

The Central Christian 411

*A Message
from our Pastor*

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2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

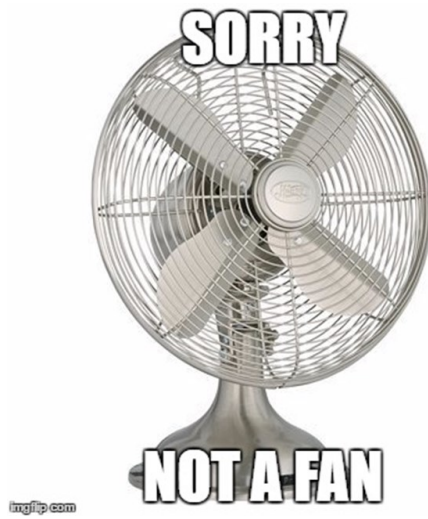
¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

⁴ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

I recently read about an old man, walking the beach at dawn, who noticed a young man ahead of him picking up starfish and flinging them into the sea. Catching up with the youth, he asked what he was doing. The answer was the stranded starfish would die if left in the morning sun. 'But the beach goes on for miles and miles, and there are millions of starfish,' countered the man. 'How can your effort make any difference?' The young man looked at the starfish in his hand and then threw it to safety in the waves. 'It makes a difference to this one,' he said."

All too often we Christians confuse faithfulness with success. The two are not synonymous. There have been faithful followers of Christ who, by earthly standards, were not successful. Likewise, there are those who have been successful by earthly standards who were not faithful to Christ. While some may say we need to make a difference for hundreds in order to be considered successful in life, our Lord and Savior says, "If we can make a difference for just one," we have been faithful. May we always be faithful in serving our Lord.

May our faithful and loving God 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.



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.



THE
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, OCT. 17TH

at 7:30 A.M. at

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

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!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

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.



The word *Halloween* or *Hallowe'en* ("Saints' evening") is of **Christian origin**; a term equivalent to "All Hallows Eve" is attested in Old English. The word *hallowe[']en* comes from the Scottish form of *All Hallows' Eve* (the evening before All Hallows' Day): *even* is the Scots term for "eve" or "evening", and is contracted to *e'en* or *een*; (*All*) *Hallow(s) E(v)en* became *Hallowe'en*.

Halloween or Hallowe'en (less commonly known as Allhalloween, All Hallows' Eve, or All Saints' Eve) is a celebration observed in many countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western **Christian** feast of All Saints' Day. It begins the observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints (hallows), martyrs, and all the faithful departed.

One theory holds that many Halloween traditions were influenced by Celtic harvest festivals, particularly the Gaelic festival Samhain, which are believed to have pagan roots. Some go further and suggest Samhain may have been **Christianized** as All Hallows' Day, along with its eve, by the early Church. Other academics believe Halloween began solely as a **Christian** holiday, being the vigil of All Hallows' Day. Celebrated in Ireland and Scotland for centuries, Irish and Scottish immigrants took many Halloween customs to North America in the 19th century, and then through American influence Halloween had spread to other countries by the late 20th and early 21st century.

Popular Halloween activities include trick-or-treating (or the related guising and souling), attending Halloween costume parties, carving pumpkins or turnips into jack-o'-lanterns, lighting bonfires, apple bobbing, divination games, playing pranks, visiting haunted attractions, telling scary stories, and watching horror or Halloween-themed films.

*Some people practice the **Christian** religious observances of All Hallows' Eve, including attending church services and lighting candles on the graves of the dead, although it is a secular celebration for others. Some **Christians** historically abstained from meat on All Hallows' Eve, a tradition reflected in the eating of certain vegetarian foods on this vigil day, including apples, potato pancakes, and soul cakes.*



CHRISTMAS SHOP

This holiday season...

Help the kids from Washington Community Development Center spread Christmas cheer by donating new or gently used items for our holiday shop--where they will be able to shop for gifts to give their parents/guardians.

This will allow the kids to use the “points” they earn for attendance, participation, and good behavior to shop for gifts to give their loved ones at Christmas.

**Drop off @
1900 Marietta St, Texarkana, AR 71854**

**Drop off Monday-Friday
12 PM-4 PM**

Text 903-278-1784 with any questions!





***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

LETTER TO THE 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.



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AND

T-SHIRT

CAN BE YOURS FOR

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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

October 12-18	all week	Week of Ministry
October 17	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
October 19	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
October 21	3pm	Worship Committee
October 21	5pm	Steering Committee
October 26	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
October 26	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
October 27	6pm	Cabinet Meeting
October 31	all day	Halloween
November 1	all day	All Saints Day
November 2	all day	Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 2	10:40am	All Saints Service
November 10	1pm	Book Club
November 11	all day	Veterans Day
November 11	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group



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.

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Meat I-Z: Vegetable/salad	Reconciliation offering will be taken up on October 5th	Week of Ministry October 12-18	1	2	3	4
5 World Communion Sunday 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	6	7	8	9	10 World Mental Health Day	11
12 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	13 1pm Book Club	14 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	15	16	17 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	18
19 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon	20	21 3pm Worship Comm. 5pm Steering Committee	22	23	24	25
26 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	27 6pm Cabinet Meeting	28	29	30	31	

October Birthdays

Kelly Cunningham	10-1
Kelley Folmar	10-9
David Foley	10-10
Sondra Crain	10-12
Alice Coleman	10-18
Sharon Minx	10-20
David Defoy	10-22
Beth Brine	10-27
Annette Wilmoth	10-31

October Anniversaries

George & Julia Carpenter	10-18
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Servers for the Weeks Ahead

October 5, 2025

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhart
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons: Judy Shilling & Robert Kern

October 12, 2025

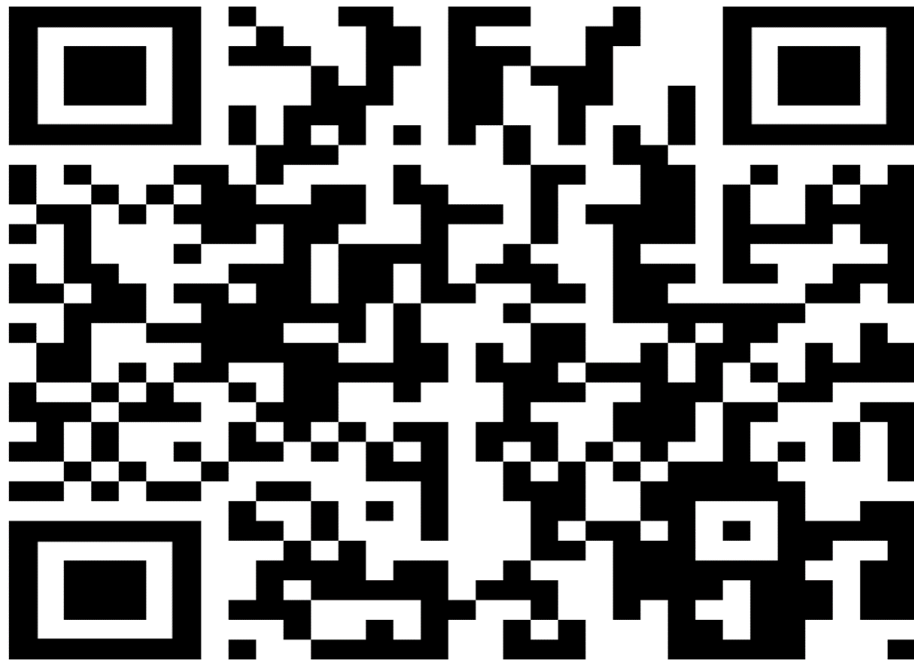
Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter
Worship Leader: Troy Kern
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Jamie Bennett & Mae Kidd

October 19, 2025

Greeters: Troy & Patia Kern
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman
Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth
Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth
Deacons: Sheri Thomas & Glenda Burkhart

October 26, 2025

Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas
Worship Leader: Tom Crow
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Jack Duncan & Ethan Cole



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QR CODE
TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

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Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Family of Jan Miller, Sondra Bedwell's sister
Julia Carpenter
Matt Lowe, Robert & Alice Kern's son-in-law
Mike Lamb
Bruce Beeson, John Beeson's son
Sharon Minx
Lynn Wilmoth
Janice Dorn, Sheri Thomas' sister

Ongoing Concerns

Laura Byas
Richanna Minx Whitehead, Rusty & Sharon Minx's daughter
Kathy Sylar, friend of Connie Spears
Donna Lee, Robert Kern's sister
Rhonda Hunter, friend of George & Julia Carpenter
Randy Thomas, Jerry Thomas' brother
Lonnie Hale, friend of Jerry Thomas
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
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
October 19, 2025

Greeters: Troy & Patia Kern
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman
Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth
Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth
Deacons: Sheri Thomas & Glenda Burkhardt

October 12, 2025

Attendance: 37
Offering: \$6,890.05

This Sunday:

"WILLING"

Scripture:

Matthew 26:14-25

LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER 19, 2025
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalms 119:97-104
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8