

# The Central Christian 411

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## Romans 12:9-21

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

<sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay, says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

Newspaper columnist and minister George Crane tells of a wife who came into his office full of hatred toward her husband. "I do not only want to get rid of him, I want to get even. Before I divorce him, I want to hurt him as much as he has me."

Dr. Crane suggested an ingenious plan "Go home and act as if you really love your husband. Tell him how much he means to you. Praise him for every decent trait. Go out of your way to be as kind, considerate, and generous as possible. Spare no efforts to please him, to enjoy him. Make him believe you love him. After you've convinced him of your undying love and that you cannot live without him, then drop the bomb. Tell him you're getting a divorce. That will really hurt him." With revenge in her eyes, she smiled and exclaimed, "Beautiful, beautiful. Will he ever be surprised!" And she did it with enthusiasm. Acting "as if." For two months she showed love, kindness, listening, giving, reinforcing, sharing. When she didn't return, Crane called. "Are you ready now to go through with the divorce?"

"Divorce?" she exclaimed. "Never! I discovered I really do love him." Her actions had changed her feelings. Motion resulted in emotion. The ability to love is established not so much by fervent promise as often repeated deeds.

Oftentimes when we are unhappy and filled with hate, we find we are the source, not our object of unhappiness and hate. Love must be sincere.

May the God of love fill you with His Love, Wes



**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.

**BINGO**

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

**FAMILY BINGO**

**IN HeBREWS**

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

**FROM 1 to 3 PM**

**Fun4theBrain**

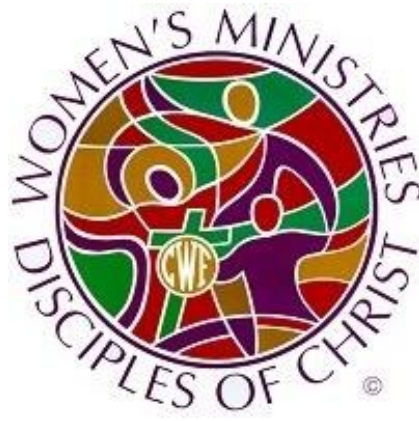
**Y'ALL COME!!**



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



## **CWF**

**When: September 9th**

**Where: Community Room**

**Time: 11:30 a.m.**

## **Food**

**Your favorite Salad**

## **Program**

**Lisa Kern**

## **Project**

**School Supplies**



THE  
*CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP*  
*(CMF)*

WILL BE MEETING

**Saturday, SEPT. 16<sup>th</sup>**

**at 9:00 A.M. in the**

**Community Room**

We encourage all of our men to be  
present.





**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>**

**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**

**GOD'S BLESSINGS!**



**Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each Month!)**





SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<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.'

## Board Meeting



THERE WILL BE A  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>

AT 6 P.M.

IN

THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

ALL BOARD MEETING ARE VERY

SO ALL BOARD MEMBERS

ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE

PRESENT.

SEE YOU THERE!!



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 **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 ccctxk 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 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>	3pm	Pickleball Training
<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
<b>September 16</b>	9am	CMF
<b>September 17</b>	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
<b>September 17</b>	5:30pm	Play Rehearsal
<b>September 20</b>	5:30pm	Choir





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 3pm Pickleball Training 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: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhardt  
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman  
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears  
Flower Elder: Connie Spears  
Deacons: Harold Talor & Jerry Thomas

### September 10, 2023

Greeters: John & Margie Beeson  
Worship Leader: Lee Nailing  
Hospital Elder: Tom Crow  
Flower Elder: Teresa Crow  
Deacons: Glenda Burkhardt & Sheri Thomas

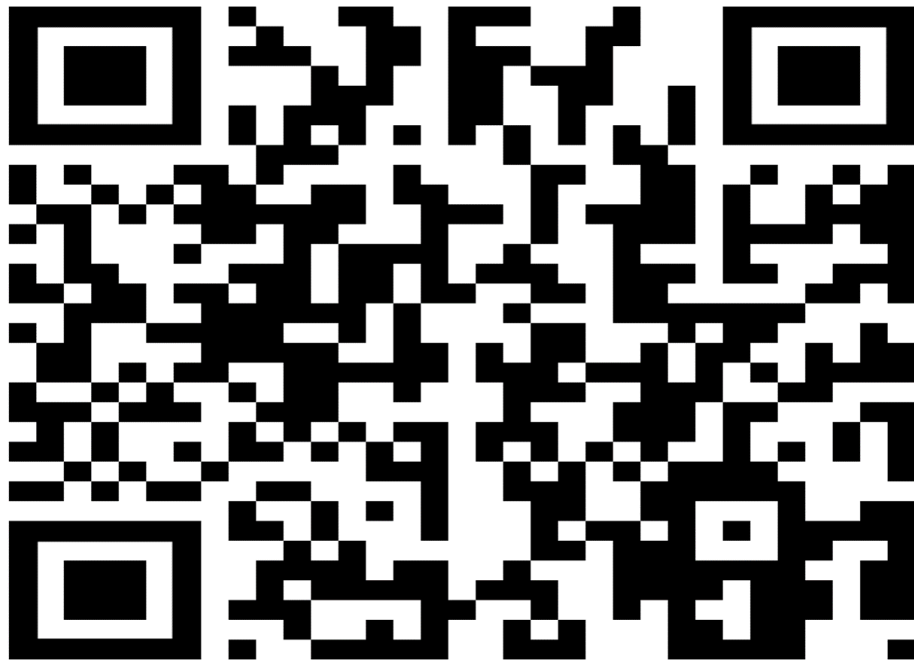
### September 17, 2023

Greeters: Mike & Martha Clinton  
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell  
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.  
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter  
Deacons: Mae Kidd & Ethan Cole

### September 24, 2023

Greeters: Betty Caudle & Alice Coleman  
Worship Leader: Mike Martin  
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern  
Flower Elder: Alice Kern  
Deacons: Lois Moore & Sondra Bedwell





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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

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

Jeanne 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

## 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**  
**September 3, 2023**

**Greeters:** Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhart

**Worship Leader:** Alice Coleman

**Hospital Elder:** Jim Spears

**Flower Elder:** Connie Spears

**Deacons:** Harold Taylor & Jerry Thomas

**August 27, 2023**

**Attendance:** not counted

**Offering:** \$ 1,461.75

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

**Difference:** \$ -2,917.71

**YTD Collected:** \$110,087.48

**YTD Needed:** \$153,281.10

**Difference:** \$-43,193.62

**This Sunday:**

*"To Rule Over Self"*

**Scripture:**

**Genesis 4:1-8**

**LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2023**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Exodus 3:1-15**

**Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b**

**Romans 12:9-21**

**Matthew 16:21-28**