

The Central Christian 411



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Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Whether it is being blessed or blessing others, Paul speaks of the blessings of Christ Jesus. He is clear what we have been blessed with and what we can bless others with in this and other letters he wrote. For example, he points out we have been blessed in Christ with every spiritual blessing. We have been blessed by Christ "choosing" us. And we have been blessed with redemption and forgiveness. Paul not only speaks of us being blessed BUT tells us Christ "lavished" these blessings on us.

And if all of that is not enough, Paul tells us we have been blessed by obtaining an inheritance so we might live for the praise of Christ's glory. Do you live for the praise of Christ's glory? If not, 2025 is the perfect time to start!

May the God of Blessings be with you always, Wes

TRAINING



Officer & Committee Chair Training

will occur on

Saturday, January 11th,

From 10 am to 12 pm

in the Community Room

**Current AND New Officers & Chairs
are required to attend.**

*If leaving an Officer post or Chair, you will need to
pass your binder & key to the Church to your
successor.*

This is *required training*
**whether you have Chaired
a committee in 2024 or will be in the upcoming
year.**

Installation of Officers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12th, 2025

WE WILL HAVE

THE

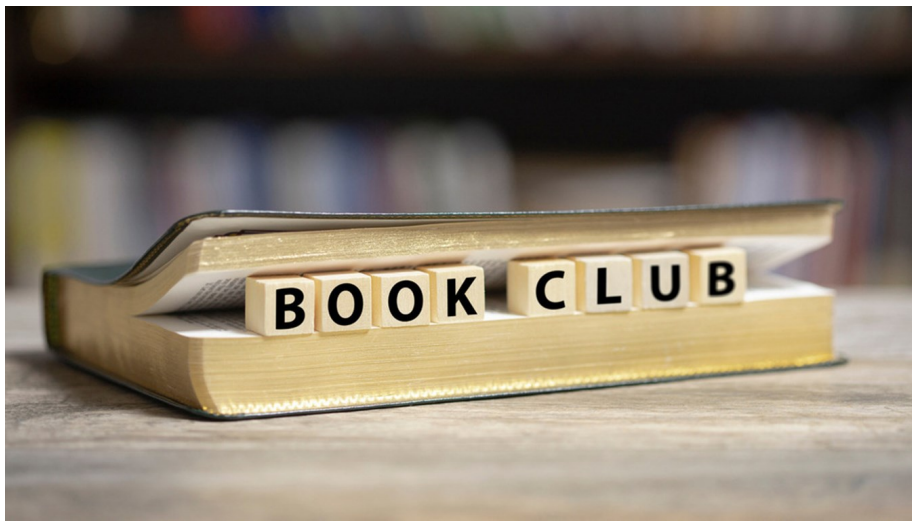
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

AND

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

during our 10:40 service.

If you have accepted one of these positions, please plan to attend on this special day.



ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13th

THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.

IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

TO DISCUSS

THE GLASS CASTLE

BY

Jeanette Walls

The Glass Castle is a remarkable memoir of resilience and redemption, and a revelatory look into a family at once deeply dysfunctional and uniquely vibrant. When sober, Jeannette's brilliant and charismatic father captured his children's imagination, teaching them physics, geology, and how to embrace life fearlessly. But when he drank, he was dishonest and destructive. Her mother was a free spirit who abhorred the idea of domesticity and didn't want the responsibility of raising a family.

The Walls children learned to take care of themselves. They fed, clothed, and protected one another, and eventually found their way to New York. Their parents followed them, choosing to be homeless even as their children prospered.

The Glass Castle is truly astonishing — a memoir permeated by the intense love of a peculiar but loyal family.



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY,

JANUARY 14TH

IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

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, JAN. 17TH

at 7:30 A.M. at

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH

WE HAVE OUR

MONTHLY

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

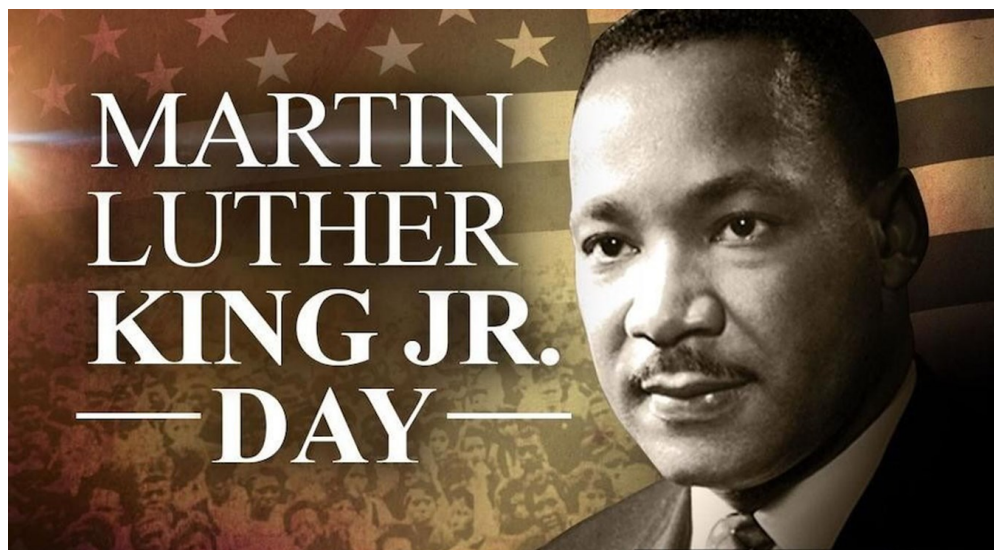
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE

A Spiral Ham has been donated for lunch.
Please bring a different meat, vegetable or
dessert.

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



MONDAY

JANUARY 20TH

IS

M.L.K. Jr. DAY.

**His dream was for a nation,
a world, unified regardless of race.**

**This is what our Lord taught, as
well.**

**Let us celebrate the DREAM
and**

MAKE IT HAPPEN!



THE CHURCH OFFICE

WILL BE CLOSED

MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH

FOR

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

AND

WILL REOPEN ON

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST

HAVE A BLESSED

MLK DAY!!!



SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

**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

JANUARY 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 be studying***

Epistle of James

We hope you will join us
for this important study.

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

The Epistle of James is a general epistle and one of the 21 epistles (didactic letters) in the New Testament. It was written originally in Koine Greek.

James 1:1 identifies the author as "James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ" who is writing to "the twelve tribes scattered abroad". Traditionally, the epistle is attributed to James the brother of Jesus (James the Just), and the audience is considered generally to be Jewish Christians, who were dispersed outside Israel.

Framing his letter within an overall theme of patient perseverance during trials and temptations, James writes in order to encourage his readers to live consistently with what they have learned in Christ. He condemns various sins, including pride, hypocrisy, favoritism, and slander. He encourages and implores believers to live humbly by godly, rather than worldly, wisdom; he encourages prayer in all situations.



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

LETTER TO THE ROMANS

We study various books of the Bible
and recently completed

NEHEMIAH

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.

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

January 11	10am	Chair Training
January 12	10:40am	Installation Service
January 13	1pm	Book Club
January 14	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
January 15	5:30pm	Choir
January 17	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger Shoppe
January 19	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
January 20	all day	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/office closed
January 22	5:30pm	Choir
January 26	11:45am	Fellowship Committee
January 26	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
January 26	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
January 27	6pm	General Board Meeting
January 29	5:30pm	Choir



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 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.

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service</p> <p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>Office closed 1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>10am Undecorate Sanctuary 4</p>
<p>9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service w/Installation Service</p> <p>12</p>	<p>1pm Book Club 13</p>	<p>6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group 14</p>	<p>5:30pm Choir 8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>7:30am CME @ Old Tyme Burger 10</p>	<p>10am Chair Training 11</p>
<p>9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck luncheon</p> <p>19</p>	<p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Office closed 20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>5:30pm Choir 22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Fellowship Comm 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off</p> <p>26</p>	<p>6pm General Board Meeting 27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>5:30pm Choir 29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	

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 5, 2025

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Michael Martin
Deacons: Mae Kidd & Bob Wilmoth

January 12, 2025

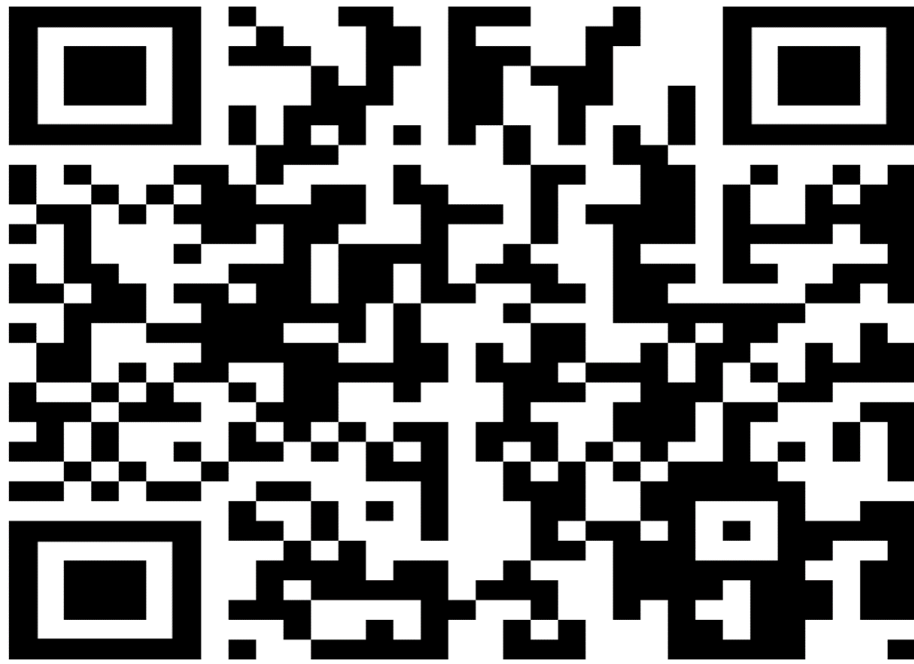
Greeters: Cowboy & Neldajo Mathison
Worship Leader: Lee Nailling
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Lois Moore & Judy Shilling

January 19, 2025

Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas
Worship Leader: Jim Spears
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Tom Crow
Deacons: Glen Hudspeth & Jerry Thomas

January 26, 2025

Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore
Worship Leader: Michael Martin
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Glenda Burkhart & Sheri Thomas



SCAN THIS
QR CODE
TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church
 Wes Byas
 Joe Frost, Sr.
 Margie Beeson
 Stan Brummal
 Beth Brine
 Lee Nailling
 Claudine Brown
 Ellen Allard, Glenda Burkhart's sister-in-law
 Joyce Sellke, Sheri Thomas' sister
 Nancy Myrick

Ongoing Concerns

Glenda Worley
 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

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
January 12, 2025

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January 5, 2025

Attendance: 24
Offering: \$3,220.25
2024 Offering: \$2,300.00

This Sunday:

"Filled with Expectation"

Scripture:

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22