**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 2:14a, 36-41**  
**Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19**  
**1 Peter 1:17-23**  
**Luke 24:13-35**