

# The Central Christian 411

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## 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him,<sup>2</sup> the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.”<sup>3</sup> Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind, for the LORD is with you.”

<sup>4</sup> But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan,<sup>5</sup> “Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup> I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. <sup>7</sup> Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’ <sup>8</sup> Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel,<sup>9</sup> and I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup> And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so they may live in their own place and be disturbed no more, and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly,<sup>11</sup> from the time I appointed judges over my people Israel, and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you the LORD will make you a house. <sup>16</sup> Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.”

This is one of those rare moments in Biblical history where a prophet tells someone to do something, and God corrects him. Notice Nathan said to David, “Go, do all you have in mind, for the Lord is with you.” Yet that same night God said to Nathan such is not the case and gives Nathan the words to convey to David that Nathan was wrong because God has a different plan.

Ever wondered if God has a plan different from the one you THINK He has for you?

May the God of love and change be with you always, Wes



OUR CHANGE FOR CHRIST COFFEE CANS HAVE  
BEEN COUNTED AND DEPOSITED!!  
THANKS TO YOUR LOVE FOR CHRIST  
WE DEPOSITED A GRAND TOTAL  
OF  
**\$547.77**  
THESE FUNDS WERE DEPOSITED TO THE  
CULTIVATION OF FUNDS  
ACCOUNT, AND WILL BE USED TO HELP OUR  
CHURCH.  
THANKS TO YOU ALL!!!!



November 29, 2023

Dear Church Family,

We are reaching out to you to remind you our church is alive and well but remains in need of your support. We realize these are difficult days but the ministry of our church presses on. In the past few months we have had the ice maker go out in Disciple Hall Kitchen, an air conditioning unit for the sanctuary needing service, large monetary increase in our Insurance for the buildings, and an issue with our a/c unit for HeBrews. As you know, prices are up and we are in need of your support to repair and/or replace the items needed to be repaired or replaced, as well as pay the increase in our insurance.

As a reminder, there are a number of ways in which you may send the needed support:

1. Mail your check via USPS.
2. Online banking, if you use it.
3. Go to the church with money or check in an envelope and drop it in the mail slot located by the entrance to the Admin. Offices.
4. Use Givelify. If you use this method, please be sure to find Central Christian Church, **Texarkana**.

We hope you and your family are well. Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting our church and God bless.

*The Stewardship Committee*



**OUR CHURCH OFFICE**

**WILL CLOSE AT NOON**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**FOR THE**

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

**AND**

**WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>.**

**HAVE A VERY**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**AND GOD BLESS!!!**



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>,

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.



ON THIS CHRISTMAS DAY 2023

God's greatest gift was sent to all  
He was born in a lowly manger stall  
The gift of Jesus to those who believe  
Is a gift of love and life for all.

God's love was shown in his Son  
He came that we may live as one  
Our thanks and praise cannot express  
Our love for God that brings happiness.

So at this Christmas time rejoice  
Praise the Lord with your voice  
The miracle of that special birth  
Shows how much God thinks you're worth.



The membership of Central Christian Church will be providing a Christmas lunch from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (or until the food is gone) on Christmas day.

The meal will consist of turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, cake and pie for dessert.

The Church will provide the turkey, green beans, potatoes, gravy, and rolls with the dressing, with the pie and cake being provided by our membership or vendors.

We will be needing help to prepare meals. We plan to begin preparing the meal on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

If you can volunteer some time to help prepare and serve, I will have a sign-up sheet in the foyer of the Sanctuary this Sunday. If you prefer, you can call the Church Office to let Tonya know you would like to volunteer.

Many thanks to all, Jim Spears



***SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 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!!***





## 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> **So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!** <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**MAY 2024 NOT ONLY BE A NEW YEAR,  
BUT A NEW LIFE FOR US ALL!**



# ***The Journey Sunday School Class will begin our study of***

## **1 Timothy**

We hope you will join us.

*The Journey class* meets **in the**  
**Library** in the Community  
Center.

The First Epistle to Timothy is one of three letters in the New Testament of the Bible often grouped together as the pastoral epistles, along with Second Timothy and Titus. The letter, traditionally attributed to the Apostle Paul, consists mainly of counsels to his younger colleague and delegate Timothy regarding his ministry in Ephesus (1:3). These counsels include instructions on the organization of the Church and the responsibilities resting on certain groups of leaders therein as well as exhortations to faithfulness in maintaining the truth amid surrounding errors.

Most modern scholars consider the pastoral epistles to have been written after Paul's death, although "a small and declining number of scholars still argue for Pauline authorship".



The **TNT** Sunday School Class  
is continuing its study of

## **THE GOSPEL OF LUKE**

We study various books of the Bible  
and recently completed the  
**BOOK OF DANIEL.**

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**

<b>December 20</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>December 22</b>	12pm	office closes
<b>December 24</b>	10:40am	Christmas offering
<b>December 24</b>	5pm	Candlelight Service
<b>December 25</b>	all day	Christmas Day/office closed
<b>December 25</b>	11am	Christmas Dinner for the Homeless & Needy
<b>December 31</b>	9:30am	5th Sunday Breakfast
<b>January 1</b>	all day	office closed
<b>January 3</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>January 6</b>	10:30am	Undecorating sanctuary
<b>January 6</b>	1pm	Bingo
<b>January 9</b>	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
<b>January 10</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>January 14</b>	10:40am	Laity Sunday w/Glen Hudspeth preaching
<b>January 14</b>	11:45am	Fellowship Committee Meeting
<b>January 17</b>	5pm	Choir



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.

# January 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Vegetable or salad I-Z: Meat	1 Office closed	2	3 5pm Choir	4	5	6 10:30am Undecorating sanctuary 1pm Bingo
9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	8	9 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	10 5pm Choir	11 Human Trafficking Day	12	13
9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Laity Service w/ Glen Hudspeth preaching 11:45am Fellowship Comm.	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Office closed	16	17 5pm Choir	18	19 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	20
9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potato Luncheon	22 1pm Book Club 6pm General Board Meeting	23	24 5pm Choir	25	26 4:30pm-6:30pm Spaghetti Dinner	27 10am Chair Training
9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	29	30	31 5pm Choir			Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25
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## January Birthdays

Jim Spears	1-1
Mary Cobb	1-4
Seth Byas	1-4
Laura Byas	1-10
Glenda Burkhart	1-15
Rusty Minx	1-15
Glen Hudspeth	1-16
Jerry Thomas	1-18
Sydney Fowler	1-27
Janet Bennett	1-28
Hayden Stover	1-31

## January Anniversaries

Mike & Glenda Worley	1-2
Justin & Cara Fowler	1-16



## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

### January 7, 2024

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth  
Worship Leader:  
Hospital Elder:  
Flower Elder:  
Deacons: Mae Kidd & Ethan Cole

### January 14, 2024

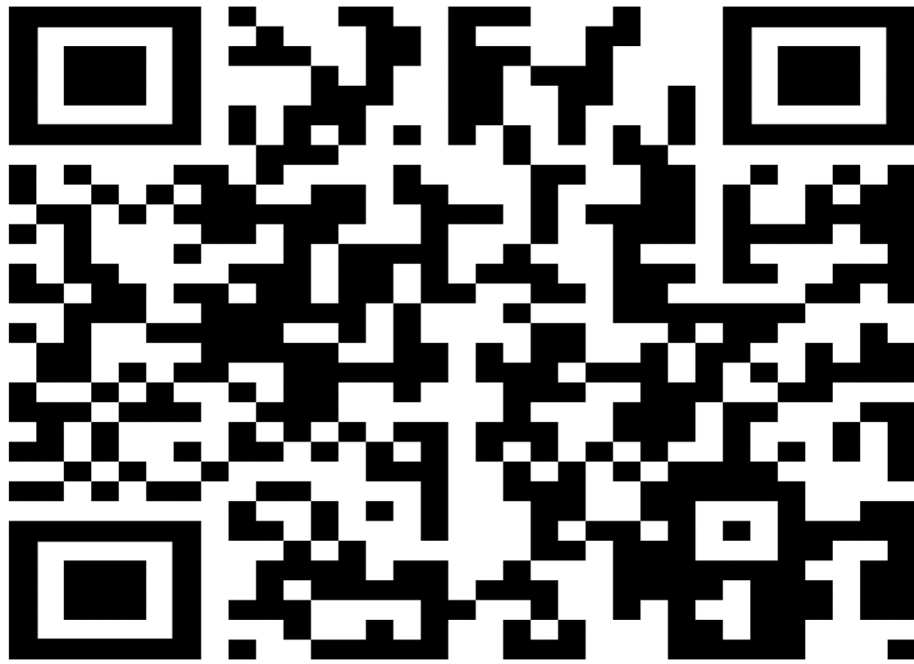
Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter  
Worship Leader:  
Hospital Elder:  
Flower Elder:  
Deacons: Glenda Burkhart & Sheri Thomas

### January 21, 2024

Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhart  
Worship Leader:  
Hospital Elder:  
Flower Elder:  
Deacons: Lois Moore, Randy King

### January 28, 2024

Greeters: John & Margie Beeson  
Worship Leader:  
Hospital Elder:  
Flower Elder:  
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

Lynn Groening, Julia Carpenter's cousin

Bill Sellke, Sheri Thomas' brother-in-law

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

Ed Shilling, Judy Van Hooser Shilling's husband

Keith Williams, friend of Tom Crow

Elizabeth Lea, friend of Lee Nailling

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

*Evie Carter* Randy & Diane King

*John Cunningham* Randy & Diane King

*Elaine Carpenter* Randy & Diane King



Serving this Sunday

December 24, 2023

**Greeters:** Ethan Cole & Alice Coleman

**Worship Leader:** Jim Spears

**Hospital Elder:** Jack Carter

**Flower Elder:** Joan Carter

**Deacons:** Sheri Thomas & Jerry Thomas

## December 17, 2023

**Attendance:** 55

**Offering:** \$ 6,943.54

**Weekly Needs:** \$ 4,379.46

**Difference:** \$ 2,564.08

**YTD Collected:** \$164,478.86

**YTD Needed:** \$223,352.46

**Difference:** \$-58,873.60

**This Sunday:**

*“Fear brings Tears”*

**Scripture:**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

**LECTIONARY FOR DECEMBER 24, 2023**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**

**Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 or Luke 1:46b-55**

**Romans 16:25-27**

**Luke 1:26-38**