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Genesis 18:1-15

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground.³ He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant.⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So, they said, “Do as you have said.”⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.”⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, “Where is your wife, Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.”¹⁰ Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?”¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.”¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

So many people find it easy to laugh at God and His promises. And certainly, it is when a 90- year-old is told she will have a baby. Who wouldn't laugh? Yet, we find throughout Biblical history God has made what we may deem impossible promises, but as Jesus told us, “Nothing is impossible with God.” And it is important to note that regardless of someone laughing at God's promises, God keeps His promise to them. What an Awesome God we have! If you make a promise and someone laughs at you, do you keep your promise to them? May we be as firm in our promises as our God is in His.

May God walk at your side always, Wes



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.**

HAPPY
Father's
DAY



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

FATHER'S DAY!



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.



Continuing

Friday, June 23rd

**Our Monthly Community wide
Spaghetti Dinner
in Disciple Hall.**

**Tickets for the dinner will be
\$15 for adults/\$7.50 for children
12 and under.**

**Dinner includes: Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, & Drink
(Drink not included with takeout.)**

**If you would like tickets
please contact our Admin. Asst.**

Tonya

at

903-792-1915



Community Outreach

SUNDAY, JUNE 25th

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.'



MONDAY, JUNE 26th

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 & CWF.



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

Upcoming Events & Services

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
June 20	all day	World Refugee Day
June 21	5:30pm	Choir
June 23	4:30-6:30pm	Community Wide Spaghetti Dinner
June 25	4pm	Randy Sams prep
June 25	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
June 26	6pm	Cabinet meeting
June 28	5:30pm	Choir



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 6pm Cultivation of Funds Committee	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	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
Mary Chittenden	6-18
Morgan Nash Ward	6-24
Alan Bennett	6-28
Angela Dobby	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

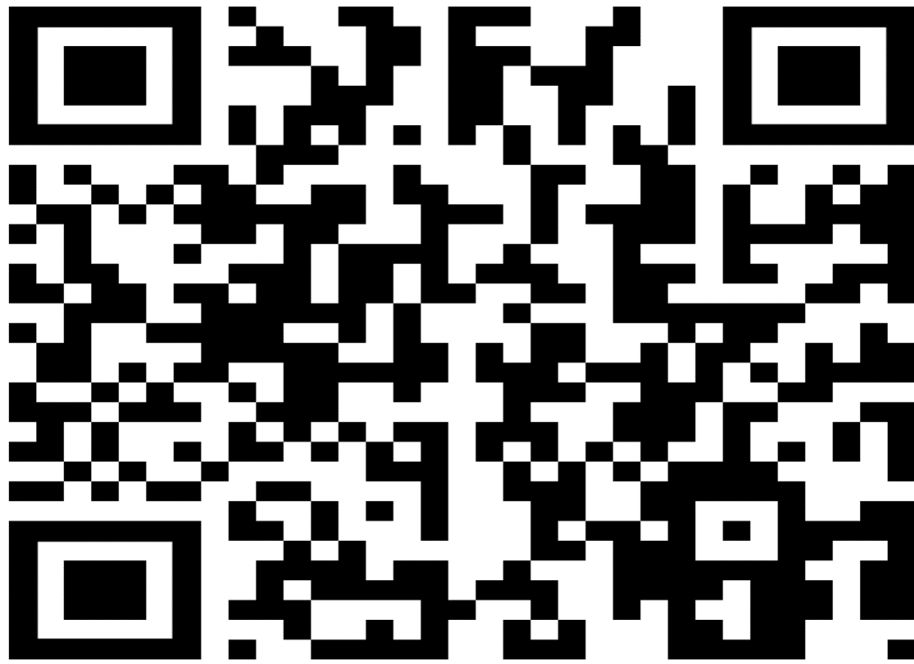
Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhart
Worship Leader: Lee Nailing
Hospital Elder: Teresa Crow
Flower Elder: Tom Crow
Deacons: Lois Moore & Mae Kidd

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



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OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

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FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

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Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
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
Jeane 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 18, 2023

Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: Julia Carpenter
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June 11, 2023

Attendance: not counted

Offering: \$ 2,643.54

Weekly Needs: \$ 4,379.46

Difference: \$ -1,735.92

YTD Collected: \$ 76,967.44

YTD Needed: \$ 105,107.04

Difference: \$ -28,139.60

This Sunday:

"A FOCUSED MINISTRY"

Scripture:

Matthew 9:35-10:23

LECTIONARY FOR JUNE 18, 2023

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)