The Central Christian 411



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Luke 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

So often we find ourselves crippled by events in our lives. Whether it be a death, illness, betrayal, divorce, or whatever, we become unable to function as we were because we are consumed with pain, anguish, remorse, sadness, or fear. Jesus informs his listeners there is not a time when such issues shouldn't be addressed, that compassion shouldn't be in play, and forgiveness shouldn't be afforded. Sabbath or not, God's children should always be helped in whatever way needed. To be bound by life situations is not an option. We were born to be free.

The Gospels depict Jesus as having spent a surprising amount of time healing people. Although, like the author of Job before him, he specifically rejected the theory that sickness was God's way of getting even with sinners (John 9:1-3), he nonetheless seems to have suggested a connection between sickness and sin, almost to have seen sin as a kind of sickness. "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick," he said. "I came not to call the righteous but sinners." (Mark 2:17)

This is entirely compatible, of course, with the Hebrew view of man as a psychosomatic unity, an indivisible amalgam of body and soul whereby if either goes wrong, the other is affected. Let us be the compassionate people we are called to be to all God's children.

May the God of love and compassion abide in you always, Wes



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.



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. ³⁵ By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Cabinet Meeting

THE **CABINET MEETING** FOR THE MONTH OF **AUGUST** HAS BEEN CANCELED WE WILL MEET AGAIN ON **MONDAY** OCTOBER 27TH AT 6 PM

IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM



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



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, IS LABOR DAY

To work is to pray is the motto the Order of St. Benedict adopted.

St. Benedict, the founder of the order, recognized the sacred value of hard work, the notion that through the sweat of our brows and the strength of our arms and backs, we can worship the Creator.

Each of us works, whether with our hands or with our minds. Whether we are builders and teachers, executives or students, all of us spend a good portion of our lives at work. How we do that work and how we treat those who labor to make our world what it is says a lot about how we see the world spiritually.

Let us come together to pray for our workforce on this special day!



OUR CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

FOR THE

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

AND

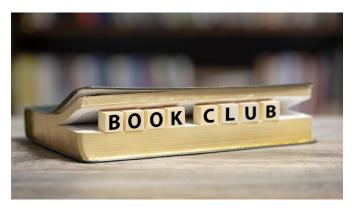
WILL REOPEN ON

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

HAVE A VERY RELAXING

LABOR DAY

HOLID&Y!!!



ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.

IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

TO DISCUSS

THE COVENANT OF WATER

BY

ABRAHAM VERGHESE

Spanning the years 1900 to 1977, *The Covenant of Water* is set in Kerala, on South India's Malabar Coast, and follows three generations of a family that suffers a peculiar affliction: in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning—and in Kerala, water is everywhere. At the turn of the century, a twelve-year-old girl from Kerala's long-existing Christian community, grieving the death of her father, is sent by boat to her wedding, where she will meet her forty-year-old husband for the first time. From this unforgettable new beginning, the young girl—and future matriarch, known as Big Ammachi—will witness unthinkable changes over the span of her extraordinary life, full of joy and triumph as well as hardship and loss, her faith and love the only constants.

A shimmering evocation of a bygone India and of the passage of time itself, *The Covenant of Water* is a hymn to progress in medicine and to human understanding, and a humbling testament to the difficulties undergone by past generations for the sake of those alive today. It is one of the most masterful literary novels published in recent years.



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY,

SEPTEMBER 9TH

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, SEPT. 19TH

at 7:30 A.M. at

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe
Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.
Come join us!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST 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!



THERE WILL BE A GENERAL BOARD MEETING MONDAY SEPTEMBER 22nd 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

1 Corinthians

We hope you will join us for this important study.

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

The First Epistle to the Corinthians is one of the Pauline epistles, part of the New Testament of the Christian Bible. The epistle is attributed to Paul the Apostle and a co-author, Sosthenes, and is addressed to the Christian church in Corinth. Scholars believe that Sosthenes was the amanuensis who wrote down the text of the letter at Paul's direction. It addresses various issues which had arisen in the Christian community at Corinth and is composed in a form of Koine Greek. Despite the name, it is not believed to be the first such letter written to the Corinthian church.

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The TNT Sunday School Class is continuing its study of

THE BOOK OF MALACHI

We study various books of the Bible and recently completed

LETTER TO THE ROMANS

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.



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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/



JUST & 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.



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

August 21	all day	Senior Citizen's Day
August 24	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
August 24	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
August 31	9:30am	5th Sunday Breakfast
September 1	all day	Labor Day/office closed
September 3	2pm	Stewardship Skit Rehearsal
September 7	11:45am	Fellowship Committee
September 8	1pm	Book Club
September 9	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
September 14	11:45am	Property Committee
September 16	5pm	Steering Committee
September 19	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
September 21	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
September 22	6pm	General Board Meeting



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.



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

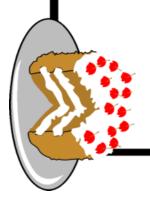
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Meat I-Z: Vegetable/salad					1	1:30-3:30pm Bingo
9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	4	5	9	7	8	7am-5pm 4 States Fusion Rummage Sale
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August Birthdays

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
Fom & 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

Deacons: Robert Kern & Alice Kern Flower Elder: Teresa Crow

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

September 2025

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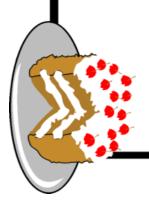
September Anniversaries

Sondra Bedwell

Jack Fisher

9-27 9-20

Robert & Alice Kern



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

September 7, 2025

Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr. Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhart

Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter

Deacons: Mae Kidd & Sheri Thomas

September 14, 2025

Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore

Hospital Elder: Robert Kern Worship Leader: Troy Kern

Flower Elder: Alice Kern

Deacons: Glenda Burkhart & Sondra Bedwell

September 21, 2025

Greeters: Glenda Burkhart & Judy Shilling

Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell

Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth

Deacons: Ethan Cole & Bob Wilmoth

September 28, 2025

Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter

Hospital Elder: Jack Carter Worship Leader: Sheri Thomas

Flower Elder: Joan Carter

Deacons: Glen Hudspeth & Jamie Bennett



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TO SEE

OUR

CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church

Wes Byas

Mike Lamb

Bruce Beeson, John Beeson's son

Sharon Minx

Lynn Wilmoth

Janice Dorn, Sheri Thomas' sister

Donna Lee, Robert Kern's sister

Ongoing Concerns

Laura Byas

Richanna Minx Whitehead, Rusty & Sharon Minx's daughter

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

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

Memory_

Richard Martin

Tom & Teresa Crow Richard & Glenda Burkhart



Serving this Sunday 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 17, 2025

Attendance: 31

Offering: \$2,561.30

This Sunday:

"Above the Law"

Scripture:

Luke 13:10-17

LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST 24, 2025 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17