

The Central Christian 411

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Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those who were under the law, so we might receive adoption as children. ⁶ And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a servant but a child, and if a child then also an heir through God.

A teenage boy and girl were sitting in a swing on her parents front porch way up in the mountains of North Carolina. They spent a lot of time there away from everyone just them. They would talk about all kinds of things. Things about when they had grown up. What would they do: go to college, which for them meant moving away from home and getting enough money to go. For him it would mean getting a job or going into the military for some good job training. Would they have a family together?

Every Friday evening it was the same. He really liked coming to see her, but her mother's cooking was another good thing about the visit.

When he got ready to go, he would hold her hand and tell her he would see her next Friday and hug her. But one night he was feeling tender towards her so he hugged her and said at the bottom of the porch stairs: You know I love you so much I would fight the biggest man, swim the deepest ocean, climb the highest mountain because I love you so much. He kissed her for the first time and turned to leave. Looking back at her as he opened the gate to leave, he said, "I'll see you next Friday if it doesn't rain."

Interesting note on the difference between us and God. Notice in Paul's letter to the Galatians he points out we are no longer a servant but a child, and if a child then also an heir through God. As you probably know, heirs have the same rights and privileges as blood kin, so to speak. An heir is not relegated to a lower or less important status, but an equal status. Therefore, an heir is family. That being said, since we are part of God's family, God is always with us come rain or shine.

Unfortunately, we as human beings pledge our love and loyalty to God, but often find ourselves abandoning Him. Like the young man, it's "See you tomorrow God.....if it doesn't rain." Why our loyalty to God cannot be as strong as God's loyalty to us is incumbent in our humanness. That is, we allow distraction and dissatisfaction to rule our emotions rather than our emotions being ruled by our loyalty to God. Have you done a loyalty check lately when it comes to God?

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



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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, IS OUR
5TH 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



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!!



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. ¹⁷ **So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!** ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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!**



SATURDAY

JANUARY 6TH

AT 10:30 A.M.

WE WILL BE

TAKING DOWN

OUR

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

DECORATIONS

IN THE SANCTUARY.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO HELP.

BINGO

JANUARY 6TH

FAMILY BINGO

IN HeBREWS

PRIZES!  **PRIZES!**  **PRIZES!**

FROM 1 to 3 PM

Fun4theBrain

Y'ALL COME!!



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.



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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

December 31	9:30am	5th Sunday Breakfast
January 1	all day	New Years Day / office closed
January 3	5pm	Choir
January 6	10:30am	Undecorating sanctuary
January 6	1pm	Bingo
January 9	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
January 10	5pm	Choir
January 11	all day	Human Trafficking Day
January 14	10:40am	Laity Sunday w/Glen Hudspeth preaching
January 14	11:45am	Fellowship Committee Meeting
January 15	all day	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 15	all day	office closed
January 17	5pm	Choir
January 18-25	all day	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 19	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
January 21	11:45am	Baked Potato Luncheon



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.

January 2024

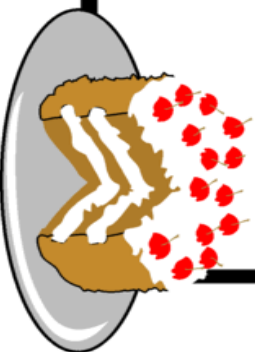
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Vegetable or salad I-Z: Meat	1 Office closed	2	3 5pm Choir	4	5	6 10:30am Undecorating sanctuary 1pm Bingo
9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	8	9 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	10 5pm Choir	11 Human Trafficking Day	12	13
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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: Jim Spears
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Mae Kidd & Ethan Cole

January 14, 2024

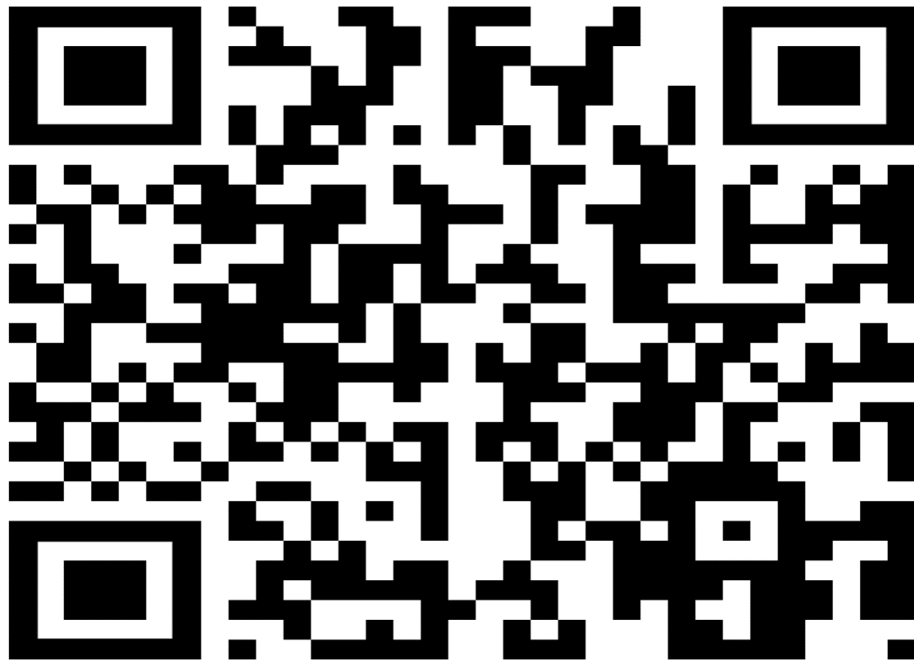
Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter
Worship Leader: Lee Nailling
Hospital Elder: Tom Crow
Flower Elder: Teresa Crow
Deacons: Glenda Burkhart & Sheri Thomas

January 21, 2024

Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhart
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Lois Moore, Randy King

January 28, 2024

Greeters: John & Margie Beeson
Worship Leader: Teresa Crow
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

Lee Mays, friend of Tom & Teresa Crow

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 Burkhardt'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 Nailing

Kathy Bearden, friend of Julia Carpenter

Bill Griffin, Glenda Burkhardt'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
December 31, 2023

Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas

Worship Leader: Mike Martin

Hospital Elder: Robert Kern

Flower Elder: Alice Kern

Deacons: Ethan Cole & Harold Taylor

December 24, 2023

Attendance: 32

Offering: \$ 4,891.95

Weekly Needs: \$ 4,379.46

Difference: \$ 512.49

YTD Collected: \$169,370.81

YTD Needed: \$227,731.92

Difference: \$-58,361.11

This Sunday:

"To Be Dismissed in Peace"

Scripture:

Luke 2:22-40

LECTIONARY FOR DECEMBER 31, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm 148

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40