

The Central Christian 411

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Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

³¹ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so the birds come and perch in its branches.”

³³ He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

⁵² He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

Jesus spent a great deal of time trying to help his disciples and others to envision just how awesome and wonderful the kingdom of heaven is. Whether using a mustard seed, yeast, treasure in a field, fine pearls, or a net, Jesus tried to pique the imagination of people as concerns the kingdom of heaven.

When you think of the kingdom of heaven, what do you envision? Is it one of the above illustrations Jesus gave? Or do you have an image that fills your heart and mind? Are you able to bring new treasures as well as old, from your storeroom of images?

This week and in the weeks to come make an inventory of your images for the kingdom of heaven to see what is in your heart and mind.

May the God of heaven and earth be with you always,

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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!



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!)**

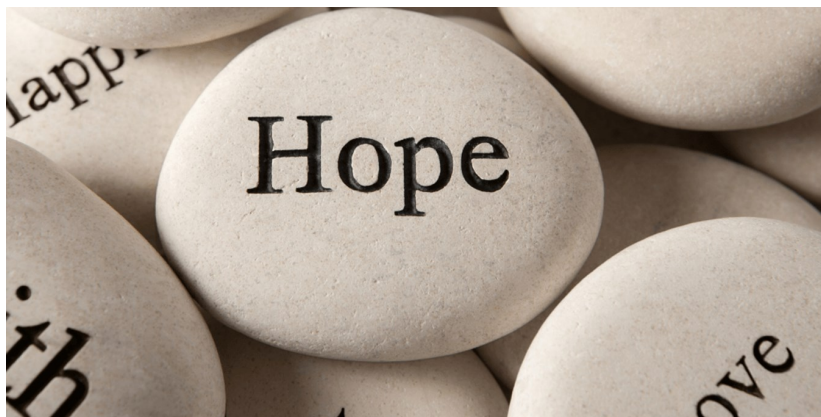


SUNDAY, JULY 30TH, IS OUR
5TH SUNDAY BREAKFAST!

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.

BINGO

AUGUST 12TH

FAMILY BINGO

IN HeBREWS

FROM 1 to 3 PM

Y'ALL COME!!



SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH

WILL BE MOVIE NIGHT

HERE AT

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH!

THE MOVIE WILL BE

“THE SHACK”

AND WILL BEGIN AT 4 P.M.

IN DISCIPLE HALL.

COME JOIN YOUR

CHURCH FAMILY

FOR THIS SPECIAL MOVIE



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!



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Community Outreach

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27th

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, 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

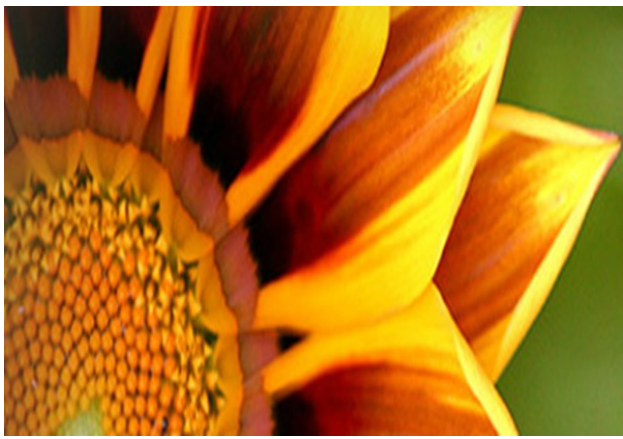
We have communion juice and wafers for all. If you would like to come by the Church Office to get a cup with wafer, just let us know when you're coming.

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 26	5:30pm	Choir
July 28	4:30pm	Community Wide Spaghetti Dinner
July 30	9:30am	5th Sunday breakfast
August 1	5:30pm	Elders Meeting
August 2	5:30pm	Choir
August 8	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
August 9	5:30pm	Choir
August 12	1pm	Family Bingo
August 13	4pm	Movie Night in Disciple Hall
August 15	5pm	Events Committee
August 16	5:30pm	Choir
August 17	4pm	Church Growth/Evangelism
August 19	9am	CMF
August 20	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
August 21	all day	Senior Citizen Day
August 23	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.

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Vegetable or salad I-Z: Meat		1 5:30pm Elders Meeting	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 4pm Movie Night	14	15 5pm Events Committee	16 5:30pm Choir	17 4pm Church Growth/ Evangelism	18	19 9am CMF
20 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon	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

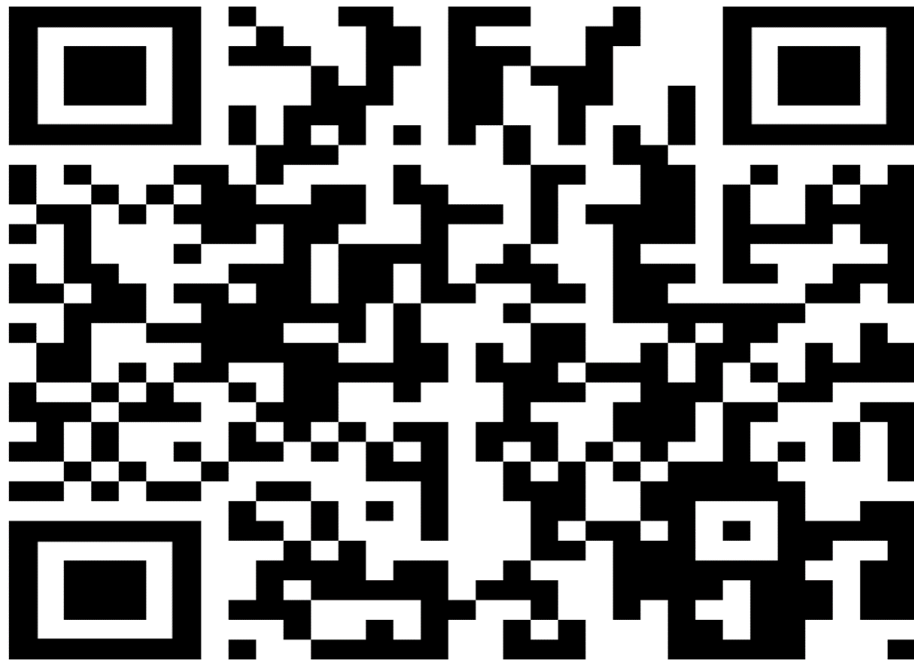
Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: John Beeson
Flower Elder: Mike Martin
Deacons:

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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TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church
 Wes Byas
 Larry Freeze, Margie Beeson's son
 Cowboy Mathison
 B.J. Adams, Glenda Burkhart'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 Burkhart'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

Memorials

Dorothy Sue Patterson *Selden & Kathy McMillin*
Elaine Carpenter *Royce & Stephanie James*
Dan Hall *Royce & Stephanie James*



Serving this Sunday July 30, 2023

Greeters: Cowboy & Neldajo Mathison
Worship Leader: Jim Spears
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Randy King & Jerry Thomas

July 23, 2023

Attendance: 36
Offering: \$ 3,367.00
Weekly Needs: \$ 4,379.46
Difference: \$ -1,012.46

YTD Collected: \$ 99,439.32
YTD Needed: \$ 131,383.80
Difference: \$ -31,944.48

This Sunday:

“Getting What You Want”

Scripture:

Genesis 29:15-28

LECTIONARY FOR JULY 30, 2023

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52