

# The Central Christian 411



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## **Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so you and your household and all you have will not come to poverty.'

<sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

While this story of Joseph bespeaks of God's plan for Joseph, it is also a story of forgiveness. Not only does Joseph forgive his brothers in a situation where many of us would have withheld forgiveness, we read how Joseph kissed all his brothers AND wept upon them, overjoyed to have them in his life again.

Do you have a family member you have not and feel you cannot forgive for some act in the past? Have you wanted to forgive them but have not found the courage to forgive them? Because it does take courage. Our Lord and Savior speaks of forgiving those who wrong us and encourages us to find the courage to do so, even when we feel it is them who should ASK for forgiveness. Therein Jesus set the example by forgiving in spite of his innocence and their guilt.....our guilt. Cleanse your heart and soul by OFFERING forgiveness, not expecting it.

May the God of Love and Forgiveness abide in you always, Wes



**DON'T FORGET THOSE YOU LOVE**

ON

**VALENTINES DAY**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025

**WE WILL HAVE A**

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

**ON SUNDAY, FEB. 16<sup>TH</sup>**

SO, BRING YOUR VALENTINE(S)

**AND JOIN US FOR THIS**

TIME HONORED TRADITION.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>

WE HAVE OUR

MONTHLY

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE

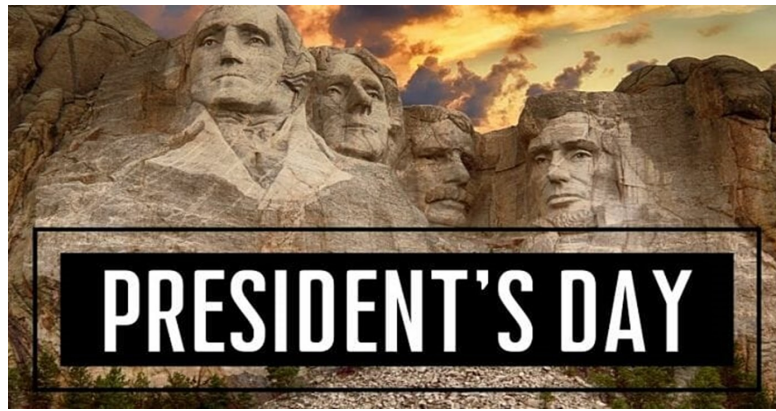
A-H: Meat

I-Z: Vegetable or Salad

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY

SPECIAL MEAL TO CELEBRATE

GOD'S BLESSINGS!



This year, Presidents' Day is Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>! Which presidents do we celebrate on Presidents' Day? And why do we commonly call it "Presidents' Day" when the observed federal holiday is officially called "Washington's Birthday"?

Although the holiday is most often referred to as "Presidents' Day," the observed federal holiday is officially called "**Washington's Birthday.**"

Neither Congress nor the President has ever stipulated that the name of the holiday observed as Washington's Birthday be changed to Presidents' Day. Additionally, Congress has never declared a national holiday that is binding in all states; each state has the freedom to determine its own legal holidays. This is why there are some calendar discrepancies when it comes to this holiday's date.

In a sense, calling the holiday Presidents' Day helps us to reflect on not just the first president, but also the founding of our nation, its values, and what Washington calls in his Farewell Address the "beloved Constitution and union, as received from the Founders." Additionally, Abraham Lincoln's birthday is in February (on the 12th), so by calling the holiday "Presidents' Day," we can include another remarkable president in our celebrations as well.

Today, many calendars list the third Monday of February as Presidents' Day, just as quite a few U.S. states do, too. Of course, all of the 3-day retail store sales are called "Presidents' Day" sales and this vernacular has also been influential in how we reference the holiday.



**THE CHURCH OFFICE**

**WILL BE CLOSED**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**FOR**

**PRESIDENTS DAY**

**AND**

**WILL REOPEN ON**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**HAVE A VERY HAPPY**

**PRESIDENTS DAY!!!**



THERE WILL BE AN  
ELDERS MEETING

ON THURSDAY,

FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>

AT 6 PM

IN THE

COMMUNITY ROOM.

WE WOULD LIKE

ALL ELDERS

TO BE PRESENT.



THE

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

WILL BE MEETING

**Friday, FEB. 21<sup>ST</sup>**

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

***Old Tyme Burger Shoppe***

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

**Come join us!**





**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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.'



# Cabinet Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup>

WE WILL HAVE OUR

CABINET MEETING

AT 6 P.M.

IF YOU ARE ANY OF THE

FOLLOWING, YOU ARE ON THE

CABINET:

Moderator, Vice Moderator,  
Board Secretary, Treasurer, and  
Assistant Treasurer. The Chair of each  
Committee, President of CMF & CWF.



**March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**OUR**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**SERVICE**

**WILL BE HELD**

**AT**

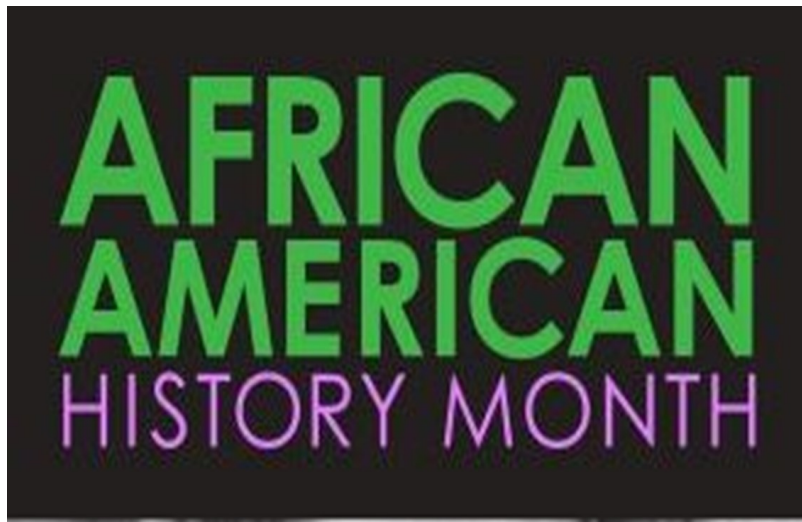
**6:00 P.M.**

**IN THE SANCTUARY**

**LET US BEGIN *LENT* BY BRINGING  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**TO**

**THIS VERY SPECIAL *LENTEN* SERVICE**



**African American History Month is an annual observance originating in the United States, where it is also known as African-American History Month.**

**It has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada, and more recently has been observed in Ireland, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. *It began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora.***

**It is celebrated in February in the United States and Canada.**



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

## **Gospel of Mark**

We hope you will join us  
for this important study.

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

Most scholars date Mark to closely after AD 70. They reject the traditional ascription to Mark the Evangelist, the companion of the Apostle Peter, which probably arose from the desire of early Christians to link the work to an authoritative figure, and believe it to be the work of an author working with various sources including collections of miracle stories, controversy stories, parables, and a passion narrative. It was traditionally placed second, and sometimes fourth, in the Christian canon, as an inferior abridgement of what was regarded as the most important gospel, Matthew. The Church has consequently derived its view of Jesus primarily from Matthew, secondarily from John, and only distantly from Mark. It was only in the 19th century that Mark came to be seen as the earliest of the four gospels, and as a source used by both Matthew and Luke. The hypothesis of Marcan priority (that Mark was written first) continues to be held by the majority of scholars today, and there is a new recognition of the author as an artist and theologian using a range of literary devices to convey his conception of Jesus as the authoritative yet suffering Son of God.



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**

<b>February 12</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>February 14</b>	all day	Valentine's Day
<b>February 16</b>	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
<b>February 17</b>	all day	President's Day/office closed
<b>February 19</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>February 20</b>	6pm	Elders Meeting
<b>February 21</b>	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
<b>February 23</b>	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
<b>February 23</b>	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
<b>February 24</b>	6pm	Cabinet Meeting
<b>February 26</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>March 5</b>	6pm	Ash Wednesday service
<b>March 9</b>		Daylight Saving Time Begins
<b>March 10</b>	1pm	Book Club
<b>March 11</b>	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
<b>March 12</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 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.**

# February 2025

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<p>Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Meat I-Z: Vegetable/salad</p>	<p>Week of Compassion offering will be taken up on February 16 and 23</p>					<p>1:30pm Bingo</p>
<p>9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5pm Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>10am-12pm Parlor Reserved</p>
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	<p>1pm Book Club</p>	<p>6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group</p>	<p>5pm Choir</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
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	<p>6pm Cabinet Meeting</p>					<p>28</p>

## February Birthdays

Elaine Hamilton	2-2
Joe Frost, Sr.	2-8
Susie Howdeshell	2-8
Cameron Lumpkin	2-9
Connie Spears	2-13
Cara Fowler	2-20
George Carpenter, Sr.	2-24
Troy Kern	2-26
Joe Alves	2-28

## February Anniversaries

Joe & Dorothy Alves 2-10

## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

### February 2, 2025

Greeters: Jack Carter & Joan Carter  
Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhardt  
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.  
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter  
Deacons: Harold Taylor & Jerry Thomas

### February 9, 2025

Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhardt  
Worship Leader: Lee Nalling  
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern  
Flower Elder: Alice Kern  
Deacons: Lois Moore & Mae Kidd

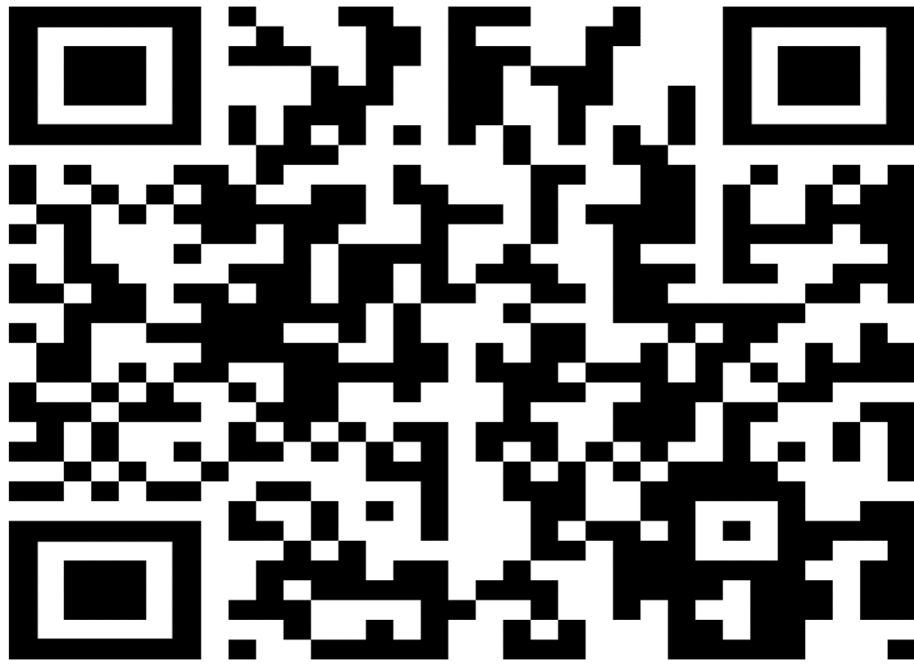
### February 16, 2025

Greeters: Harold Taylor & Pat Taylor  
Worship Leader: Jerry Thomas  
Hospital Elder: Tom Crow  
Flower Elder: Teresa Crow  
Deacons: Pat Taylor & Sondra Bedwell

### February 23, 2025

Greeters: Tom Crow & Teresa Crow  
Worship Leader: Bob Wilmoth  
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter  
Flower Elder: Joan Carter  
Deacons: Harold Taylor & Jerry Thomas





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*TO SEE*  
*OUR*  
*CHURCH VIDEO!*

*SHOW*  
*FRIENDS AND FAMILY.*

# Weekly Info

## Prayer Need

Our Church  
 Wes Byas  
 Richard Burkhart  
 Bobbie Atkinson  
 Joe Alves  
 John Beeson  
 Joyce Sellke, Sheri Thomas' sister

## Ongoing Concerns

Joe Frost, Sr.  
 Margie Beeson  
 Marie Barfoot, friend of Julia Carpenter  
 Ellen Allard, Glenda Burkhart's sister-in-law  
 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  
 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**  
**February 16, 2025**

**Greeters:** Harold & Pat Taylor  
**Worship Leader:** Jerry Thomas  
**Hospital Elder:** Tom Crow  
**Flower Elder:** Teresa Crow  
**Deacons:** Pat Taylor & Sondra Bedwell

**February 9, 2025**

**Attendance:** 32  
**Offering:** \$3,126.39

**This Sunday:**

***"Contradictions"***

**Scripture:**

**1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

**LECTIONARY FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

***Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany***

**Jeremiah 17:5-10**  
**Psalm 1**  
**1 Corinthians 15:12-20**  
**Luke 6:17-26**