

The Central Christian 411



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Luke 14:25-33

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus and turning to them he said: ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

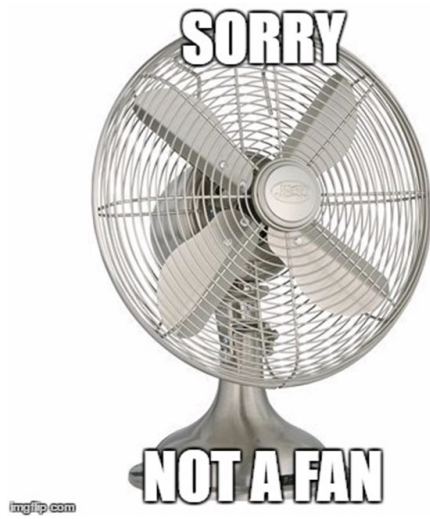
³¹“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

This is one of those passages of scripture we can assign an old saying to, which is, “Look before you leap!” Jesus is very clear about being intentional as one of his disciples. Rather than saying, “Yeah! That’s what I want to do!” when answering the call to discipleship, he says we should say, “Let me ensure I am ABLE to complete my faith journey as a disciple. Let me development a plan, a strategy.” Jesus certainly does not want us to be so obsessed with details that we never get around to following him, but he does want us to consider the sacrifices to be made and whether or not we are PREPARED to follow him.

This is why he says, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father or mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters – yes, even their own life – such a person cannot be my disciple.” What he is saying is NOT a literal hate of family, but a total commitment to him, wherein our family does not sway us from our mission and ministry.

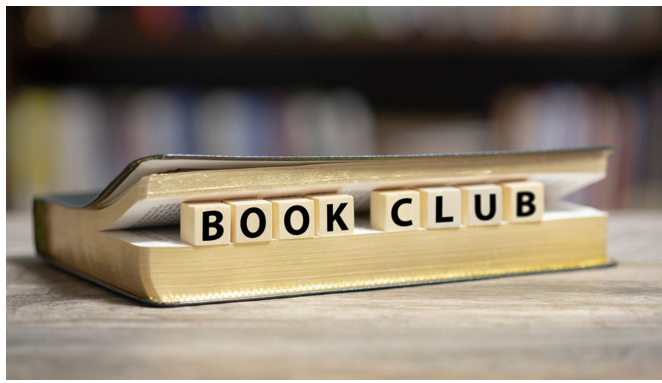
Are you prepared to follow the teachings of Jesus?

May the God of strength and courage abide in 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.



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.

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CWF/DWM Blog

Our CWF meetings will resume on Saturday, September 13th at 11am with the program first then lunch.

Lisa will bring our program in the Community Room with lunch following in Disciple Hall.

Our lunch will be salads and desserts. Our project is still elementary school supplies.

Please bring them to the meeting and Lois will take them to the school.

Hope to see everyone there!



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!



Board Meeting

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.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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."



OCTOBER 4th

IN THE

COMMUNITY ROOM

From 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Fun4theBrain

Y'ALL COME!!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th IS

World Communion Sunday

which is a celebration observed

by

Christian denominations,

taking place on the

First Sunday of every October,

that promotes Christian unity

and ecumenical cooperation.

It focuses on an observance of the
eucharist.



World Mental Health Day (10 October) is an international day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma. It was first celebrated in 1992 at the initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health, a global mental health organization with members and contacts in more than 150 countries. This day, each October, thousands of supporters come to celebrate this annual awareness program to bring attention to mental illness and its major effects on people's lives worldwide. In addition, this day provides an opportunity for mental health professionals to discuss and shed light on their work, making mental health a priority worldwide. In some countries this day is part of an awareness week, such as Mental Health Week in Australia.



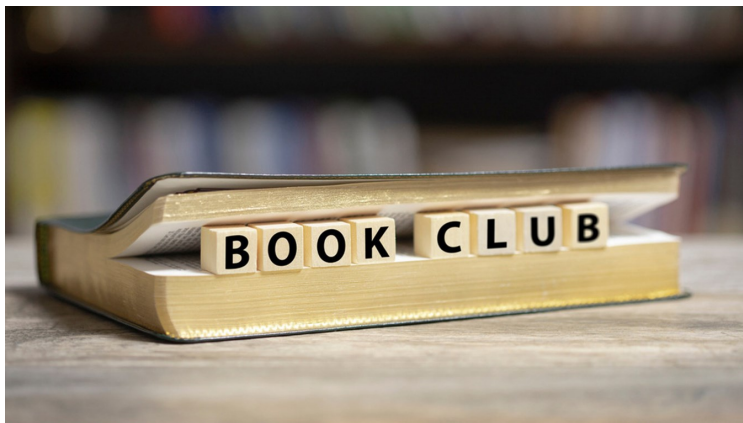
Week of Ministry 2025

October 12 - October 18

**Honoring and celebrating the call to
ministry since 1933.**

Week of Ministry was created by Pension Fund to provide resources for congregations and ministry workers to:

- Show appreciation for those in ministry.
- Encourage congregations to celebrate their pastor.
- Foster relationships among ministry peers.
- Support and encourage those who might be interested in a ministry career in the future.



ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025
THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.
TO DISCUSS
THE LOST BOOK SHOP

BY

EVIE WOODS

On a quiet street in Dublin, a lost bookshop is waiting to be found...

For too long, Opaline, Martha and Henry have been the side characters in their own lives.

But when a vanishing bookshop casts its spell, these three unsuspecting strangers will discover that their own stories are every bit as extraordinary as the ones found in the pages of their beloved books. And by unlocking the secrets of the shelves, they find themselves transported to a world of wonder... where nothing is as it seems.



***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.



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

**THE BOOK OF
HEBREWS**

We study various books of the Bible
and recently completed

THE BOOK OF MALACHI

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

September 7	11:45am	Fellowship Committee
September 8	1pm	Book Club
September 9	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
September 13	11am	CWF
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
September 28	10:40am	Reconciliation offering
September 28	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
September 28	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
October 4	1:30pm	Bingo
October 5	all day	World Communion Sunday
October 5	10:40am	Reconciliation offering



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.

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Reconciliation offering will be taken up on September 28th.	1 Labor Day Office closed	2	3	4	5	6
7 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Fellowship Comm.	8 1pm Book Club	9 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	10	11	12	13 11am CWF
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21 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon	22 6pm General Board	23	24	25	26	27
28 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	29	30				Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Vegetable/salad I-Z: Meat

September Birthdays

Jack Duncan	9-4
Philip Stover	9-7
Dorothy Alves	9-8
Jack Carter	9-11
Julia Carpenter	9-16
Teresa Crow	9-18
Sondra Bedwell	9-20
Jack Fisher	9-27

September Anniversaries

Robert & Alice Kern	9-7
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Servers for the Weeks Ahead

September 7, 2025

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

September 14, 2025

Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore
Worship Leader: Troy Kern
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Glenda Burkhart & Sondra Bedwell

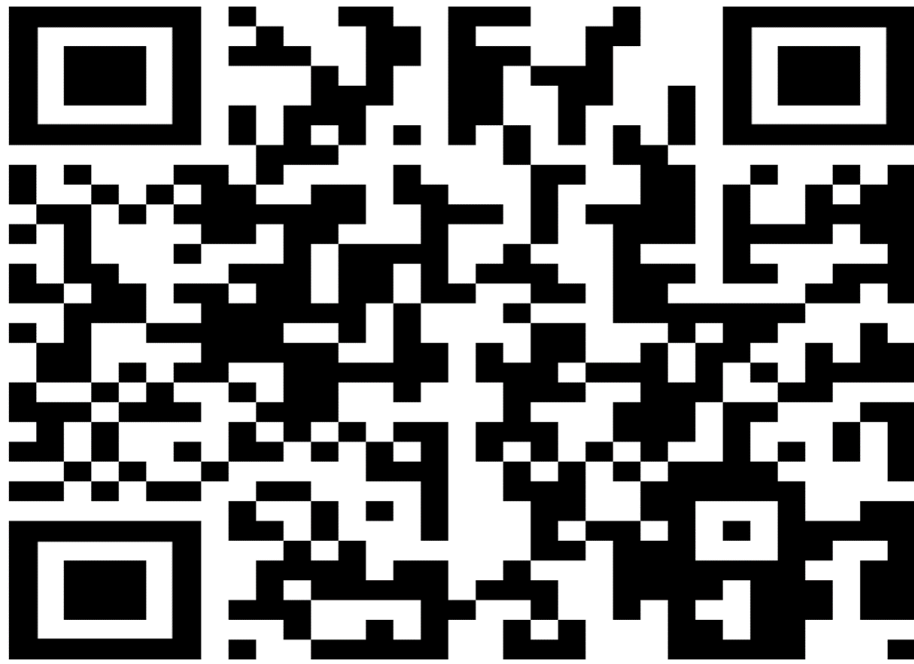
September 21, 2025

Greeters: Glenda Burkhart & Judy Shilling
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth
Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth
Deacons: Ethan Cole & Bob Wilmoth

September 28, 2025

Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter
Worship Leader: Sheri Thomas
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Glen Hudspeth & Jamie Bennett





SCAN THIS
QR CODE
TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
David Foley
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 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
September 7, 2025

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

August 31, 2025

Attendance: 33
Offering: \$1,972.05

This Sunday:

"I NEVER SAID THAT!"

Scripture:

Matthew 22:15-22

LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 2025
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalms 81:1, 10-16
Philemon 1:1-21
Luke 14:25-33