

The Central Christian 411



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Colossians 1:15-28

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²²But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel you heard and has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

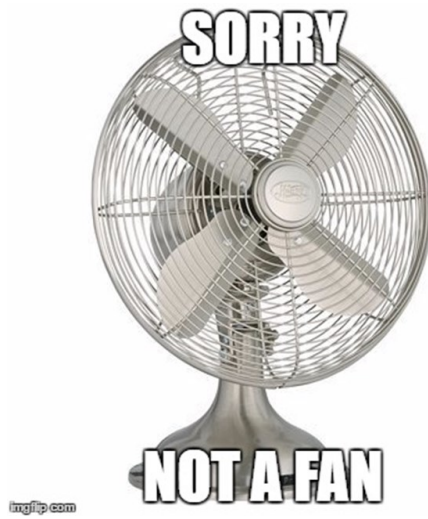
Paul speaks of reconciliation, that is, our reconciliation to God, keeping in mind it was God who reconciled himself to us, not us to him. How wonderful it would be if we learn to be reconcilers like our God and make the first move for reconciliation. More importantly, we must be certain our move toward reconciliation is sincere and unconditional. Unlike:

One New Year's Eve at London's Garrick Club, British dramatist Frederick Lonsdale was asked by Seymour Hicks to reconcile with a fellow member. The two had quarreled in the past and never restored their friendship. "You must," Hicks said to Lonsdale. "It is very unkind to be unfriendly at such a time. Go over now and wish him a happy New Year."

So, Lonsdale crossed the room and spoke to his enemy. "I wish you a happy New Year," he said, "but only one."

God has wished us a lifetime of forgiveness that we may be reconciled to him. May we do the same for others.

May the God of Reconciliation be with you always, Wes



PLEASE BE SURE YOU **NEVER** SET ANY
THERMOSTAT ON “**FAN**” MODE. IT
WILL **NEVER** CUT OFF, AND
THEREFORE **RUN 24/7**, WHICH RUNS
OUR ELECTRIC BILL **SKY HIGH**. WE
FOUND A THERMOSTAT ON **FAN** THAT
HAS BEEN RUNNING FOR NEARLY A
YEAR.

PLEASE **NEVER** USE “**FAN**” MODE,
JUST AUTO.



THE
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, **JULY 18TH**

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

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



SUNDAY, JULY 20TH

WE HAVE OUR

MONTHLY

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE

A-H VEGETABLE OR SALAD

I-Z MEAT

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY

SPECIAL MEAL TO CELEBRATE

GOD'S BLESSINGS!



SUNDAY, JULY 27, 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.**

John 13:34-35

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



Board Meeting

THERE WILL BE A
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY
JULY 28TH
AT 6 P.M.
IN
THE COMMUNITY ROOM.
ALL BOARD MEETINGS ARE VERY
IMPORTANT SO ALL
BOARD MEMBERS
ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE
PRESENT.



AUGUST 2nd

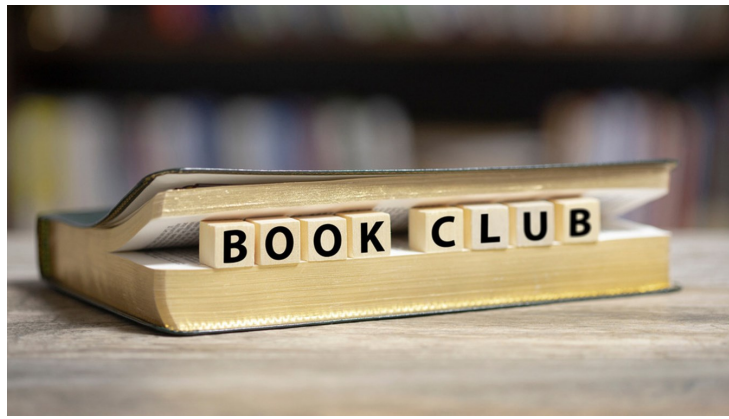
IN THE

COMMUNITY ROOM

From 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Fun4theBrain

Y'ALL COME!!



ON MONDAY, AUGUST 11th
THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.
TO DISCUSS

WILD

BY

CHERYL STRAYED

At twenty-two, Cheryl Strayed thought she had lost everything. In the wake of her mother's death, her family scattered, and her own marriage was soon destroyed. Four years later, with nothing more to lose, she made the most impulsive decision of her life. With no experience or training, driven only by blind will, she would hike more than a thousand miles of the Pacific Crest Trail from the Mojave Desert through California and Oregon to Washington State—and she would do it alone.

Told with suspense and style, sparkling with warmth and humor, *Wild* powerfully captures the terrors and pleasures of one young woman forging ahead against all odds on a journey that maddened, strengthened, and ultimately healed her.



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY,

AUGUST 12TH

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, **AUG. 15TH**

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

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH

WE HAVE OUR

MONTHLY

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE

A-H MEAT

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GOD'S BLESSINGS!



August 21st is
**Senior
Citizens
Day**

Senior Citizen's Day

is celebrated on 21 August each year.

The celebration took place for the first time in 1991. The day is intended to increase awareness of the factors and issues that affect older adults, such as health deterioration and elder abuse. It is also a day to recognize and acknowledge the contributions of older people to society.

Senior Citizen's Day is an opportunity to celebrate and appreciate senior citizens for their services, accomplishments, and dedication they have given in their lives.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

**WE WILL BE SERVING OUR LOCAL
RANDY SAM'S SHELTER**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
HELP SERVE THE HOMELESS
PLEASE COME JOIN
IN.**

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Cabinet Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH

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.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 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



***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, Jim Spears, 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/)



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 ccctxk 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

| | | |
|-----------|---------|----------------------------------|
| July 18 | 7:30am | CMF @ Old Tyme Burger |
| July 20 | 11:45am | Potluck Luncheon |
| July 22 | 5pm | Steering Committee |
| July 27 | 4pm | Randy Sams Prep |
| July 27 | 6pm | Randy Sams drop off |
| July 28 | 6pm | General Board Meeting |
| August 2 | 1:30pm | Bingo |
| August 3 | 11:45am | Fellowship Committee meeting |
| August 11 | 1pm | Book Club |
| August 12 | 6pm | Hope Remains Grief Support Group |
| August 15 | 7:30am | CMF @ Old Tyme Burger |
| August 17 | 11:45am | Potluck Luncheon |
| August 21 | all day | Senior Citizen's Day |
| August 24 | 4pm | Randy Sams Prep |
| August 24 | 6pm | Randy Sams drop off |



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.

July 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|-------------------------|--|-----|-----|---|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Office closed 6pm Hot Dog Supper and Bingo | 5 |
| 6 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service | 7 | 8 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group | 9 | 10 | 11 World Population Day | 12 |
| 13 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service | 14 1pm Book Club | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger | 19 |
| 20 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon | 21 | 22 5pm Steering Committee | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off | 28 6pm General Board | 29 | 30 | 31 | | Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Vegetable/salad I-Z: Meat |

July Birthdays

| | |
|----------------|------|
| Joe Cunningham | 7-5 |
| Betty Caudle | 7-12 |
| Mae Kidd | 7-18 |
| Beverly Folmar | 7-21 |
| Lee Nailing | 7-24 |
| Harold Taylor | 7-24 |
| Lois Moore | 7-29 |

July Anniversaries

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Jack & Patti Fisher | 7-8 |
| Jim & Connie Spears | 7-11 |
| Jack & Joan Carter | 7-24 |



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

July 6, 2025

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Jim Spears
Hospital Elder: Tom Crow
Flower Elder: Teresa Crow
Deacons: Judy Shilling & Ethan Cole

July 13, 2025

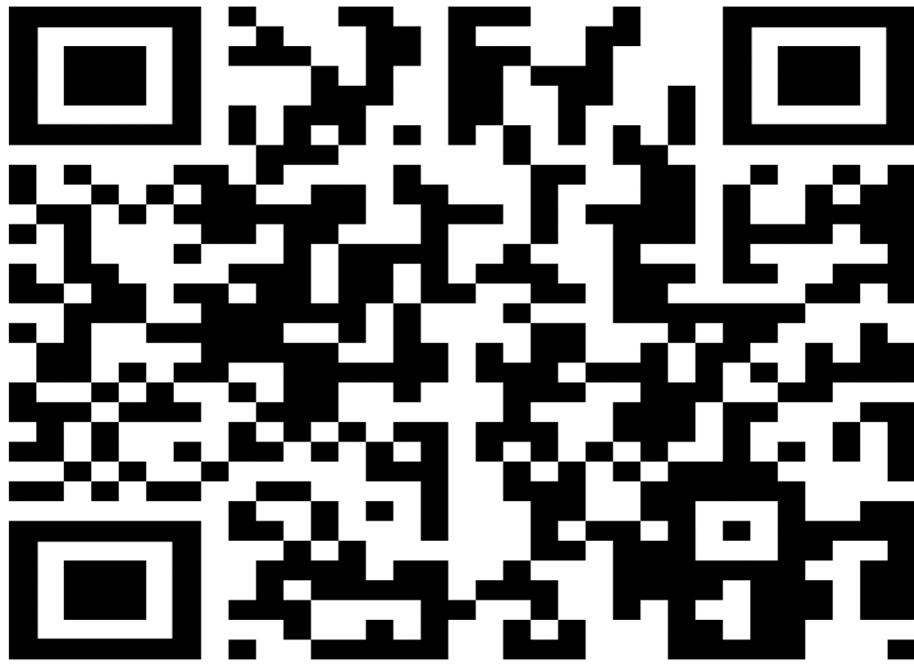
Greeters: George Carpenter, Jr. & Julia Carpenter
Worship Leader: Troy Kern
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons: Bob Wilmoth & Glenda Burkhardt

July 20, 2025

Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhardt
Worship Leader: Jerry Thomas
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Jack Duncan & Mae Kidd

July 27, 2025

Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore
Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhardt
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Jerry Thomas & Sheri Thomas



SCAN THIS
QR CODE
TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

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Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Jack Carter
Robert Kern
Richanna Minx Whitehead, Rusty & Sharon Minx's daughter
Bruce Beeson, John Beeson's son
Sharon Minx
Mike Martin
Gayther & Jana Crank, Kelley Folmar's uncle & aunt
Kathy Sylar, friend of Connie Spears
Lynn Wilmoth
Barbara DePriest, Valerie DePriest's mother-in-law
Janice Dorn, Sheri Thomas' sister
Donna Lee, Robert Kern's sister

Ongoing Concerns

Dorothy Alves
Laura Byas
Gaylen Ramsey, Neldajo's son-in-law
Rhonda Hunter, friend of George & Julia Carpenter
Richard Martin
Randy Thomas, Jerry Thomas' brother
Lonnie Hale, friend of Jerry Thomas
Marie Barfoot, friend of Julia Carpenter
Glenda Worley
Emily Smith, Wes' niece
Jeanne Phillips, Sheri Thomas' sister
Carolyn Hudspeth
Anthony Johnson
Ed Shilling, Judy Shilling's husband
Bill Griffin, Glenda Burkhart's son-in-law

Homebound

Joe Frost, Sr., home
Margie Beeson, Golden Villa in Atlanta Room 305
Betty Caudle, home
Elizabeth Cooney, home
Jane Watson
Herb Hamilton, Little River Nursing & Rehab Rm. 117
James Thompson, home
Susie Howdeshell, home
Bobbie Roberts, Pat Taylor's mom, The Villa room 207
Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life



Serving this Sunday
July 20, 2025

Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhart
Worship Leader: Jerry Thomas
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Jack Duncan & Mae Kidd

July 13, 2025

Attendance: 32

Offering: \$805.25

This Sunday:

"Living Lives of Distraction"

Scripture:

Luke 10:38-42

LECTIONARY FOR JULY 20, 2025

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:1-12

Psalms 52

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42