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Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Of all the Psalms, this Psalm is the most quoted and undoubtedly the best loved. Whether it be at a wedding or funeral, this Psalm reaches the depths of the heart and soul. Jesus referred to himself as the Shepherd. He promised to restore our souls and lead us on the path of righteousness. As for difficult times in our lives, Jesus assures us we will not walk through that valley alone. That he will remain with us to comfort us.

As for preparing a table before us in the presence of our enemies, Jesus tells us we should love our enemies. To do otherwise is of no benefit to us. Jesus has anointed us with his blood and given his body that we may have life eternal, and our sins forgiven. Because of all he has done, we are able to say, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

May God hold you in the palm of his hand, always.



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

Recently, Disciple congregations have been learning to use time as a tool to communicate the saving activity of God, the story of Jesus Christ, and the Christian mission. Therefore, many have begun using the seasons and days of the liturgical calendar:

- ADVENT when we, like God's people long ago, anticipate the coming of Jesus, both in history and in the future.
- CHRISTMAS not merely the day, but the season, when we celebrate the word made flesh in Jesus.
- EPIPHANY when, looking at the life of Jesus, we see the nature and will of God revealed to all people.
- LENT when we examine ourselves and seek to change in response to the suffering and death of Jesus.
- EASTER not just one, but fifty days, when we rejoice in the victory of Christ over the powers of sin and death.
- PENTECOST our celebration of the birthday of the church, and the season when we strive to continue the mission of witness and service inaugurated by the Holy Spirit.

As we repeat this cycle each year, including its particular themes and scripture lessons, we gain a clearer understanding of who we are as Christians. And as Disciples, we broaden our common ground with Christians of other traditions as we seek to grow toward unity with them in our one Lord.

The church does more than worship. We teach, we witness, and we care for one another. Is worship then just one among several activities? Or is worship at the heart of all of our ministries?

Teaching in the church is an interpretation of worship. The care we show for one another receives it significance in worship. Our witness to the world receives its direction for worship, so strategizing for evangelism begins in worship. Regular worship sustains our mission; without worship we forget the source of our call to mission, and we lose courage and motivation. At the table of the Lord we become the ones who show forth the Lord's death in the world until he comes.



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 29TH! **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 30TH, IS OUR 5TH 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



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, MAY 9TH, IN HeBREWS

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.



CHRISTIAN FAMILY WEEK IS MAY 14TH - 20TH

We will have a special service, along with a Potluck Luncheon to celebrate Christian Family Week on Sunday, May 21st!

BRING YOUR MOTHER TO CHURCH ON THIS SPECIAL DAY!

HERE AT CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MOTHER'S DAY

CELEBRATING







CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Saturday, MAY 20th at 9:00 A.M. in the Comunity Room We encourage all of our men to be present.



Board Meeting



THERE WILL BE A **GENERAL BOARD MEETING** MONDAY MAY 22ND 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!!



FOR THIS CELEBRATION OF THE **HOLY SPIRIT**.

BE SURE TO WEAR RED

MAY 28TH IS **PENTECOST SUNDAY!**

Pentecost Sunday



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.'



MAY 29th IS MEMORIAL DAY

The Civil War ended in the spring of 1865 when Robert E. Lee surrendered the last major Confederate army to Ulysses S. Grant at the Appomattox Court House on April 9. Over 620,000 soldiers died in the four-year conflict. General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic (an organization of Union veterans) would eventually select May 30, 1868, as a day to pay tribute to the fallen:

"The 30th of May 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land..."

Logan apparently chose May 30 because flowers would be in bloom all over the country. By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. States passed proclamations, and the Army and Navy adopted rules for proper observance at their facilities. The crowd attending the first Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery was approximately the same size as those attending today's observance — about 5,000 people. Small American flags were placed on each grave — a tradition still followed at many national cemeteries today. In recent years, the custom has grown in many families to decorate the graves of all departed loved ones.

By 1890, each Northern state had made Decoration Day an official holiday. But this was not the case in the South, where states continued to honor their dead, on separate days until after the First World War.

The May 30th date held for decades. But, in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change took place in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 29^{TH} FOR MEMORIAL DAY AND WILL REOPEN ON TUESD&Y, M&Y 30TH

HAVE A BLESSED MEMORIAL DAY!!!



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 **<u>BY</u> 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.F&CEBOOK.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



JUST & REMINDER

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MEMORIAL

GIFTS ARE WELCOME

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE AN

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PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK TO CCC

WITH & 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 <u>Texarkana</u>.

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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

April 26	5:30pm	Choir	
April 27	4pm	Church Growth/Evangelism Committee	
April 28	10am	Set up for Fish Fry and Auction	
April 29	6pm	Fish Fry and Auction	
April 30	9:30am	5th Sunday Breakfast	
May 3	5:30pm	Choir	
May 9	11:30am	CWF Day Group	
May 9	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group	
May 10	5:30pm	Choir	
May 14	all day	Mother's Day	
May 14-20	all week	Christian Family Week	
May 17	5:30pm	Choir	
May 20	9am	CMF	
May 21	11:45am	Monthly potluck	
May 22	6pm	General Board Meeting	
May 24	5:30pm	Choir	
May 26	4:30pm-6:30pm	Spaghetti Dinner	



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.

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Monthly potluck Last name beginning with: A-H: Vegetable or salad I-Z: Meat	ک	Ν	3 5:30pm Choir	4	СЛ	ග
7 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	ω	9 11:30am CWF Day Group	10 5:30pm Choir	11	12	13
 14 Mother's Day 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 CMF
21 Pentecost offering 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 Pentecost Pentecost offering 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			

CC 30	
05-24	Aaron Doddy
05-20	Diane Pope-King
05-17	Richard Burkhart
05-16	Gabriel Fowler
05-13	Isabelle Fowler
05-13	Richard Martin
05-09	Bob Wilmoth
May Birthdays	Ma

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: Mike Martin Hospital Elder: Tom Crow Flower Elder: Teresa Crow Deacons:

May 14, 2023

Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas Worship Leader: Lee Nailling Hospital Elder: Jim Spears Flower Elder: Connie Spears Deacons:

May 21, 2023

Greeters: Ethan Cole & Alice Coleman Worship Leader: John Beeson Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr. Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter Deacons:

May 28, 2023

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth Worship Leader: Alice Coleman Hospital Elder: Jack Carter Flower Elder: Joan Carter Deacons:



SHOW FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church Wes Byas Glen Hudspeth Jan Hamilton, friend of Teresa Crow Dan Hall, Julia Carpenter's dad Jeanette Chittenden, Mary Chittenden's daughter-inlaw 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 30, 2023

Greeters: Randy & Diane King Worship Leader: Alice Coleman Hospital Elder: Jack Carter Flower Elder: Joan Carter Deacons: Lois Moore & Sheri Thomas

April 23, 2023

Attendance:		32
Offering:	\$	1,435.54
Weekly Needs:	<u>\$</u>	4,379.46
Difference:	\$	-2,943.92
YTD Collected:	\$	57,042.60
YTD Needed:	<u>\$</u>	74,450.82
Difference:	\$	-17,408.22

This Sunday:

"The Good Life"

Scripture:

Acts 2:42-47

LECTIONARY FOR APRIL 30, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10

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