

# The Central Christian 411



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## 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

<sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. <sup>12</sup> May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. <sup>13</sup> May he strengthen your hearts so you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Question: "How do you think we can thank God enough for all the joy we have had, have, and will have?"

It is so easy for you to tell God about all the horrible things in our lives and how sad and disappointed we are, but do we ever take the time to thank God for the joys we have known? Is that not what we should do in appreciation for those we have known, those we know, and those we will know? Is it not right to thank God for the good and not just tell Him about the bad? Comedian and talk show host, Steve Allen said this:

"Joy is like the hidden note in the glass. Joy is tuning in to what God is doing around you, seeing the world through his eyes, picking up on his delight in us as his children. Anyone can find happiness for a while...Happiness depends on what is happening to you. Joy is different; joy goes deeper. Joy is when your whole being sings because you have caught a glimpse of God at work. Joy can creep up on you and surprise you in unexpected places."

If you have ever had joy in your life, you will know exactly what Steve is talking about. If you haven't known joy, connect with God. God is the source of joy and God works through us. Find the people who are about joy, who know joy and who can show you the way to joy.

Jesus showed many what joy is all about and wants us to show those we encounter. Can you?

May the God of Joy be with you always, Wes



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</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)**



SATURDAY

November 30<sup>th</sup>

AT 10 A.M.

WE WILL BE

DECORATING

OUR

SANCTUARY

FOR

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO HELP.

# Advent

*A Season of Hope  
& Expectation*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>,  
IS THE FIRST SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT.



**Advent** is a season observed as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas as well as the return of Jesus at the second coming. The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming".



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>

IS

HANGING **OF THE** GREENS!

THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL SERVICE

WHERE

WE DECORATE OUR

SANCTUARY FOR

**CHRISTMAS**

PLEASE COME JOIN IN

ON THIS FESTIVE OCCASION

AT THE 10:40 SERVICE.

# POTLUCK LUNCHEON

*Join us for great  
food and fellowship*



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>

WE WILL HAVE OUR

ANNUAL

ADVENT

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR

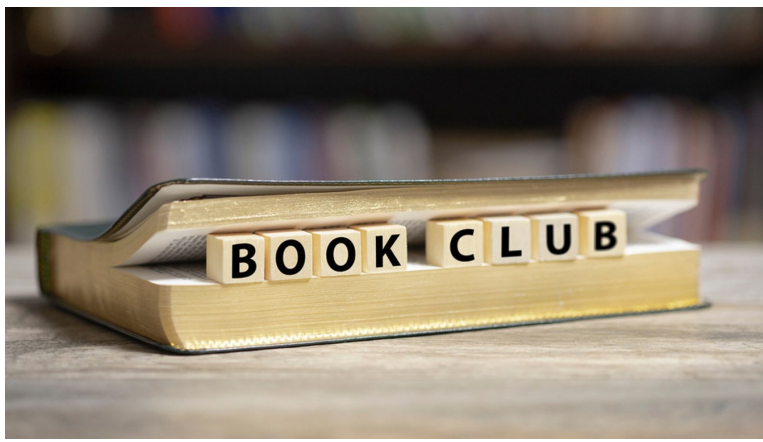
WORSHIP SERVICE.

COME JOIN IN!

A-H - MEAT

I-Z - VEGETABLES

SALAD or DESSERT



ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>  
THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.  
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.  
TO DISCUSS

## THE CABIN AT THE END OF THE TRAIN

BY

MICHAEL V. IVANOV

From a chance meeting with a remarkable old man by the name of “Carl,” a mysterious WWII veteran who shows up on the train at just the right time, *The Cabin at the End of the Train* provides 12 priceless lessons about **purpose, life**, and the importance of **perspectives**.

*The Cabin at the end of the train* will provide you with:

- A better understanding of life’s challenges and proper perspective for tackling them
- Practical yet powerful methods of motivation, encouragement, and resolve for those struggling
- A fresh and insightful perspective on how people can change their view of the world, find strength, and move beyond their problems.

1. *“Sometimes the things we run from are the very things we should be moving towards”*
2. *“Your eyes are the window through which the soul sees the world”*
3. *“You will feel afraid and unqualified”*
4. *“You will be pulled in all directions”*
5. *“Sometimes all we need is a little perspective”*
6. *“Don’t wait to be discovered”*
7. *“You’ve got to believe it in!”*
8. *“Faith without action is dead; action activates miracles”*
9. *“When your feet are planted on solid ground, the sky is the limit.”*
10. *“When your heart breaks for those less fortunate than you, you can be entrusted with diamonds”*
11. *“Life is happening with or without you”*
12. *“Allow yourself to be moved emotionally”*

**Other Books by Michael:**

The Mount of Olives: 11 Declarations to an extraordinary life

The Traveler's Secret: Ancient proverbs for better living

The Servant with One Talent: Five Success Principles from the Greatest Parable Ever Told

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



# HOPE REMAINS

December 10<sup>th</sup>

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 *2<sup>nd</sup> 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 10, 2024, 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.





You are cordially invited

to the CCC

Annual Church Christmas Party

from 6 pm to 8 pm

Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

in HeBrews

BRING A WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT

NOT MORE THAN \$15, PLEASE

*And lots of food*

(Don't forget your

“Change for Christ” can!)



DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

IS OUR

PARADE OF POINSETTIAS

THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL SERVICE

THAT WILL

INSPIRE YOU

AND

SPIRITUALLY ENRICH YOUR

CHRISTMAS!

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS

CHRISTMAS EVENT!



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

WILL BE MEETING

**Friday, DEC. 20<sup>TH</sup>**

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

*Old Tyme Burger Shoppe*

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



***The Journey Sunday School Class  
will be studying***

## **Epistle to Philemon**

We hope you will join us  
for this important study.

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

The Epistle to Philemon is one of the books of the Christian New Testament. It is a prison letter, authored by Paul the Apostle (the opening verse also mentions Timothy), to Philemon, a leader in the Colossian church. It deals with the themes of forgiveness and reconciliation. Paul does not identify himself as an apostle with authority, but as "a prisoner of Jesus Christ", calling Timothy "our brother," and addressing Philemon as "fellow laborer" and "brother" (Philemon 1:1; 1:7; 1:20). Onesimus, a slave that had departed from his master Philemon, was returning with this epistle wherein Paul asked Philemon to receive him as a "brother beloved" (Philemon 1:9–17).

Philemon was a wealthy Christian, possibly a bishop of the church that met in his home (Philemon 1:1–2) in Colossae. This letter is now generally regarded as one of the undisputed works of Paul. It is the shortest of Paul's extant letters, consisting of only 335 words in the Greek text.



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

**NEHEMIAH**

We study various books of the Bible  
and recently completed

**EZRA**

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 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 its own controls.

It has now become necessary, in an attempt to control the cost of heating and cooling in our Sanctuary/Education building, to turn off ALL units except in the sanctuary. Therefore, the parlor and HeBrews will no longer have AC/Heating units on. If you wish to use the parlor or HeBrews, please let the Property Committee Chair, Lee Nailling, know. It will also be necessary to reserve the parlor or HeBrews by booking it through our Admin. Assistant, Tonya Shumake.

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/)**



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

CHURCH

OFFICE HOURS

ARE

8 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

MONDAY

THROUGH

FRIDAY

(Lunch 11 am – 12 pm)



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.

***ATTENTION ALL ELDERS  
AND  
BOARD MEMBERS!!***

In an effort to increase attendance at our Elder meetings and Board meetings, we would like you to sign up for text messaging so you can receive reminders of meetings.

**THIS IS NOT A GROUP TEXT!**

No one will receive your phone number through this messaging service! If anyone responds to a text it goes straight to the messaging computer system, not you. This is a completely safe way to receive reminders without risking your privacy.

Please follow the instructions below to sign up for the messaging service.

We need **ALL** of you to do this, please.



Central Christian will be sending out text messages to remind members of upcoming meetings. To receive text messages, please text ccctxk to 292929, as shown above, to have your number put on our list.

**QUALIFICATIONS TO BE AN  
ELDER, DEACON OR OFFICER**

Must have been members of the congregation for at least one (1) year before election to serve; although exceptions may be made if the Nominating Committee deems it necessary to fill a position.

Must be active in the congregation's life and give evidence of seeking to grow in their own understanding and practice of the Christian life. Such evidence includes the following:

- a. Conduct one's life **in light of the teachings** of Jesus Christ.
- b. **Promotion of good will** and Christian fellowship in the congregation and community.
- c. **At the very least, seventy-five (75) percent attendance** at worship services and stated meetings of the congregation.
- d. Regular financial and/or service contributions to the support of the congregation and its outreach program.
- e. Willingness to fulfill assignments on behalf of the congregation.
- f. Demonstrated skills of evident potential in carrying out responsibilities of the particular office.

**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 28</b>	all day	Thanksgiving Day (office closed)
<b>November 29</b>	all day	office closed
<b>November 30</b>	10am	Decorate sanctuary
<b>December 1</b>	all day	1st Sunday of Advent
<b>December 4</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>December 6</b>	all day	THMP Health Fair & Food Drive in Disciple Hall
<b>December 8</b>	all day	2nd Sunday of Advent
<b>December 8</b>	10:40am	Hanging of the Greens service
<b>December 8</b>	11:45am	Advent potluck
<b>December 9</b>	1pm	Book Club
<b>December 10</b>	6pm	Hope Remains Candlelight Service
<b>December 13</b>	6pm	Annual Church Christmas party in HeBrews
<b>December 15</b>	all day	3rd Sunday of Advent
<b>December 15</b>	10:40am	Parade of Poinsettias





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 Requests



## IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT PRAYER LIST

In recent discussions with the Southwest Region, it has come to our attention that “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 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1 1st Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 5:30pm Choir</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 THMP Health Fair &amp; Food Drive in Disciple Hall</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 2nd Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service w/ Hanging of the Greens 11:45am Advent potluck</p>	<p>9 1pm Book Club</p>	<p>10 6pm Hope Remains Candlelight Service</p>	<p>11 5:30pm Choir</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 6pm Annual Christmas Party in HeBrews</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 3rd Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service w/ Parade of Poinsettias</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 5:30pm Choir</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 7:30am CMMF@ Old Tyne Burger Shoppe</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 4th Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Cantata 4:00pm Randy Sams Prep 6:00pm Randy Sams drop off</p>	<p>23 10am Christmas Dinner Setup</p>	<p>24 10am Christmas Dinner Setup 12pm office closes 6pm Candlelight Service</p>	<p>25 8am Christmas Dinner Setup 11am Christmas Dinner for the Needy </p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am 5th Sunday Breakfast 10:40am Worship Service</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>			<p>Christmas Special Offering will be taken up on December 15th and 22nd.</p>	<p>Advent Potluck Last name beginning with: A-H: Meat I-Z: Vegetable or salad</p>

## December Birthdays

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

## December Anniversaries

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



## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

### December 1, 2024

Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhart  
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell  
Hospital Elder: Mike Martin  
Flower Elder: Jim Spears  
Deacons: Jamie Bennett & Sheri Thomas

### December 8, 2024

Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter  
Worship Leader: Lee Nailling  
Hospital Elder: Tom Crow  
Flower Elder: Teresa Crow  
Deacons: Harold Taylor & Jerry Thomas

### December 15, 2024

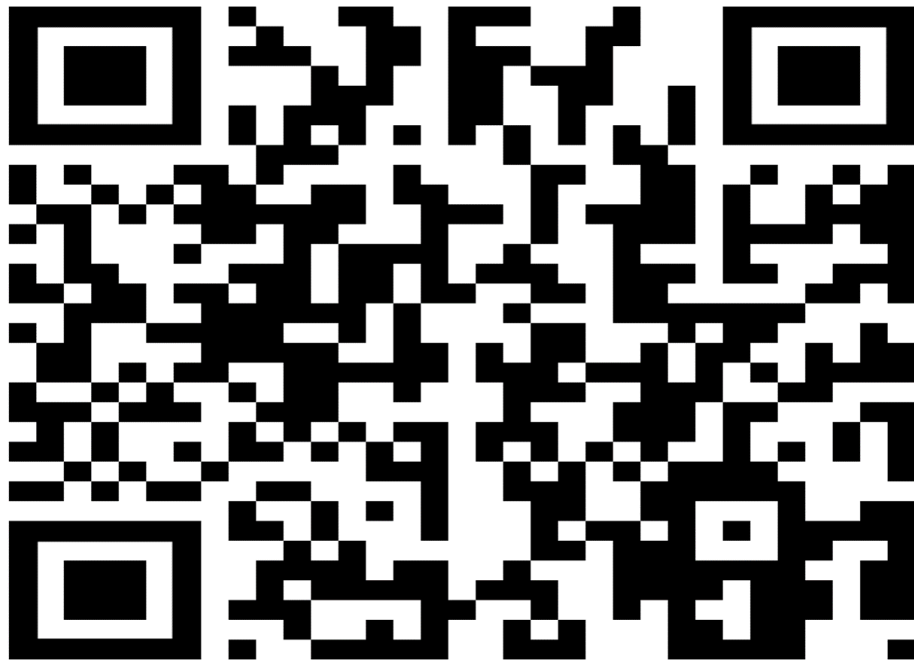
Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore  
Worship Leader: Teresa Crow  
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.  
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter  
Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Jack Duncan

### December 22, 2024

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

### December 29, 2024

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow  
Worship Leader: Jim Spears  
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern  
Flower Elder: Alice Kern  
Deacons: Harold Taylor & Jerry Thomas



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*QR CODE*  
*TO SEE*  
*OUR*  
*CHURCH VIDEO!*

*SHOW*  
*FRIENDS AND FAMILY.*

## Prayer Need

Our Church  
Wes Byas  
Glenda Worley  
Lynn Wilmoth  
Joyce Selke, Sheri Thomas' sister  
Liz Lea, friend of Lee Nailling  
Dorothy Alves  
Nancy Myrick

## Ongoing Concerns

Margie Beeson  
Beth Brine  
Emily Smith, Wes' niece  
Carolyn Walker  
Bryson Caler, Judy Shilling's nephew  
Jeanne Phillips, Sheri Thomas' sister  
Monica Harper, friend of Cara Fowler  
Carolyn Hudspeth  
Anthony Johnson  
Ed Shilling, Judy Shilling's husband  
Bill Griffin, Glenda Burkhart's son-in-law  
Jeane Duren, Beth Brine's aunt

## Homebound

Joe Frost, Sr., home  
Betty Caudle, home  
Elizabeth Cooney, home  
Mary Chittenden  
Herb Hamilton, Little River Nursing & Rehab Rm. 117  
Elaine Hamilton, Little River Nursing & Rehab Rm. 117  
Jane Watson, home  
James Thompson, home  
Susie Howdeshell, home  
Bobbie Roberts, Pat Taylor's mom, The Villa room 207  
Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life



**Serving this Sunday**  
**December 1, 2024**

**Greeters:** Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhart  
**Worship Leader:** Sondra Bedwell  
**Hospital Elder:** Mike Martin  
**Flower Elder:** Jim Spears  
**Deacons:** Jamie Bennett & Sheri Thomas

**November 24, 2024**

**Attendance:** 38  
**Offering:** \$1,830.54

**This Sunday:**

***"Left in Limbo"***

**Scripture:**

**Luke 21:25-36**

***LECTIONARY FOR DECEMBER 1, 2024***

***First Sunday of Advent***

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**Psalms 25:1-10**

**Thessalonians 3:9-13**

**Luke 21:25-36**