

The Central Christian 411

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Matthew 15:10-20

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

To me, this is without a doubt one of the greatest sayings of our Lord Jesus. In his days on earth so many Jews were worried about what they ate, concerned it would be unacceptable to God. Jesus in this one encounter with the crowd debunked any teachings by the Pharisees, who were the “food” sect of the Jewish community, clarifying it is NOT what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth that defiles a person. He clarifies again when he says, “.....what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.”

How many times have we heard someone or been someone who says cruel and hateful things to another person? How many children have been hurt and traumatized by the words of a parent or a parent by the words of a child?

As you have heard me say, when we speak unkind words, words of hate, angry words, there is no taking it back. We may apologize profusely but the words are still out there, still ringing in the ears of the one we verbally attacked. Families have dissolved, marriages have ended, and lives have been lost all because of vile words spoken in anger. May we heed the words of our Lord. Love one another in word and deed.

May the God of love be with you always,

Wes



TO ALL CAST AND CREW FOR
SABOTAGE

ON THE ULTIMATE SERVER
OUR REHEARSALS WILL BEGIN
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD
AT 5:30 P.M.

IN DISCIPLE HALL
PLEASE BE PRESENT AS WE WILL
BE READING THROUGH THE
SCRIPT AND SET DECORATION



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!



August 21st is
**Senior
Citizens
Day**

Senior Citizen's Day

is celebrated on **21 August each year.**

The celebration took place for the first time in 1991. The day is intended to increase awareness of the factors and issues that affect older adults, such as health deterioration and elder abuse.

It is also a day to recognize and acknowledge the contributions of older people to society.

Senior Citizen's Day is an opportunity to celebrate and appreciate senior citizens for their services, accomplishments, and dedication they have given in their lives.



Friday, August 25th

**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!)**



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

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 21	6pm	Cultivation of Funds Committee
August 23	5:30pm	Choir
August 25	4:30pm	Spaghetti Dinner
August 27	4pm	Randy Sam's Prep
August 27	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
August 28	6pm	Cabinet Meeting
August 30	5:30pm	Choir
September 2	1pm	Family Bingo
September 3	5:30pm	Play Rehearsal
September 4	all day	office closed
September 9	11:30am	CWF General Meeting



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 10	11 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 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 6pm C of F Committee	22	23 5:30pm Choir	24 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: Sondra Bedwell & Ethan Cole

August 13, 2023

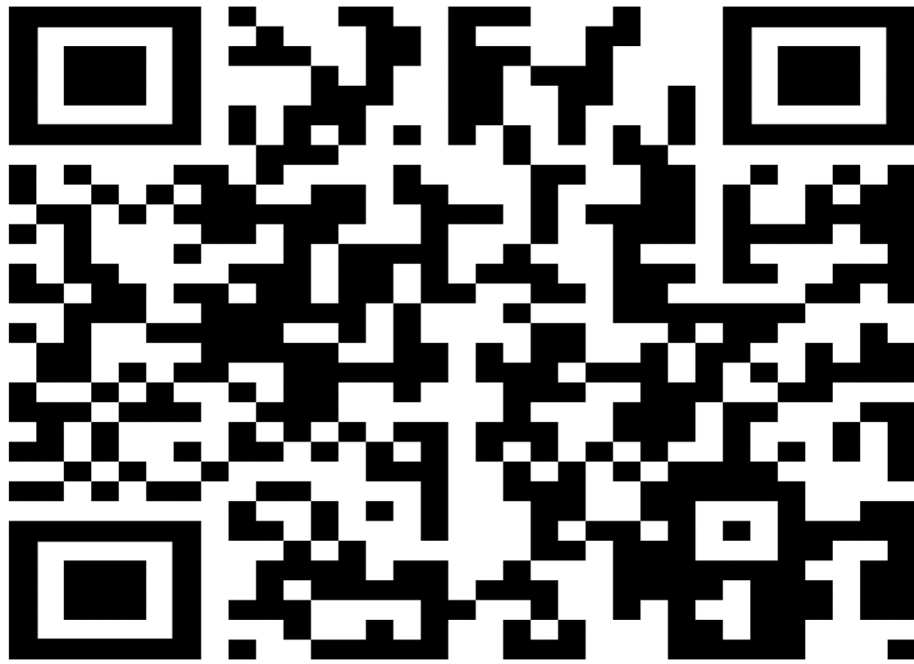
Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: John Beeson
Flower Elder: Mike Martin
Deacons: Lois Moore & Mae Kidd

August 20, 2023

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

August 27, 2023

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



SCAN THIS
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TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

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Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Lee Nailling
Blaire Hamilton, Jerry & Sheri Thomas' granddaughter
Judy Mason, Sheri Thomas' sister
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

Ed Shilling, Judy Van Hooser Shilling's husband
Bill Griffin, Glenda Burkhart's son-in-law
Aubrey Fulcher, Connie Spears' brother-in-law
Suzette Witty, friend of Randy King

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

Kathy Cunningham

Alice Coleman



Serving this Sunday
August 20, 2023

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

August 13, 2023

Attendance: 43
Offering: \$ 2,595.29
Weekly Needs: \$ 4,379.46
Difference: \$ -1,784.17

YTD Collected: \$107,838.19
YTD Needed: \$144,522.18
Difference: \$-36,683.99

This Sunday:

"Family"

Scripture:

Ephesians 3:15

LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST 20, 2023

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28