## The Central Christian 411



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#### **Matthew 22:1-14**

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

"Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

<sup>5</sup> "But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. <sup>6</sup> The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

<sup>8</sup> "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. <sup>9</sup> So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' <sup>10</sup> So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup> "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. <sup>12</sup> He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless.

<sup>13</sup> "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

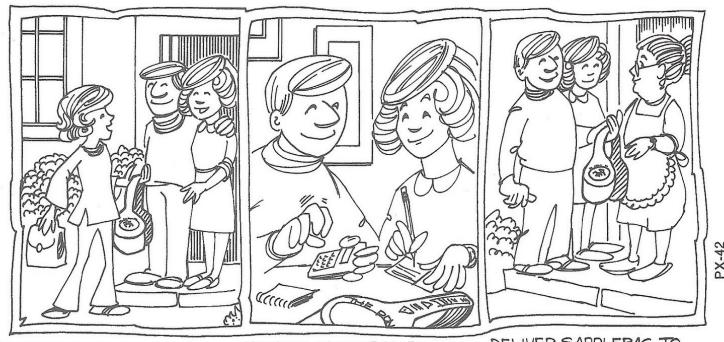
<sup>14</sup> "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

This passage, although complex, has a straightforward message in that it calls for God's children, that would be you and me, to accept God's invitation to join His son in ministry.

Will you?

May we answer God's call always, Wes

### TRY TO COMPLETE YOUR PART OF THE RUN WITHIN 27 HOURS!



RECEIVE SAPPLEBAG FROM FELLOW CHURCH MEMBER/ REMOVE CARD FROM BAG...
FILL IN... SEAL IN ENVELOPE
...INGERT IN OTHER SIDE
OF BAG!

DELIVER SAPPLEBAG TO NEXT CHURCH FAMILY ON LIST... DON'T LEAVE IT ON DOORSTEP!



# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup> 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

Friday, OCT 20<sup>th</sup>

at 7:30 A.M. at

Old Tyme Burger

We encourage all of our men to be present.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</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, OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup>
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.



# Friday, October 27<sup>th</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, OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, IS OUR 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY BREAKFAST!

ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE

(AND WE HOPE ALL OF YOU DO)

PLEASE BRING A

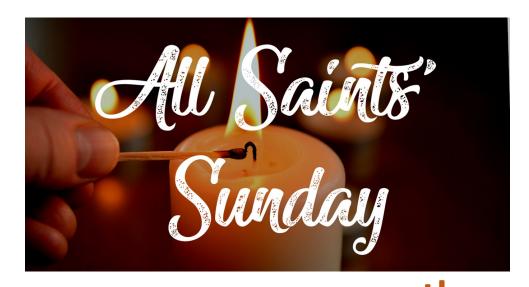
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST FOOD ITEM

COME JOIN US AT 9:30 A.M. IN

BREAKING BREAD

AS WE CELEBRATE

OUR LORD



OCTOBER 29<sup>th</sup> WILL BE **ALL SAINTS** SUNDAY **COME CELEBRATE** THE SAINTS OF

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH



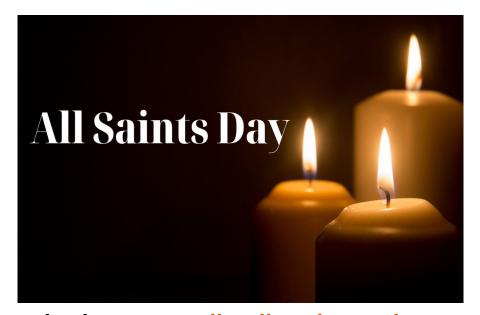
The word *Halloween* or *Hallowe'en* ("Saints' evening") is of Christian origin; a term equivalent to "All Hallows Eve" is attested in Old English. The word *hallowe[']* en comes from the Scottish form of *All Hallows' Eve* (the evening before All Hallows' Day): even is the Scots term for "eve" or "evening", and is contracted to e'en or een; (All) Hallow(s) E(v)en became Hallowe'en.

Halloween or Hallowe'en (less commonly known as Allhalloween, All Hallows' Eve, or All Saints' Eve) is a celebration observed in many countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Saints' Day. It begins the observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints (hallows), martyrs, and all the faithful departed.

One theory holds that many Halloween traditions were influenced by Celtic harvest festivals, particularly the Gaelic festival Samhain, which are believed to have pagan roots. Some go further and suggest Samhain may have been Christianized as All Hallow's Day, along with its eve, by the early Church. Other academics believe Halloween began solely as a Christian holiday, being the vigil of All Hallow's Day. Celebrated in Ireland and Scotland for centuries, Irish and Scotlish immigrants took many Halloween customs to North America in the 19th century, and then through American influence Halloween had spread to other countries by the late 20th and early 21st century.

Popular Halloween activities include trick-or-treating (or the related guising and souling), attending Halloween costume parties, carving pumpkins or turnips into jack-o'-lanterns, lighting bonfires, apple bobbing, divination games, playing pranks, visiting haunted attractions, telling scary stories, and watching horror or Halloween-themed films.

Some people practice the Christian religious observances of All Hallows' Eve, including attending church services and lighting candles on the graves of the dead, although it is a secular celebration for others. Some Christians historically abstained from meat on All Hallows' Eve, a tradition reflected in the eating of certain vegetarian foods on this vigil day, including apples, potato pancakes, and soul cakes.



All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, the Feast of All Saints, the Feast of All Hallows, the Solemnity of All Saints, and Hallowmas, is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honor of all the saints of the church, whether they are known or unknown.

From the 4th century, feasts commemorating all Christian martyrs were held in various places, on various dates near Easter and Pentecost. In the 9th century, some churches in the British Isles began holding the commemoration of all saints on 1 November, and in the 9th century this was extended to the whole Catholic Church by Pope Gregory IV.

In Western Christianity, it is still celebrated on 1 November by the Roman Catholic Church as well as many Protestant churches, as the Christian Church (DoC) & Anglican traditions. The Eastern Orthodox Church and associated Eastern Catholic and Eastern Lutheran churches celebrate it on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The Syro-Malabar Church and the Chaldean Catholic Church, both of whom are in communion with Rome, as well as the Church of the East celebrate All Saints' Day on the first Friday after Easter Sunday. In the Coptic Orthodox tradition, All Saints' Day is on Nayrouz, celebrated on 11 September. The day is both the start of the Coptic new year and its first month, Thout.



Fun4the Drain

Y'ALL COME!!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>

# DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS PLEASE BE SURE TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS & WATCHES

BACK "1" HOUR

BEFORE YOU GO TO BED SATURDAY NIGHT, NOV. 4<sup>TH</sup>



THE CHOIR OF WILEY COLLEGE WILL BE PERFORMING HFRF AT CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH **ON SUNDAY** NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 4 P.M. MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO ENSURE YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THIS BEAUTIFUL PERFORMANCE BY THE

WILEY COLLEGE CHOIR!



Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces (who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable). It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial Day, a U.S. public holiday in May. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who had *died* while in military service. Another military holiday that also occurs in May, Armed Forces Day, honors those *currently serving* in the U.S. military.

Additionally, Women Veterans Day is recognized by a growing number of U.S. states that specifically honor women who have served in the U.S. military.



# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> WE HAVE OUR THANKSGIVING POTLUCK LUNCHEON IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

Thanksgiving Meat Provided

Bring your favorite Thanksgiving Side Dish

Or Dessert

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY
SPECIAL MEAL TO CELEBRATE
GOD'S BLESSINGS!



# HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



# 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 First Epistle to the Thessalonians is a Pauline epistle of the New Testament of the Christian Bible. The epistle is attributed to Paul the Apostle, and is addressed to the church in Thessalonica, in modern-day Greece. It is likely among the first of Paul's letters, probably written by the end of AD 52, though some scholars believe the Epistle to the Galatians may have been written by AD 48.

Thessalonica is a city on the Thermaic Gulf, which at the time of Paul was within the Roman Empire. Paul visited Thessalonica and preached to the local population, winning converts who became a Christian community. There is debate as to whether or not Paul's converts were originally Jewish. The Acts of the Apostles describes Paul preaching in a Jewish synagogue and persuaded people who were already Jewish that Jesus was the Messiah, but in 1 Thessalonians itself Paul says the converts had turned from idols, suggesting they were not Jewish before Paul arrived.

The Second Epistle to the Thessalonians is a book from the New Testament of the Christian Bible. It is traditionally attributed to Paul the Apostle, with Timothy as a co-author. Modern biblical scholarship is divided on whether the epistle was written by Paul; some scholars believe Paul wrote this epistle, but others reject its authenticity based on what they see as differences in style and theology between this and the First Epistle to the Thessalonians.

Scholars who support its authenticity view it as having been written around 51–52 AD, shortly after the First Epistle. Those who see it as a later composition assign a date of around 80–115 AD. The original text was written in Koine Greek.



# The TNT Sunday School Class is continuing its study of

### **TBD**

# We study various books of the Bible and recently completed the BOOK OF EZEKIEL.

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

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/



### 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



# JUST & 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.



### 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**

October 11	5:30pm	Choir
October 12	4pm	Church Growth/Evangelism
October 15	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
October 16	10am	Worship Committee
October 17	5pm	<b>Events Committee</b>
October 18	5:30pm	Choir
October 20	7:30am	CMF at Old Tyme Burger
October 22	11:45am	Property Committee
October 22	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
October 22	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
October 23	6pm	Cabinet Meeting
October 25	5:30pm	Choir
October 27	4:30pm-6:30pm	Spaghetti Dinner
October 29	9:30am	5th Sunday Breakfast
October 29	10:40am	All Saints Service
October 31	all day	Halloween



# 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.



#### 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

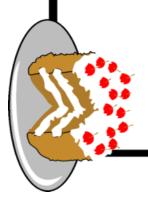
29 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am 5th Sunday Breakfast 10:40am Worship Service w/ All Saints Service	22 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Property Committee 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Rand Sams drop off	15 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon	8:30am Trail Boss Breakfast 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	1 Reconciliation offering World Communion Sunday 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	Sun
30	23 6pm Cabinet Meeting	16 10am Worship Committee	9	N	Mon
31	24	17 5pm Events Committee	10 11:30am CWF Day Group 6pm Hope Remains 6pm C of F Committee	ω	Tue
	25 5:30pm Choir	18 5:30pm Choir	11 5:30pm Choir	4 5:30pm Choir	Wed
	26	19	12 4pm Church Growth/ Evangelism	5	Thu
	27 4:30pm-6:30pm Spaghetti Dinner	20 7:30am CMF at Old Tyme Burger	13	6	Fri
Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Vegetable or salad I-Z: Meat	28	21	14	7 1pm-3pm Family Bingo	Sat

# 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: Mae Kidd & Ethan Cole

# October 8, 2023

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

Flower Elder: Teres Crow

Deacons: Lois Moore & Sondra Bedwell

# October 15, 2023

Greeters: Cowboy & Neldajo Mathison

Worship Leader: Alice Coleman

Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr. Flower Flder: Inlia Carpenter

Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter Deacons: Glenda Burkhart & Sheri Thomas

# October 22, 2023

Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern Worship Leader: Teresa Crow

Hospital Elder: John Beeson

Flower Elder: Mike Martin

Deacons: Harold Taylor & Jerry Thomas

# October 29, 2023

Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter

Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell

Hospital Elder: Jim Spears

Flower Elder: Connie Spears

Deacons: Harold Taylor & Jerry Thomas



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## Weekly Info

#### **Prayer Need**

Our Church

Wes Byas

Stacy Spears, Jim & Connie's daughter-in-law

Neldajo Mathison

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**

Gary Smith, friend of Lee Nailling 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 Herb & Elaine Hamilton, The Oaks 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 October 15, 2023

Greeters: Cowboy & Neldajo Mathison

Worship Leader: Alice Coleman Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.

Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter

Deacons: Glenda Burkhart & Sheri Thomas

#### October 8, 2023

Attendance: 38

Offering: \$ 3,519.54 Weekly Needs: \$ 4,379.46

**Difference:** \$ -859.92

**YTD Collected:** \$128,061.73 **YTD Needed:** \$179,557.86

**Difference:** \$-51,496.13

This Sunday:

"Just Like Me"

**Scripture:** 

Exodus 32:1-14

#### **LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER 15, 2023**

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost** 

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14