

# The Central Christian 411



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## **Colossians 3:1-11**

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup> But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Paul tells the Colossians there must be change in their lives to be true followers of Christ. As you know, change is either slow or not at all and so many who say they are followers of Jesus have absolutely no intention of changing their ways. Some do not care what the consequences of NOT changing are. The story below illustrates this:

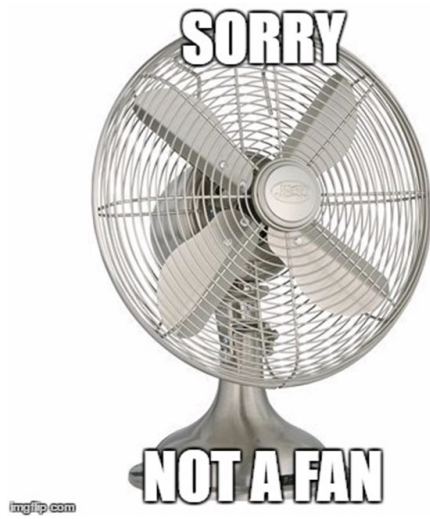
"You," said the doctor to the patient, "are in terrible shape. You've got to do something about it. First, tell your wife to cook more nutritious meals. Stop working like a dog. Also, inform your wife you're going to make a budget, and she has to stick to it. And have her keep the kids off your back so you can relax. Unless there are some changes like that in your life, you'll probably be dead in a month."

"Doc," the patient said, "this would sound more official coming from you. Could you please call my wife and give her those instructions?"

When the fellow got home, his wife rushed to him. "I talked to your doctor," she wailed. "Poor man, you've only got thirty days to live."

The wife had no intention of changing in spite of the impending death of her husband. Are you one who resists change?

May the God of Change 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.



AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup>

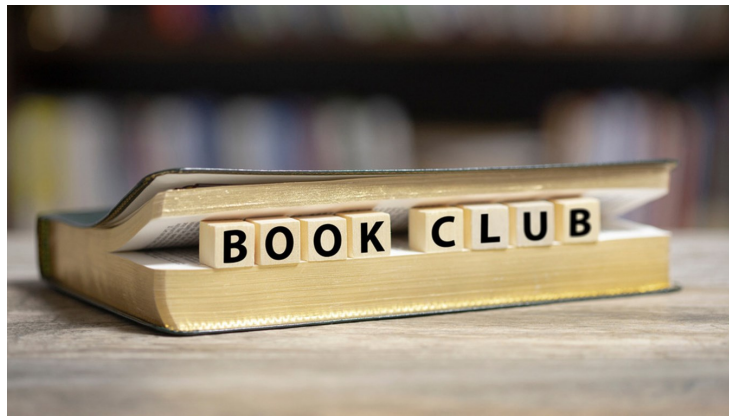
IN THE

COMMUNITY ROOM

From 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Fun4theBrain

Y'ALL COME!!



ON MONDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>th</sup>  
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 12<sup>TH</sup>

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 ***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.

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. 15<sup>TH</sup>**

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

*Old Tyme Burger Shoppe*

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



SUNDAY, AUGUST 17<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!





*August 21<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**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. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

# Cabinet Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 25<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.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>, IS OUR  
5<sup>TH</sup> 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/)**



# 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 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

<b>August 2</b>	1:30pm	Bingo
<b>August 3</b>	11:45am	Fellowship Committee meeting
<b>August 10</b>	11:45am	Stewardship Committee
<b>August 11</b>	1pm	Book Club
<b>August 12</b>	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
<b>August 15</b>	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
<b>August 17</b>	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
<b>August 19</b>	5pm	Steering Committee
<b>August 21</b>	all day	Senior Citizen's Day
<b>August 24</b>	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
<b>August 24</b>	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
<b>August 25</b>	6pm	Cabinet Meeting
<b>August 31</b>	9:30am	5th Sunday Breakfast



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.**

# August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Meat I-Z: Vegetable/salad						1  1:30-3:30pm Bingo  2
3  9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Fellowship Comm	4  1pm Book Club	5  6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	6  7am-5pm 4 States Fusion Rummage Sale	7  7:30am CMF @Old Tyme Burger	8  9	9
10  9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Stewardship Comm	11  1pm Book Club	12  6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	13  14	14  15	15  16	16
17  9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck	18  5pm Steering Comm.	19  20	20  Senior Citizen's Day	21  22	22  23	23
24  9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	25  6pm Cabinet Meeting	26  27	27  28	28  29	29  30	30
31  9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am 5th Sunday Breakfast 10:40am Worship Service						

## August Birthdays

Claudine Brown	8-2
Joan Carter	8-7
Randy King	8-8
James Thompson	8-14
Tom Crow	8-15
Bobbie Atkinson	8-18
Herb Hamilton	8-26
Jamie Bennett	8-31

## August Anniversaries

Rusty & Sharon Minx	8-3
Tom & Teresa Crow	8-7
Glen & Tami Hudspeth	8-9
Harold & Pat Taylor	8-12



## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

### August 3, 2025

Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter  
 Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhart  
 Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.  
 Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter  
 Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Bob Wilmoth

### August 10, 2025

Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore  
 Worship Leader: Bob Wilmoth  
 Hospital Elder: Tom Crow  
 Flower Elder: Teresa Crow  
 Deacons: Robert Kern & Alice Kern

### August 17, 2025

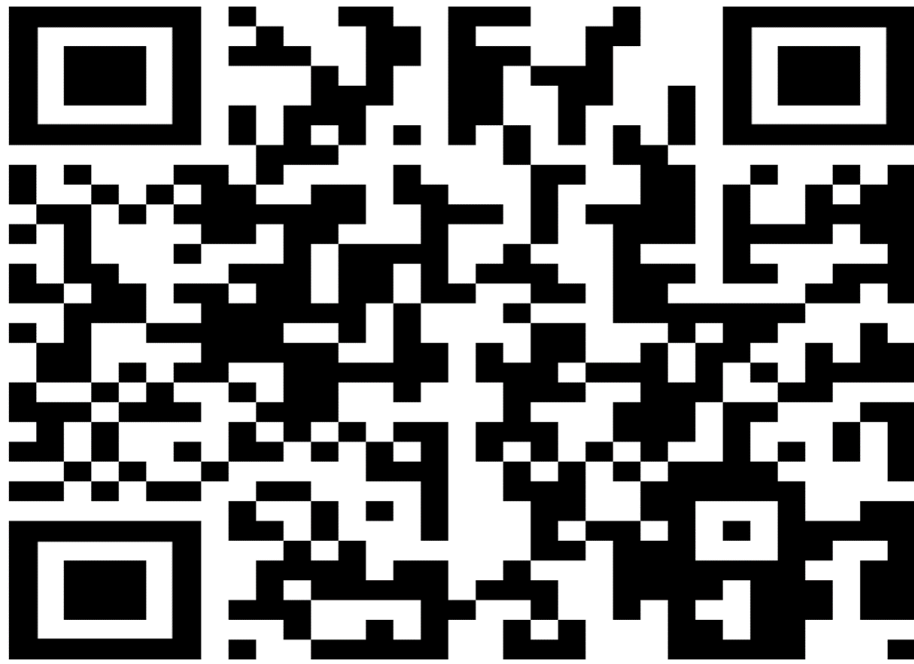
Greeters: Troy & Patia Kern  
 Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell  
 Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.  
 Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter  
 Deacons: Glen & Tami Hudspeth

### August 24, 2025

Greeters: Cowboy & Neldajo Mathison  
 Worship Leader: Jerry Thomas  
 Hospital Elder: Jack Carter  
 Flower Elder: Joan Carter  
 Deacons: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore

### August 31, 2025

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow  
 Worship Leader: Mike Lamb  
 Hospital Elder: Jim Spears  
 Flower Elder: Connie Spears  
 Deacons: Bob Wilmoth & Lynn Wilmoth



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

*SHOW*  
*FRIENDS AND FAMILY.*

# Weekly Info

## Prayer Need

Our Church  
Wes Byas  
Family of Richard Martin  
Tom Crow  
Polly Orr, Jane Watson's sister  
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  
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  
Kathy Sylar, friend of Connie Spears  
Rhonda Hunter, friend of George & Julia Carpenter  
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 Burkhardt'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**  
**August 3, 2025**

**Greeters:** Jack Carter & Joan Carter

**Worship Leader:** Glenda Burkhardt

**Hospital Elder:** George Carpenter, Jr.

**Flower Elder:** Julia Carpenter

**Deacons:** Sondra Bedwell & Bob Wilmoth

**July 27, 2025**

**Attendance:** 21

**Offering:** \$3,881.92

**This Sunday:**

***"ALL ABOUT ME"***

**Scripture:**

**Luke 12:13-21**

***LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST 3, 2025***

***Eighth Sunday after Pentecost***

**Hosea 11:1-11**

**Psalms 107:1-9, 43**

**Colossians 3:1-11**

**Luke 12:13-21**