

The Central Christian 411

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Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

The Apostle Paul leaves no doubt he believes Jesus to be the head of the church, sitting at the right hand of God. While this is very important and should be kept in mind not only when we darken the doors of the church, it should also be kept in mind when we are not in church. In other words, you and I ARE the church. Therefore, Jesus is the head of each and every one of us and should rule in our hearts and minds at all times. How many of us actually do that? For us, is that even possible?

The other part of this letter of Paul's to the Ephesians that is profoundly important is found in verse 16: "I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." How many of us never stop giving thanks for others, remembering them in our prayers? Not just the people we like, but for the people we don't like. And, yes, for the people we don't even know.

Tying these two thoughts together, that is, remembering Jesus lives in our hearts and minds and praying for others, does it not make sense if Jesus lives in us then praying for others will just come naturally? With God's spirit within him, Jesus prayed even for his enemies. Is it not incumbent on us as followers of the Lord to do the same?

"...the riches of his glorious inheritance are in his holy people," which is each one of us.

May the God thankfulness and prayer be with you and in you always,



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, December 15th, 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.



THANKSGIVING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd, 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 26th

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 27th
AT 6 P.M.
IN
THE COMMUNITY ROOM.
ALL BOARD MEETINGS ARE VERY
IMPORTANT SO ALL
BOARD MEMBERS
ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE
PRESENT.



SATURDAY

December 2nd

AT 10 A.M.

WE WILL BE

DECORATING

OUR

SANCTUARY

FOR

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO HELP.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

WE WILL HAVE OUR

ANNUAL

ADVENT

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE.

COME JOIN IN!

A-H MEAT

I-Z VEGETABLES

SALAD or DESSERT



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.

Tuesday, December 12, 2023, Hope Remains will have a Candlelight Memorial Service in the Parlor of Central Christian church and invite you to be a part of this special time if you have lost a child you wish to honor and memorialize.

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
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, DEC. 15TH

at 7:30 A.M. at

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



SUNDAY

DECEMBER 17TH

OUR ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

WILL BE PRESENTED BY OUR

CHANCEL CHOIR

IN OUR 10:40 A.M. SERVICE!

COME JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR

IN SONG!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH,

JOIN US FOR OUR

CHRISTMAS EVE

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE.

SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT

5 P.M.

IN THE SANCTUARY.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS

CELEBRATION

OF OUR LORD'S BIRTH.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, IS

NEW YEAR'S EVE!

LET US RENEW

OUR

COMMITMENT TO GOD,

SET NEW

GOALS FOR SERVING HIM

AND FOR SERVING

OUR

NEIGHBOR (COMMUNITY).

HAVE A

BLESSED & PROSPEROUS

2024!!



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!!!

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



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

| | | |
|--------------------|---------|----------------------------------|
| November 22 | 4pm | Poinsettia order forms due |
| November 23 | all day | Thanksgiving Day (office closed) |
| November 24 | all day | office closed |
| November 26 | 4pm | Randy Sams Prep |
| November 26 | 6pm | Randy Sams drop off |
| November 27 | 6pm | General Board |
| November 29 | 5pm | Choir |
| December 2 | 10am | Decorating sanctuary |
| December 3 | all day | 1st Sunday of Advent |
| December 3 | 11:45am | Advent potluck |
| December 6 | 5pm | Choir |
| December 10 | all day | 2nd Sunday of Advent |
| December 10 | 10:45am | Hanging of the Greens service |
| December 11 | 1pm | Book Club |



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.

December 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 10am Decorating the sanctuary |
| 3 1st Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Advent potluck | 4 | 5 | 6 12pm-3pm Southern Caregivers using Disciple Hall | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Christmas offering 2nd Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service w/ Hanging of the Greens | 11 1pm Book Club | 12 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group | 13 5pm Choir | 14 4pm Church Growth/ Evangelism | 15 7:30am CWF @ Old Tyme Burger | 16 11:30am CWF General Meeting 5pm Cantata Rehearsal |
| 17 Christmas offering 3rd Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Christmas Cantata w/Parade of Poinsettias | 18 | 19 | 20 5pm Choir | 21 | 22 Office closes at noon | 23 |
| 24 4th Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 5pm Candlelight Service | 25 Office closed 11am Christmas Dinner for the Homeless and Needy | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am 5th Sunday Breakfast 10:40am Worship Service | | | | | | 31 Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Meat I-Z: Vegetable or salad |

December Birthdays

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| Pat Brummal | 12-1 |
| Kayden Bennett | 12-5 |
| Martha Clinton | 12-6 |
| Mike Lamb | 12-9 |
| Sheri Thomas | 12-14 |
| Neldajo Mathison | 12-15 |

December Anniversaries

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|----------------------|-------|
| John & Margie Beeson | 12-11 |
| Philip & Teri Stover | 12-19 |
| Mike & Sondra Crain | 12-21 |



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

December 3, 2023

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

December 10, 2023

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

December 17, 2023

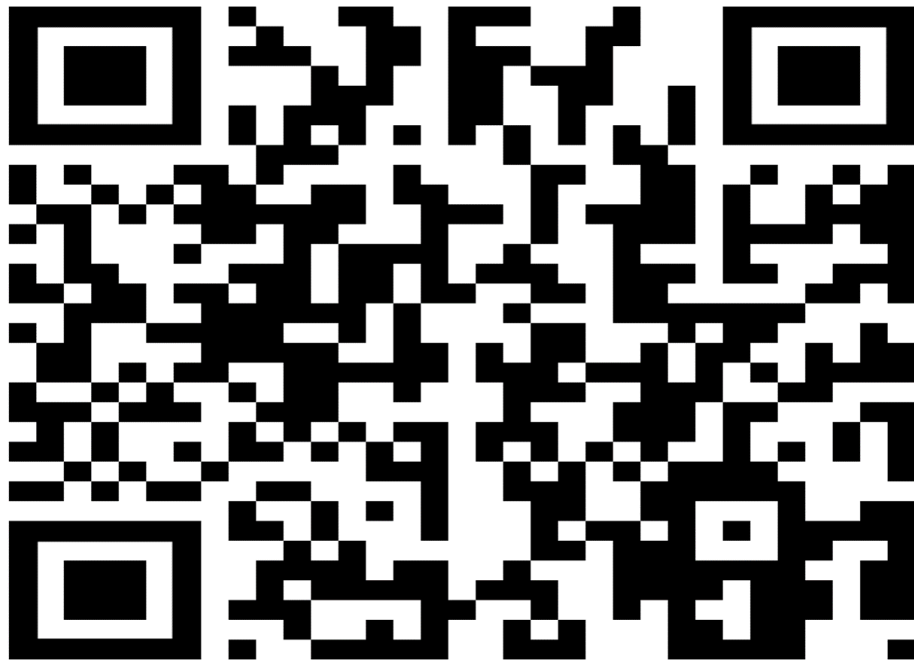
Greeters:
Worship Leader:
Hospital Elder:
Flower Elder:
Deacons:

December 24, 2023

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

December 31, 2023

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



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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



Serving this Sunday
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

November 19, 2023

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Attendance: | 45 |
| Offering: | \$ 1,423.54 |
| Weekly Needs: | \$ <u>4,379.46</u> |
| Difference: | \$ -2,955.92 |
| YTD Collected: | \$148,790.56 |
| YTD Needed: | \$ <u>205,834.62</u> |
| Difference: | \$-57,044.06 |

This Sunday:

***"Fat Sheep vs Lean Sheep:
And the Winner Is?"***

Scripture:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel: 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46