

# The Central Christian 411

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## Judges 4:1-7

Again, the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, now that Ehud was dead. <sup>2</sup> So the LORD sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim. <sup>3</sup> Because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the LORD for help.

<sup>4</sup> Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. <sup>5</sup> She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided. <sup>6</sup> She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you: 'Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. <sup>7</sup> I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.'"

There are many passages like this one from the Book of Judges pointing out the female heroes of the Bible. All too often women are not lifted up by the church as keepers of the faith and heroes of the Bible, yet they are and were and have always been. Knowing the importance of women, Jesus included them as disciples. For example: Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Susanna. And contrary to the words of Paul many like to point to, Paul considered women as very important to the life of the church. For example: Priscilla, Julia, Phoebe and Chloe.

Of course, we all know the importance of Jesus' mother, Mary, and her role in being a servant of God. To ignore the importance of women in Biblical times or any other time is nothing less than ridiculous. To discount or degrade the work of women in the history of the church is utter nonsense. Women have been and shall always be important as leaders, spiritually and in the world. Limiting a woman to just teaching and praying in Sunday school or not preaching the Word, or anything else that denies them the full honors and privileges of discipleship is contrary to scripture and God's plan for ALL His children. Having women as Elders, Deacons, Prayer leaders, Worship leaders and Preachers is not only Biblical, but profoundly rooted in God's word. Let us remember these words of Jesus: "Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment. Keep in mind, nowhere in this statement did Jesus say, "For a woman, your faith is great." In fact, Jesus found many men who simply did not measure up to this woman's faith.

May the God of ALL be with you, Wes



Our CMF has turned a corner! Having changed the day and location of our meetings to the third Friday of each month and meeting at Old Tyme Burger at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship, we doubled our attendance. We would like to see it triple, quadruple and on and on!

Another change we have made is rather than a meditation from the Secret Place booklet, we will be assigning a scripture passage of your choice, (to those who wish to participate), and when we meet, we will discuss that passage. This means any scripture that has been weighing on your heart can be up for discussion! To involve the participants is a big and necessary step.

If you haven't attended a CMF meeting or it has been a long time since you have attended, please join us on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at Old Tyme Burger, located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd. We guarantee you will get out of it what you put into it. If you're looking for Biblical knowledge, Spiritual uplift, or just a good time being in fellowship with your brothers in Christ, this will be the place to come and experience what you are looking for.

Jim Spears has led this group for many years and is constantly seeking ways to get the men of Central Christian Church involved. As he leads us down a new path, please join us, that he may see the fruits of his labor.



THE

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

WILL BE MEETING

**Friday, NOV. 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**at 7:30 A.M. at**

***Old Tyme Burger Shoppe***

**Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.**

**Come join us!**



**SATURDAY**

**NOVEMBER 18, 2023**

**FROM 10 A.M. TO 12 P.M.**

**WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER FOLLOW-UP**

**SEMINAR**

**ON**

**REIMAGINING CHURCH**

**ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO  
ATTEND. IMPORTANT DECISIONS WILL  
BE MADE TO RECOMMEND TO OUR  
BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION,  
CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF OUR  
CHURCH.**



# THANKSGIVING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>, IS  
THANKSGIVING DAY.

On this day, let us be in prayer  
for our families, friends and for  
our church.

Central Christian Church  
gives thanks for each and every  
one of you!

(THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY FOR THE HOLIDAYS)



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26<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  
NOVEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>  
AT 6 P.M.  
IN  
THE COMMUNITY ROOM.  
ALL BOARD MEETINGS ARE VERY  
IMPORTANT SO ALL  
BOARD MEMBERS  
ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE  
PRESENT.



***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

## **THE BOOK OF DANIEL**

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.



**NOW AVAILABLE!!!**

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**CCC BALL CAP**

**AND**

**T-SHIRT**

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**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**

<b>November 15</b>	2:00pm	Budget Committee
<b>November 15</b>	5:00pm	Choir
<b>November 16</b>	4pm	Church Growth/Evangelism
<b>November 17</b>	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
<b>November 18</b>	10am	Reimagine Church
<b>November 19</b>	10:40am	Thanksgiving offering
<b>November 20</b>	all day	Care Connectors Mobile Clinic using parking lot
<b>November 22</b>	4pm	Poinsettia order forms due
<b>November 23</b>	all day	Thanksgiving Day (office closed)
<b>November 24</b>	all day	office closed
<b>November 26</b>	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
<b>November 26</b>	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
<b>November 27</b>	6pm	General Board
<b>November 29</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>December 2</b>	10am	Decorating sanctuary



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.

# November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Potluck Luncheon: Meat will be provided Bring your favorite holiday dish			1 4pm Deadline to turn in Veterans pictures 5:30pm Choir	2 1pm Work Day	3	4 1pm-3pm Family Bingo
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship w/Veterans Service 3pm Wiley College Concert	6	7	8 5:00pm Choir	9	10	11 Veterans Day
12 Thanksgiving offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 11:45am Potluck Luncheon w/Bake Sale	13 10am Worship Comm. 1pm Book Club	14 11:30am CWF 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	15 2pm Budget Committee 5:00pm Choir	16 4pm Church Growth/ Evangelism	17 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	18 10am-12pm Reimagine Church
19 Thanksgiving offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	20 Care Connectors Mobile Clinic using parking lot	21	22 Poinsettia order forms due	23 Office closed	24 Office closed	25
26 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pm Randy Sams prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	27 6pm General Board Meeting	28	29 5:00pm Choir	30		

## November Birthdays

Donna Nash	11-7
Sarah Carpenter	11-9
Carol Ann Tallent	11-18
Teri Stover	11-19
Margie Beeson	11-22
Chad Bennett	11-30
Justin Fowler	11-30

## November Anniversaries

Herb & Elaine Hamilton	11-4
Bob & Lynn Wilmoth	11-13
Nick & Neldajo Mathison	11-27



## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

### November 5, 2023

Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhardt  
Worship Leader: Jim Spears  
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern  
Flower Elder: Alice Kern  
Deacons: Glenda Burkhardt & Sheri Thomas

### November 12, 2023

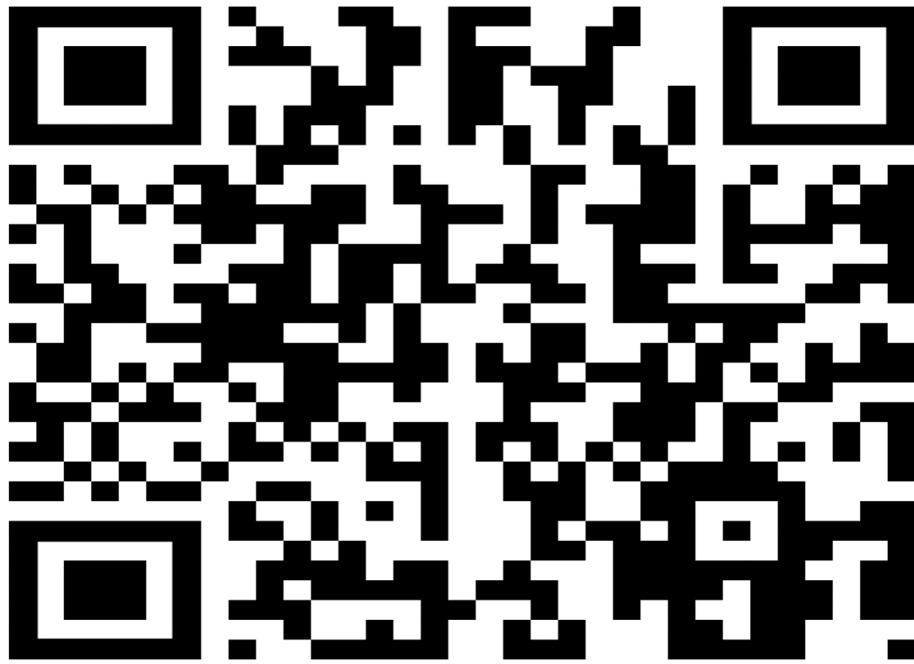
Greeters: Betty Caudle & Mae Kidd  
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell  
Hospital Elder: Teresa Crow  
Flower Elder: Tom Crow  
Deacons: Mae Kidd & Ethan Cole

### November 19, 2023

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow  
Worship Leader: Lee Nailling  
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.  
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter  
Deacons: Harold Taylor & Lois Moore

### November 26, 2023

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



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*OUR*  
*CHURCH VIDEO!*

*SHOW*  
*FRIENDS AND FAMILY.*



# Weekly Info

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## Prayer Need

Our Church  
Wes Byas  
David Allard, Glenda Burkhart's brother-in-law  
Susan Oates  
Kelley Folmar  
Blaire Hamilton, Jerry & Sheri Thomas' granddaughter  
Judy Mason, Sheri Thomas' sister  
B.J. Adams, Glenda Burkhart's brother  
Brittney Matthews, Jerry & Sheri Thomas' granddaughter  
Haley Dorn, Jerry & Sheri Thomas' niece  
Mitch Anderson, friend of George & Julia Carpenter

## Ongoing Concerns

Elaine Hamilton  
Ed Shilling, Judy Van Hooser Shilling's husband  
Kathy Bearden, friend of Julia Carpenter  
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 Hamilton, The Oaks room 34  
Elaine Hamilton, son's 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

Dorothy Sue Patterson

George & Julia Carpenter



**Serving this Sunday**  
**November 19, 2023**

**Greeters:** Tom & Teresa Crow  
**Worship Leader:** Lee Nailling  
**Hospital Elder:** George Carpenter, Jr.  
**Flower Elder:** Julia Carpenter  
**Deacons:** Harold Taylor & Lois Moore

**November 12, 2023**

**Attendance:** 44  
**Offering:** \$ 3,696.99  
**Weekly Needs:** \$ 4,379.46  
**Difference:** \$ -682.47  
  
**YTD Collected:** \$147,367.02  
**YTD Needed:** \$201,455.16  
**Difference:** \$-54,088.14

**This Sunday:**

***"A Worthless Servant"***

**Scripture:**

**Matthew 25:14-30**

**LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Judges 4:1-7**

**Psalm 123**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

**Matthew 25:14-30**