

The Central Christian 411

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Psalm 20:4-6

⁴ May he grant you your heart's desire
and fulfill all your plans.

⁵ May we shout for joy over your victory
and in the name of our God set up our banners.

May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

⁶ Now I know the LORD will help his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with mighty victories by his right hand.

On Saturday, November 18th, we will meet to continue our discussion on Reimagining Church. After our first two meetings there appeared to be much joy and excitement about the future of our church and all the possibilities. It is my prayer that we continue to kindle the fire of hope and excitement that it may blaze into action.

As we all know, change can be very frightening even when we are excited about it. We know from reading scripture Abraham, who was Abram at the time, was called by God to move from the land his was familiar with to a land he had never heard of and had no idea what to expect in that land. Moses received his call from God and was told to lead the Hebrew people out of Egypt, across a desert and into a new land Moses didn't even know existed. Scripture doesn't hide the fact both Abraham and Moses were frightened by the prospect of leaving familiar surroundings. Yet, they did, and they succeeded in fulfilling their calling.

It is my fervent prayer when we meet on the 18th, we focus on the mission and ministry of our Lord and Savior. That we will be bold, brave and, yes, even excited about doing whatever is required to strengthen and expand our ministry in Texarkana. I also pray we do not FEAR change but EMBRACE change. As you have heard me say, "Do not be afraid of change. Be afraid of not changing." Had people like Abraham, Moses and the Disciples feared change, where would we be today?

May the God of change fill your hearts and minds with peace,

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 17th, 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.



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 12th

WE HAVE OUR
THANKSGIVING
POTLUCK LUNCHEON
AND BAKE SALE

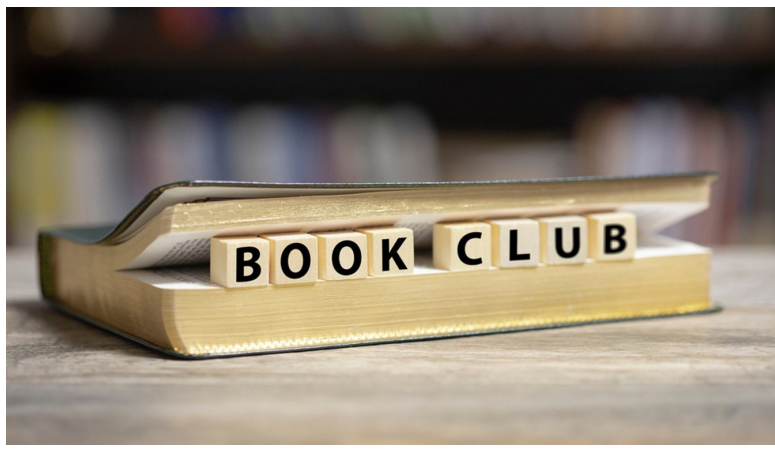
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
OUR
WORSHIP SERVICE

Thanksgiving Meat Provided

Bring your favorite Thanksgiving Side Dish

Or Dessert

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



ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, CHURCH GROWTH AND EVANGELISM WILL HAVE THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CCC BOOK CLUB AT 1 P.M. IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

UP FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE “UNDAUNTED COURAGE,” BY STEPHEN E. AMBROSE

Undaunted Courage is the story of a heroic and legendary man, and the saga of a great nation creating itself. In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson chose Captain Meriwether Lewis to lead the first government- backed exploration of the vast and unknown western territory of what would become part of the United States.

Undaunted Courage reads like an adventure novel filled with high drama, suspense, and personal tragedy. It brings to life the times and circumstances of Meriwether Lewis and his unprecedented expedition and renews our wonder of the vastness of our country and the heroics of our forefathers.

This Book Club is for Men AND Women, and we hope both will read this book and join the discussion.

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CWF/DWM Blog

CWF will meet on Tuesday, November 14th

at 11:30am in the Community Room.

Our service project is paper goods for
Domestic Violence.

Connie is doing our lesson—

“Women of Galilee-Bold, Determined and
Power of Love”

We will have soup, cornbread, crackers,
fruit and dessert.

See everyone there!



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 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.



THE

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, NOV. 17TH

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 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.



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.



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

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| November 8 | 5:00pm | Choir |
| November 11 | all day | Veterans Day |
| November 12 | 10:40am | Thanksgiving offering |
| November 12 | 11:45am | Potluck Luncheon and Bake Sale |
| November 13 | 10am | Worship Committee |
| November 13 | 1pm | Book Club |
| November 14 | 11:30am | CWF Day Group |
| November 15 | 5:00pm | Choir |
| November 16 | 4pm | Church Growth/Evangelism |
| November 17 | 7:30am | CMF @ Old Tyme Burger |
| November 18 | 10am | Reimagine Church |
| November 19 | 10:40am | Thanksgiving offering |
| November 20 | all day | Care Connectors Mobile Clinic using parking lot |
| November 22 | 4pm | Poinsettia order forms due |
| November 23 | all day | Thanksgiving Day (office closed) |
| November 24 | all day | office closed |



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.

November 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 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 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

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| 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

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| 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

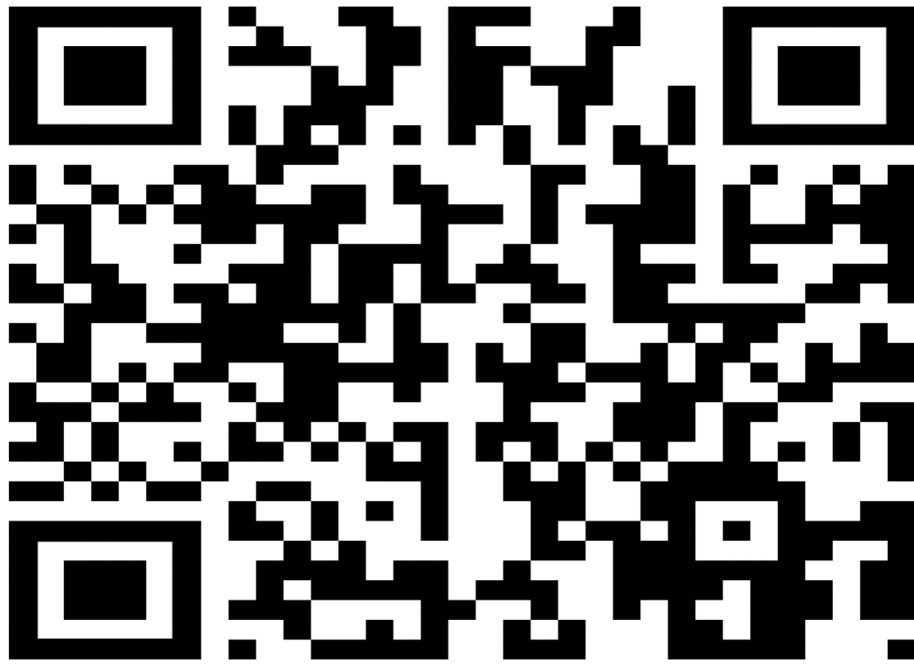
Greeters: Betty Caudle & Mae Kidd
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: Teresa Crow
Flower Elder: Tom Crow
Deacons: Mae Kidd & Ethan Cole

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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TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

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Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
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 12, 2023

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November 5, 2023

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| Attendance: | 41 |
| Offering: | \$ 4,204.54 |
| Weekly Needs: | <u>\$ 4,379.46</u> |
| Difference: | \$ -174.92 |
| YTD Collected: | \$143,670.03 |
| YTD Needed: | <u>\$197,075.70</u> |
| Difference: | \$-53,405.67 |

This Sunday:

"Words of Encouragement"

Scripture:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13