

The Central Christian 411

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Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸ Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel.

As one might imagine, Jacob naming the place where he encountered God is quite appropriate. The word, "Beth" in Hebrew means "Sacred Area" or "House." In today's terms we consider the word "Church" to mean "House of God." How often, when we enter our sanctuary do we say, "Surely the Lord is in this place." Does that even cross your mind? So often we take people and places for granted, even our sacred places like the sanctuary. This Sunday as you enter the sanctuary try standing at the entry between the foyer and the sanctuary at the beginning of the carpet, look up at the sanctuary ceiling and say, "Surely the Lord is in this place." Then, believe it. Because He is. Amen.

The presence of God be with you always, Wes



PUTTING LIGHT ON AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT

For several months now **we have found lights on** in the buildings when the building is not in use.

In particular, **we have found the lights on** in the parlor many times. It appears someone turns on the lights to look in the parlor but does not turn them off.

There have been lights on in hallways, upstairs and in the choir room in the Education Building.

Lights **have been found on** in the kitchen, pantry and closets in the Administration Building. And, at times, after one of the buildings has been in use, the **thermostats have been turned down, but not back up**. It is very important we be good stewards of that which we have been blessed to have. Please help us keep our utility bill down year-round.

THANK YOU.

*****CULTIVATION

OF

FUNDS*****

VERY IMPORTANT

A MUST READ

THE CULTIVATION OF FUNDS COMMITTEE HAS STARTED A PROJECT YOU NEED TO BE AWARE OF. THEY ARE SELLING ITEMS IN THE CHURCH, WE NO LONGER NEED. THESE ITEMS HAVE BEEN MARKED FOR SALE AND **ONLY** THE CULTIVATION OF FUNDS COMMITTEE CAN **AUTHORIZE** THE SALE OF THESE ITEMS. IF YOU, A FAMILY MEMBER, OR A FRIEND WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE AN ITEM, **PLEASE BE SURE TO CONTACT JERRY THOMAS** TO LET HIM KNOW. **IF YOU WISH TO DISCOUNT THE ITEM, PLEASE ASK JERRY FOR PERMISSION TO DO SO.**

ONLY JERRY HAS THE AUTHORITY
TO SELL OR REDUCE THE PRICE OF AN ITEM.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE
ON THIS SALE!



Community Outreach

SUNDAY, JULY 23rd

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.'

Board Meeting



THERE WILL BE A
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY

JULY 24th

AT 6 P.M.

IN

THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

ALL BOARD MEETINGS ARE IMPORTANT

SO ALL BOARD MEMBERS

ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE

PRESENT.

SEE YOU THERE!!



Friday, July 28th

**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

**(Remember: Spaghetti Dinner
the 4th Friday of each Month!)**

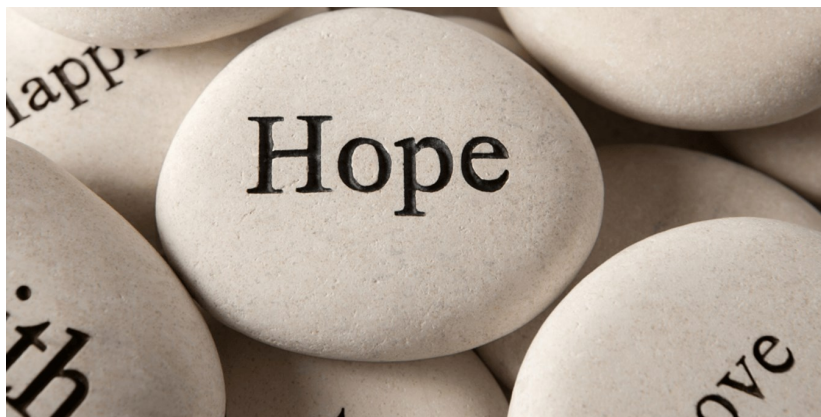


SUNDAY, JULY 30TH, IS OUR
5TH SUNDAY BREAKFAST!

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, AUGUST 8TH, 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.



AUGUST 12TH

FAMILY BINGO

IN HeBREWS

FROM 1 to 3 PM

Y'ALL COME!!



THE

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Saturday, AUGUST 19th

at 9:00 A.M. in the

Community Room

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



SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th

WE HAVE OUR

MONTHLY

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE

A-H Salad or Vegetable

I-Z Meat

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY

SPECIAL MEAL TO CELEBRATE

GOD'S BLESSINGS!



Friday, August 25th

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in Disciple Hall.**

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Community Outreach

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RANDY SAM'S SHELTER

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MONDAY, AUGUST 28th

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

July 19	5:30pm	Choir
July 23	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
July 23	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
July 24	6pm	General Board Meeting
July 26	5:30pm	Choir
July 28	4:30pm	Community Wide Spaghetti Dinner
July 30	9:30am	5th Sunday breakfast
August 2	5:30pm	Choir
August 8	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
August 9	5:30pm	Choir
August 12	1pm	Family Bingo
August 16	5:30pm	Choir
August 19	9am	CMF
August 20	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon



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.

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Vegetable or salad I-Z: Meat		1	2 5:30pm Choir	3	4	5
6 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	7	8 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	9 5:30pm Choir	10	11	12 1pm-3pm Family Bingo
13 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	14	15	16 5:30pm Choir	17	18	19 9am CWF
20 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	21 Senior Citizen's Day	22	23 5:30pm Choir	24	25 4:30pm-6:30pm Spaghetti Dinner	26
27 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Rand Sams drop off	28 6pm Cabinet Meeting	29	30 5:30pm Choir	31		

August Birthdays

Claudine Brown	8-2
Nancy Bair	8-7
Joan Carter	8-7
Randy King	8-8
James Thompson	8-14
Tom Crow	8-15
Bobbie Atkinson	8-18
Herb Hamilton	8-26
Jamie Bennett	8-31

August Anniversaries

Rusty & Sharon Minx	8-3
Tom & Teresa Crow	8-7
Glen & Tami Hudspeth	8-9
Harold & Pat Taylor	8-12



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

August 6, 2023

Greeters: Harold & Pat Taylor
Worship Leader: Jim Spears
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons:

August 13, 2023

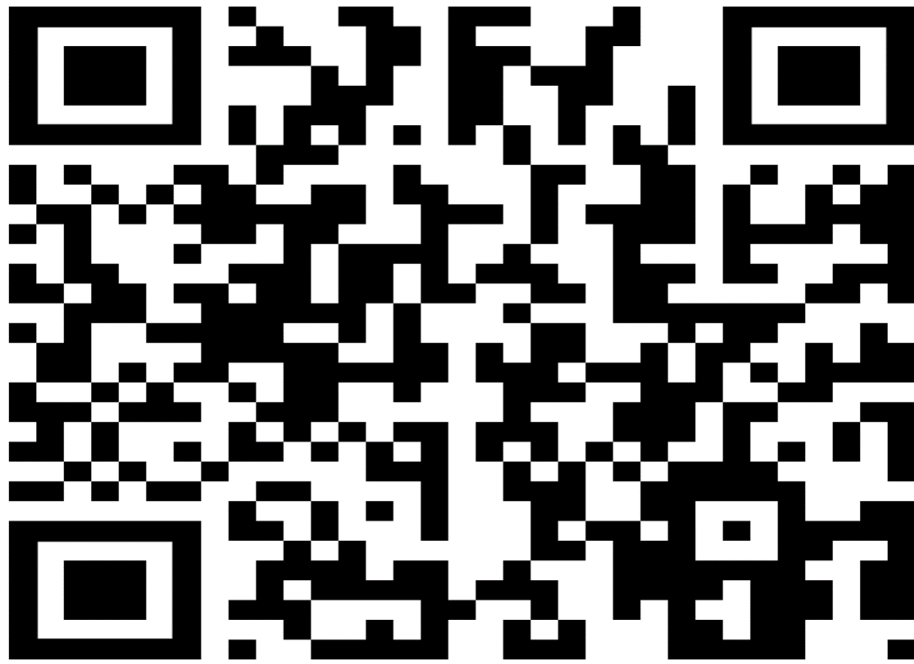
Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: John Beeson
Flower Elder: Mike Martin
Deacons:

August 20, 2023

Greeters: Ethan Cole & Alice Coleman
Worship Leader: Teresa Crow
Hospital Elder: Connie Spears
Flower Elder: Jim Spears
Deacons:

August 27, 2023

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth
Worship Leader: Tom Crow
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons:



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QR CODE
TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Cowboy Mathison
B.J. Adams, Glenda Burkhardt's brother
Roy Plhak, friend of Wes Byas
Ron Chittenden, Mary Chittenden's son
Elaine Hamilton
Herb 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
Ed Shilling, Judy Van Hooser Shilling's husband
Bill Griffin, Glenda Burkhardt's son-in-law
Aubrey Fulcher, Connie Spears' brother-in-law
Gary Smith, friend of Lee Nailling
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, The Villa room 302B
Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life

LECTIONARY FOR JULY 23, 2023

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



Serving this Sunday July 23, 2023

Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern
Worship Leader: Teresa Crow
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Jerry Thomas

July 16, 2023

Attendance: 45
Offering: \$ 1,579.54
Weekly Needs: \$ 4,379.46
Difference: \$ -2,799.92

YTD Collected: \$ 96,172.32
YTD Needed: \$127,004.34
Difference: \$-30,832.02

This Sunday:

"Intimate with God"

Scripture:

Romans 8:12-25

Memorials

Dorothy Sue Patterson Jack & Joan Carter
Alice Coleman
George & Katherine Lease
Tim & Donna Nash
Harold Nix
Red River Lumber
Thomas & Thomas, PLLC
The Mobley Family

Dan Hall Mike & Caroline Craven
Susan DeFoy Art & Elaine Simonson

Honorarium

Mary Chittenden John & Teresa Van Hyfte