

The Central Christian 411

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Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

This passage is referred to as the Great Commissioning. In many Bibles it is noted this part of Matthew is an addition made by the “Church Fathers” in the early days of the church and the reason is obvious. The early church wanted everyone to know the mission of the church, which for them was to go into the world making disciples of all nations. Had this passage not been added, we would have chapter 28 of Matthew ending like this:

¹¹ While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹² After the priests had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, ¹³ telling them, “You must say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ ¹⁴ If this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” ¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story is still told among the Judeans to this day.

The “Church Fathers” didn’t like the ending of the Gospel of Mark, either, which ended like this:

⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

It is easy to sit in judgment of the decision to change the endings to these two Gospels having not been present when it was done. Perhaps the changes were for the best. Perhaps not. In spite of, or because of, the church grew and prospered. In your life story, perhaps you would like to change what you perceive to be the ending. Whether you would or not, God loves you...Always. Wes



SATURDAY

JUNE 3, 2023

FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

WE WILL HAVE A

SEMINAR

ON

REIMAGINING CHURCH

IF YOU LOVE CHURCH

AND

WANT TO SEE IT GROW

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS.



SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH

AT 5 P.M.

WILL BE

GAME NIGHT!!

THERE WILL BE

HORSESHOE GAMES

OUTSIDE OF HEBREWS &

BOARD GAMES

IN HEBREWS.

BRING A SMILE AND YOUR

COMPETITIVE SPIRIT TO THIS FUN

NIGHT WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY.



World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated annually on 5 June and encourages awareness and action for the protection of the environment.

It is supported by many non-governmental organizations, businesses, government entities, and represents the primary United Nations outreach day supporting the environment.

First held in 1973, it has been a platform for raising awareness on environmental issues as marine pollution, overpopulation, global warming, sustainable development and wildlife crime. World Environment Day is a global platform for public outreach, with participation from over 143 countries annually.

Each year, the program has provided a theme and forum for businesses, non-government organizations, communities, governments and celebrities to advocate environmental causes.

BINGO

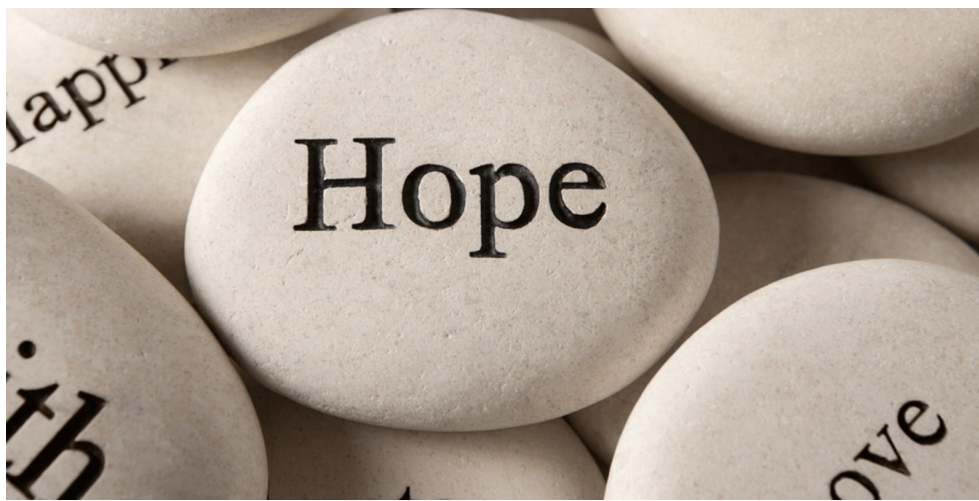
JUNE 10TH

FAMILY BINGO

IN HeBREWS

FROM 1 to 3 PM

Y'ALL COME!!



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, JUNE 13TH, 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.**



IN THE UNITED STATES, **FLAG DAY** IS
CELEBRATED ON JUNE 14. IT
COMMEMORATES THE ADOPTION OF
THE **FLAG** OF THE UNITED STATES ON
JUNE 14, 1777, BY RESOLUTION OF
THE SECOND CONTINENTAL
CONGRESS. THE **FLAG** RESOLUTION,
PASSED ON JUNE 14, 1777, STATED:
"RESOLVED, THAT THE **FLAG** OF THE
THIRTEEN UNITED STATES BE THIRTEEN
STRIPES, ALTERNATE RED AND WHITE;
THAT THE UNION BE THIRTEEN STARS,
WHITE IN A BLUE FIELD, REPRESENTING
A NEW CONSTELLATION."



THE
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Saturday, JUNE 17th

at 9:00 A.M. in the

Community Room

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



FATHER'S DAY

IS

SUNDAY, JUNE 18th

MAKE PLANS NOW TO BRING

YOUR

DAD!

WE WILL HAVE A **POTLUCK**

LUNCHEON AFTER WORSHIP!



SUNDAY, JUNE 18th

WE HAVE OUR

MONTHLY

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE

A-H Meat

I-Z Salad or Vegetable

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY

SPECIAL MEAL TO CELEBRATE

GOD'S BLESSINGS!



MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Cel-Liberation Day or the Black Fourth of July, is an American holiday that commemorates June 19, 1865.

On this day, after almost two and half years since the implementation of the Emancipation Proclamation, enslaved African Americans were informed of their liberation from the slavery present in the former Confederate States of America. Texas was the most remote of the slave states, and the Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863, was not enforced there until after the Civil War had ended. The name of the observance is a portmanteau of "June" and "nineteenth", the date of its celebration.

At first celebrations involved church-centered community gatherings in Texas. It spread across the South and became more commercialized in the 1920s and 1930s. Often the centerpiece was a food festival. A third stage was reached in the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s, when the focus became the story of struggle for postwar civil rights. The 1970s saw a fourth stage, which returned the focus to African American freedom and arts. By the 21st century Juneteenth was celebrated in most major cities across the United States. Activists are pushing Congress to recognize Juneteenth as a national holiday. Juneteenth is recognized as a state holiday or special day of observance in 46 of the 50 states.

Observance is primarily in local celebrations. Traditions include public readings of the Emancipation Proclamation, singing traditional songs such as "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Lift Every Voice and Sing", and reading of works by noted African-American writers such as Ralph Ellison and Maya Angelou. Celebrations include rodeos, street fairs, cookouts, family reunions, park parties, historical reenactments, or Miss Juneteenth contests.



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.



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, please email or call the church office at (903) 792-1915 and let Tonya know.

Upcoming Events & Services

May 31	5:30pm	Choir
June 1	4pm	Church Growth/Evangelism
June 3	10am-2pm	Reimagining the Church
June 4	5pm	Game Night
June 5	all day	World Environment Day
June 7	5:30pm	Choir
June 10	1pm-3pm	Family Bingo
June 11	11:45am	Fellowship Committee
June 13	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
June 14	5:30pm	Choir
June 15	all day	Global Wind Day
June 17	9am	CMF
June 17	12pm	HeBrews reserved
June 18	all day	Father's Day
June 18	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
June 19	all day	Juneteenth



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.

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Meat I-Z: Vegetable or salad				1 4pm Church Growth/ Evangelism	2	3 10am-2pm Reimagining the Church
4 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 5pm Game Night	5 World Environment Day	6	7 5:30pm Choir	8	9	10 1pm-3pm Family Bingo
11 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 11:45am Fellowship Comm.	12	13 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	14 5:30pm Choir	15 Global Wind Day	16	17 9am CMF 12pm-4pm HeBrews Reserved
18 Father's Day 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 11:45am Potluck Luncheon	19 Juneteenth	20 World Refugee Day	21 5:30pm Choir	22	23 4:30pm-6:30pm Spaghetti Dinner	24
25 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	26 6pm Cabinet Meeting	27	28 5:30pm Choir	29	30	

June Birthdays

Jane Watson	6-01
Lisa Kern	6-15
Glenda Worley	6-16
John Cunningham	6-17
Mary Chittenden	6-18
Morgan Nash Ward	6-24
Alan Bennett	6-28
Angela Duddy	6-28
Betsy Spencer	6-29

June Anniversaries

James & Nancy Thompson	6-05
Stan & Pat Brummal	6-20
Alan & Janet Bennett	6-23



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

June 4, 2023

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

June 11, 2023

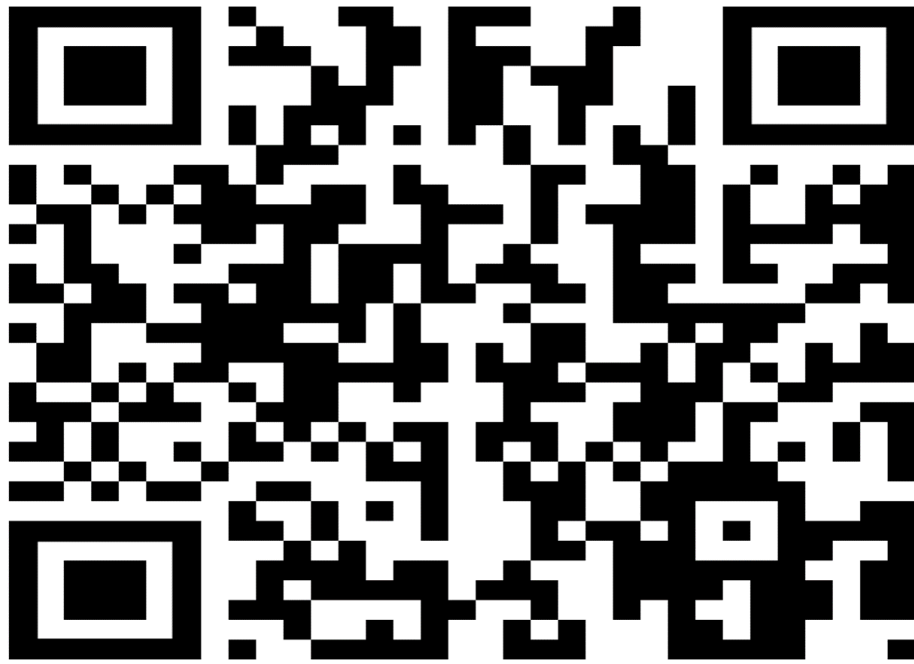
Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhart
 Worship Leader: Lee Nailing
 Hospital Elder: Teresa Crow
 Flower Elder: Tom Crow
 Deacons: Lois Moore & Mae Kidd

June 18, 2023

Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter
 Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
 Hospital Elder: Julia Carpenter
 Flower Elder: George Carpenter
 Deacons: Glenda Burkhart & Sheri Thomas

June 25, 2023

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
 Worship Leader: Connie Spears
 Hospital Elder: John Beeson
 Flower Elder: Mike Martin
 Deacons: Harold Taylor & Jerry Thomas



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

Larry Bunn, friend of Lee Nailling

Ed Shilling, Judy Shilling's husband

Roy Plhak, friend of Wes Byas

Beth Brine

Lee Nailling

Ron Chittenden, Mary Chittenden's son

Elaine Hamilton

Brittney Matthews, Jerry & Sheri Thomas' granddaughter

Haley Dorn, Jerry & Sheri Thomas' niece

Jeanette Chittenden, Mary Chittenden's daughter-in-law

Jeanne Duren, Beth Brine's aunt

Mitch Anderson, friend of George & Julia Carpenter

Ongoing Concerns

Pam Smotherman, Joan Carter's sister

Bill Griffin, Glenda Burkhart's son-in-law

Aubrey Fulcher, Connie Spears' brother-in-law

Gary Smith, friend of Lee Nailling

David Allard, Glenda Burkhart's brother-in-law

Suzette Witty, friend of Randy King

Laroy and Jane Thomas, friend of Jerry Thomas

Homebound

Joe Frost, Sr., home

Elizabeth Cooney, home

Jane Watson

Nancy Bair, home

James Thompson, home

Susie Howdeshell, home

Bobbie Roberts, Pat Taylor's mom, home

Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life



Serving this Sunday

June 4, 2023

Greeters: John & Margie Beeson

Worship Leader: Jim Spears

Hospital Elder: Alice Kern

Flower Elder: Robert Kern

Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Ethan Cole

May 28, 2023

Attendance: 41

Visitors: Phillip, Beth, Evie, & Spence Cornine

Offering: \$ 3,704.75

Weekly Needs: \$ 4,379.46

Difference: \$ -674.71

YTD Collected: \$ 71,357.36

YTD Needed: \$ 96,348.12

Difference: \$ -24,990.76

This Sunday:

"Darkness & Light, Wrong & Right"

Scripture:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

LECTIONARY FOR JUNE 4, 2023

First Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20