

# The Central Christian 411

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## Romans 12:1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. <sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Paul speaks of spiritual gifts making it clear we each have our own particular gift or gifts and these gifts are to be used to advance the Word and Ministry of Christ. Even if our gift seems odd to others, it is still our gift. For example:

A man is pulled over by a police officer for a broken headlight. The cop looks in the car and sees a collection of knives on the back seat. "Sir," he says. "Why do you have all those knives?"

"They're for my juggling act," the man replies.

"Prove it," says the cop.

The man gets out of the car and begins juggling the knives just as two men drive by.

"Man," says one guy. "I'm glad I quit drinking. These new sobriety tests are hard."

What comes easy to you that is not so easy for others? What are your spiritual GIFTS?

May the God of Gifts be with you always, Wes



TO ALL CAST AND CREW FOR  
SABOTAGE

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

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



# Spaghetti & Football

The 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month

Central Christian Church

will have a Spaghetti Dinner

in Disciple Hall from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. so  
you can have a good meal before heading  
to your local High School Football game.

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, AUGUST 27<sup>th</sup>

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 28<sup>th</sup>

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.

**BINGO**

**SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**FAMILY BINGO**

**IN HeBREWS**

**PRIZES!**  **PRIZES!**  **PRIZES!**

**FROM 1 to 3 PM**

**Fun4theBrain**

**Y'ALL COME!!**



**Labor Day** is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the first Monday in September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. The three-day weekend it falls on is called **Labor Day Weekend**.

Beginning in the late 19th century, as the trade union and labor movements grew, trade unionists proposed that a day be set aside to celebrate labor. "**Labor Day**" was promoted by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, which organized the first parade in New York City. In 1887, Oregon was the first state of the United States to make it an official public holiday. By the time it became an official federal holiday in 1894, thirty states in the U.S. officially celebrated **Labor Day**.

Canada's **Labour Day** is also celebrated on the first Monday of September. More than 80 other countries celebrate International Workers' Day on May 1, the European holiday of May Day. May Day was chosen by the Second International of socialist and communist parties to commemorate the general labor strike in the United States and events leading to the Haymarket affair, which occurred in Chicago on May 1 – May 4, 1886.



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**

<b>August 23</b>	5:30pm	Choir
<b>August 25</b>	4:30pm	Spaghetti Dinner
<b>August 27</b>	4pm	Randy Sam's Prep
<b>August 27</b>	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
<b>August 28</b>	6pm	Cabinet Meeting
<b>August 29</b>	1pm	CWF Board Meeting
<b>August 30</b>	5:30pm	Choir
<b>September 2</b>	1pm	Family Bingo
<b>September 3</b>	5:30pm	Play Rehearsal
<b>September 4</b>	all day	office closed
<b>September 9</b>	11:30am	CWF General Meeting
<b>September 10</b>	11:45am	Fellowship Committee
<b>September 10</b>	5:30pm	Play Rehearsal
<b>September 12</b>	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
<b>September 13</b>	5:30pm	Choir
<b>September 14</b>	3pm	Church Growth/Evangelism



Be sure to keep up-to-date  
with Church Activities

By visiting

[www.ccctxk.com](http://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.

# September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Meat I-Z: Vegetable or salad					1	2 1pm-3pm Family Bingo
3 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 5:30pm Play Rehearsal	4 <b>Office closed</b>	5	6	7	8	9 11:30am CWF General Meeting
10 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Fellowship Comm. 5:30pm Play Rehearsal	11	12 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	13 5:30pm Choir	14 3pm Church Growth/ Evangelism	15	16 9am CWF
17 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon 5:30pm Play Rehearsal	18	19	20 5:30pm Choir	21	22 4:30pm-6:30pm Spaghetti Dinner	23
24 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 5:30pm Play Rehearsal 6pm Rand Sams drop off	25 6pm General Board Meeting	26	27 5:30pm Choir	28	29	30

## September Birthdays

Jack Duncan	9-4
Philip Stover	9-7
Dorothy Alves	9-8
Caroline Crain	9-10
Jack Carter	9-11
Julia Carpenter	9-16
Teresa Crow	9-18
Sondra Bedwell	9-20
Tim Nash	9-22
Jack Fisher	9-27

## September Anniversaries

Robert & Alice Kern 9-7

## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

### September 3, 2023

Greeters:  
Worship Leader:  
Hospital Elder:  
Flower Elder:  
Deacons:

### September 10, 2023

Greeters:  
Worship Leader:  
Hospital Elder:  
Flower Elder:  
Deacons:

### September 17, 2023

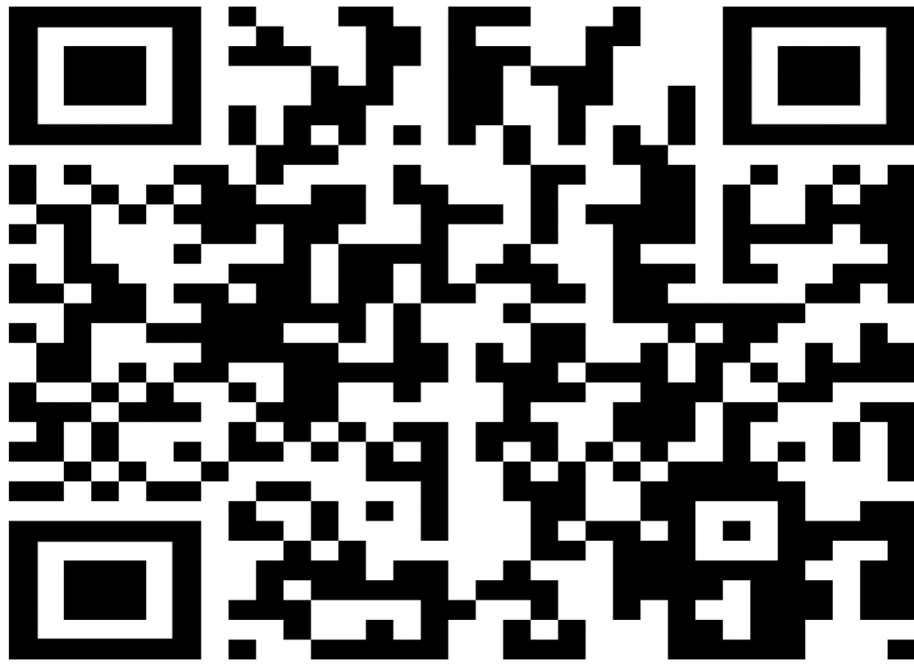
Greeters:  
Worship Leader:  
Hospital Elder:  
Flower Elder:  
Deacons:

### September 24, 2023

Greeters:  
Worship Leader:  
Hospital Elder:  
Flower Elder:  
Deacons:







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*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

Jean 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



**Serving this Sunday**  
**August 27, 2023**

**Greeters:** Bob & Lynn Wilmoth

**Worship Leader:** Tom Crow

**Hospital Elder:** Jack Carter

**Flower Elder:** Joan Carter

**Deacons:** Harold Taylor & Jerry Thomas

**August 20, 2023**

**Attendance:** not counted

**Offering:** \$ 787.54

**Weekly Needs:** \$ 4,379.46

**Difference:** \$ -3,591.92

**YTD Collected:** \$108,625.73

**YTD Needed:** \$148,901.64

**Difference:** \$-40,275.91

**This Sunday:**

***"Forgiveness"***

**Scripture:**

**Luke 6:37**

**LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST 27, 2023**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Exodus 1:8-2:10**

**Psalms 124**

**Romans 12:1-8**

**Matthew 16:13-20**