

The Central Christian 411

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Numbers 22:22-35

²² God's anger was kindled because he was going, and the angel of the LORD took his stand in the road as his adversary. Now he was riding on the donkey, and his two servants were with him. ²³ The donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand, so the donkey turned off the road and went into the field, and Balaam struck the donkey, to turn it back onto the road. ²⁴ Then the angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on either side. ²⁵ When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, it scraped against the wall and scraped Balaam's foot against the wall, so he struck it again. ²⁶ Then the angel of the LORD went ahead and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right or to the left. ²⁷ When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, it lay down under Balaam, and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff. ²⁸ Then the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?" ²⁹ Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have made a fool of me! I wish I had a sword in my hand! I would kill you right now!" ³⁰ But the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey, which you have ridden all your life to this day? Have I been in the habit of treating you this way?" And he said, "No."

³¹ Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road, with his drawn sword in his hand, and he bowed down, falling on his face. ³² The angel of the LORD said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? I have come out as an adversary because your way is perverse before me. ³³ The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If it had not turned away from me, surely just now I would have killed you and let it live." ³⁴ Then Balaam said to the angel of the LORD, "I have sinned, for I did not know that you were standing in the road to oppose me. Now therefore, if it is displeasing to you, I will return home." ³⁵ The angel of the LORD said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but speak only what I tell you to speak." So, Balaam went on with the officials of Balak.

I have always loved this story! I wish everyone would read this passage because it may stop many from trying to limit God. So often we "believers" make statements that are so incredibly lacking in faith. If a story is told of a poor carpenter being God in the flesh, or an animal being or speaking a message from God, or anything of the kind, scripture is telling us God has no limitations. Whether it be a cloud, a burning bush, the wind or whatever, God has no limitations. In the passage above, God speaks through a donkey. AND note the donkey recognized God long before Balaam.

I pray God will open our eyes as quickly as He did the donkey's so we may see His glory and hear His words.

May our Limitless God be with you always,

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Friday, September 22nd

**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, SEPTEMBER 24th

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 25th

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!!



OCTOBER 9, 2023

Columbus Day is a national holiday in many countries of the Americas and elsewhere, and a federal holiday in the United States, which officially celebrates the anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas. Columbus went ashore at Guanahaní, an island in the Bahamas, on October 12, 1492.

Christopher Columbus was a Genoese explorer who led a Spanish enterprise to cross the Atlantic Ocean in search of an alternative route to the Far East, only to land in the New World. Columbus's first voyage to the New World on the Spanish ships *Santa María*, *Niña*, and *La Pinta* took about three months. Columbus and his crew's arrival in the New World initiated the colonization of the Americas by Spain, followed in the ensuing centuries by other European powers, as well as the transfer of plants, animals, culture, human populations, and technology between the New and Old Worlds, an event referred to by some late 20th-century historians as the Columbian exchange.

The landing is celebrated as Columbus Day in the United States, but the name varies internationally. The Dominican Republic celebrates this day as "The Discovery of America". In some Latin American countries, October 12 is known as *Día de la Raza* or "Day of the Race". This was the case for Mexico, until it renamed it to "Day of the Pluricultural Nation". Some countries such as Spain refer to the holiday as the Day of Hispanicity or *Día de la Hispanidad* and is also Spain's National Day or *Fiesta Nacional de España*, where it coincides with the religious festivity of *La Virgen del Pilar*. Since 2009, Peru has celebrated *Día de los pueblos originarios y el diálogo intercultural* ("Indigenous Peoples and Intercultural Dialogue Day"). Belize and Uruguay celebrate it as *Pan American Day* and *Día de las Américas* ("Day of the Americas"). *Giornata Nazionale di Cristoforo Colombo* or *Festa Nazionale di Cristoforo Colombo* is the formal name of the celebration in Italy as well as in Little Italys around the world.



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 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.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15th

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!



THE
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Saturday, OCT 21st

at 9:00 A.M. in the

Community Room

We encourage all of our men to be
present.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

WE WILL HAVE OUR
CABINET MEETING

AT 6 P.M.

IF YOU ARE ANY OF THE FOLLOW-
ING, YOU ARE ON THE CABINET:

Moderator, Vice Moderator, Secretary,
Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. The Chair of
each Committee, President of CMF & CWF.



The Journey Sunday School Class will continue our study of

1 & 2 Thessalonians

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.



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.



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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



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

September 20	5:30pm	Choir
September 22	4:30pm-6:30pm	Spaghetti Dinner
September 24	10:40am	Reconciliation offering
September 24	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
September 24	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
September 25	6pm	General Board Meeting
September 27	5:30pm	Choir
October 1	10:40am	Reconciliation offering
October 3	5pm	Events Committee
October 4	5:30pm	Choir
October 7	1pm	Family Bingo
October 8	8:30am	Trail Boss Breakfast
October 10	11:30am	CWF Day Group
October 10	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group



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.

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Reconciliation offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	2	3 5pm Events Committee	4 5:30pm Choir	5	6	7 1pm-3pm Family Bingo
8 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	9	10 11:30am CWF Day Group 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	11 5:30pm Choir	12	13	14
15 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon	16	17	18 5:30pm Choir	19	20	21 9am CWF
22 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Rand Sams drop off	23 6pm Cabinet Meeting	24	25 5:30pm Choir	26	27 4:30pm-6:30pm Spaghetti Dinner	28
29 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am 5th Sunday Breakfast 10:40am Worship Service w/ All Saints Service	30	31				

October Birthdays

Kelly Cunningham	10-1
Kelley Folmar	10-9
Sondra Crain	10-12
Alice Coleman	10-18
Sharon Minx	10-20
David DeFoy	10-22
Beth Brine	10-27
Annette Wilmoth	10-31

October Anniversaries

George & Julia Carpenter 10-18

Servers for the Weeks Ahead

October 1, 2023

Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas
Worship Leader: Jim Spears
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons:

October 8, 2023

Greeters: Harold & Pat Taylor
Worship Leader: Mike Martin
Hospital Elder: Tom Crow
Flower Elder: Teres Crow
Deacons:

October 15, 2023

Greeters: Cowboy & Neldajo Mathison
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons:

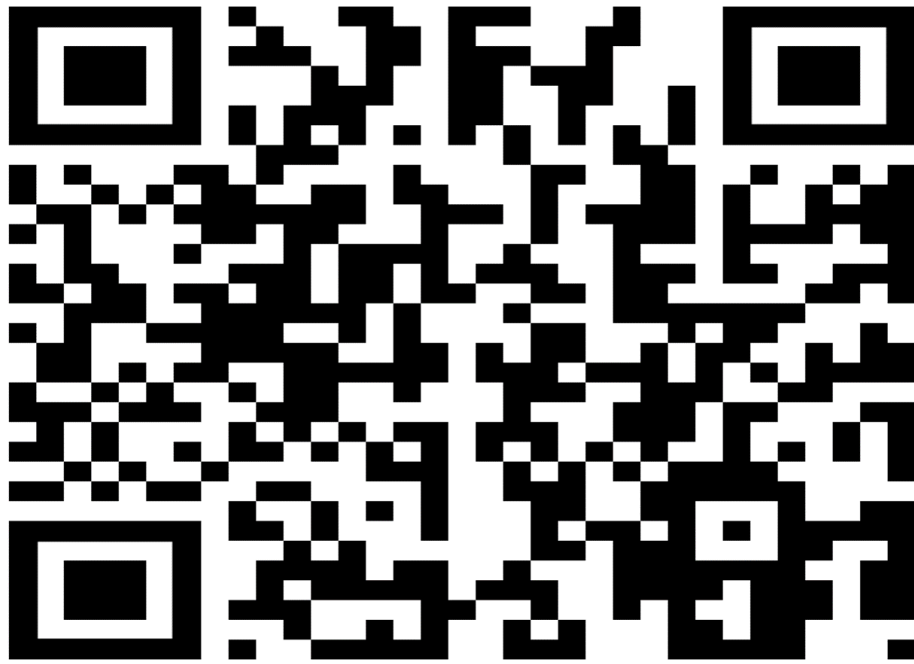
October 22, 2023

Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern
Worship Leader: Teresa Crow
Hospital Elder: John Beeson
Flower Elder: Mike Martin
Deacons:

October 29, 2023

Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons:





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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
Dorothy Alves
The Carter Family
Kathy Bearden, friend of Julia Carpenter
Blaire Hamilton, Jerry & Sheri Thomas' granddaughter
Judy Mason, Sheri Thomas' sister
B.J. Adams, Glenda Burkhart's brother
Ron Chittenden, Mary Chittenden's son
Brittney Matthews, Jerry & Sheri Thomas' granddaughter
Haley Dorn, Jerry & Sheri Thomas' niece
Jeanette Chittenden, Mary Chittenden's daughter-in-law
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
Jeane Duren, Beth Brine's aunt

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

Laura Hixson

Melvin & Janet Barnes



Serving this Sunday
September 24, 2023

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

September 17, 2023

Attendance: 36
Offering: \$ 1,462.54
Weekly Needs: \$ 4,379.46
Difference: \$ -2,916.92

YTD Collected: \$119,940.90
YTD Needed: \$166,419.48
Difference: \$-46,478.58

This Sunday:

"On Being Complete"

Scripture:

James 2:14-26

LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2023
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16