The Central Christian 411



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Luke 18:9-14

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

¹³ "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

¹⁴ "I tell you this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Many of us remember the movie, "Titanic" and if not the movie certainly from history classes when we were in school. You may also recall there were not enough lifeboats onboard to save all the people the Titanic carried. It was a sad day indeed when more than 1,500 people lost their lives because the Titanic was poorly equipped. Here is a conversation that took place when the Titanic was being built:

"Control your Irish passions, Thomas. Your uncle here tells me you proposed 64 lifeboats, and he had to pull your arm to get you down to 32. Now, I will remind you just as I reminded him--these are my ships. And, according to our contract, I have final say on the design. I'll not have so many little boats as you call them, cluttering up my decks and putting fear into the passengers."
--J. Bruce Ismay, Director of the White Star Line

Upon reading this I think of the Pharisee Jesus refers to in his parable. The audacity Ismay had to believe not only "his" ship would not sink, but to insist "little boats," would "clutter up the decks," is beyond believable. The old Arab proverb: "Trust in the Lord, but tie up your Camel," seems to apply in this case. Ismay trusted in his ship but should have had the little boats to save everyone.

May the God of salvation be with 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.



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.



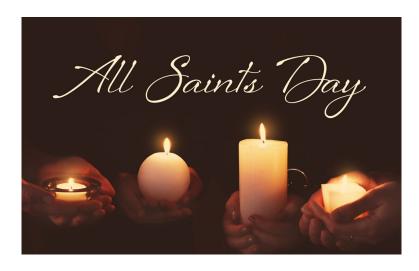
The word Halloween or Hallowe'en ("Saints' evening") is of Christian origin; a term equivalent to "All Hallows Eve" is attested in Old English. The word hallowe['] en comes from the Scottish form of All Hallows' Eve (the evening before All Hallows' Day): even is the Scots term for "eve" or "evening", 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 Hallow's Day, along with its eve, by the early Church. Other academics believe Halloween began solely as a Christian holiday, being the vigil of All Hallow's Day. Celebrated in Ireland and Scotland for centuries, Irish and Scotlish 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.



ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, the Feast of All Saints, the Feast of All Hallows, the Solemnity of All Saints, and Hallowmas, is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honor of all the saints of the Church, whether they are known or unknown.

From the 4th century, feasts commemorating all Christian martyrs were held in various places, on various dates near Easter and Pentecost. In the 9th century, some churches in the British Isles began holding the commemoration of all saints on 1 November, and in the 9th century this was extended to the whole Catholic Church by Pope Gregory IV. In Western Christianity, it is still celebrated on 1 November by the Western Catholic Church as well as by many Protestant churches, such as the Lutheran, Anglican, Disciples of Christ, and Methodist traditions. The Eastern Orthodox Church and associated Eastern Catholic and Eastern Lutheran churches celebrate it on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The Syro-Malabar Church and the Chaldean Catholic Church, both of which are in communion with Rome, as well as the Church of the East, celebrate All Saints' Day on the first Friday after Easter Sunday. In the Coptic Orthodox tradition, All Saints' Day is on Nayrouz, celebrated on 11 September. The day is the start of the Coptic new year, and of its first month, Thout.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS PLEASE BE SURE TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS & WATCHES

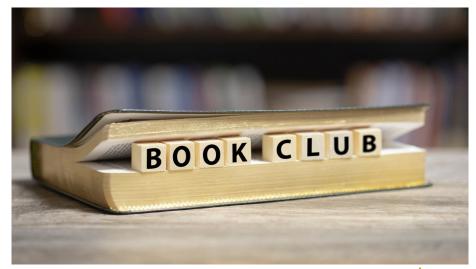
BACK "1" HOUR

BEFORE YOU GO TO BED
SATURDAY NIGHT, NOV. 1st



NOVEMBER 2nd WILL BE **ALL SAINTS** SUNDAY **COME CELEBRATE** THE SAINTS OF

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
AS WE LIGHT CANDLES
IN MEMORY OF THEM.



ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10th

THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.

IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

TO DISCUSS

LOVE IS A WILD ASSAULT

BY

ELITHE HAMILTON KIRKLAND

Delicate and dark-eyed, Harriet Potter became a legend for all time--a woman compelling sudden loves and fierce loyalties against the colorful backdrop of a brawling, newborn republic.

Abandoned to the savage wilderness and left to die, she fought a courageous battle for survival. And soon she was a proud beauty dressed in a silken gown--boldly escaping the approaching Mexican army in the arms of the man she loved.

Harriet Potter was known throughout the land as the heroine of a thousand tales, each one taller than the last, and each one true.



Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces (who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable). It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial Day, a U.S. public holiday in May. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who had *died* while in military service. Another military holiday that also occurs in May, Armed Forces Day, honors those *currently serving* in the U.S. military.

Additionally, Women Veterans Day is recognized by a growing number of U.S. states that specifically honor women who have served in the U.S. military.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
WE HAVE OUR
THANKSGIVING

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE

TURKEY AND DRESSING PROVIDED!

Please bring side dishes/dessert

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING MEAL

GOD'S BLESSINGS



THE CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, NOV. 21ST

at 7:30 A.M. at

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



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.

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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

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

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 2	11:45am	Outreach Committee
November 10	1pm	Book Club
November 11	all day	Veterans Day
November 11	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
November 16	10:40am	Thanksgiving offering
November 16	11:45am	Thanksgiving potluck
November 21	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
November 23	10:40am	Thanksgiving 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.



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

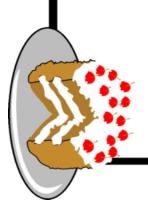
	31	30	29	28	27 6pm Cabinet Meeting	9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off
25	24	23	22	21 3pm Worship Comm. 5pm Steering Committee	20	9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon
18	7:30am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

October Birthdays

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

October Anniversaries

George & Julia Carpenter 10-18



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

Hospital Elder: Robert Kern Flower Flder: Alice 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 Flder: Joan Carter

Flower Elder: Joan Carter Deacons: Jack Duncan & Ethan Cole

November 2025

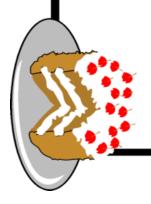
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22	21 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	20	19	18 5pm Steering Committee	17 6pm General Board	9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon
15	14	13	12	Veterans Day 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	10 1pm Book Club	9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service
	7	6	5	4	S	All Saints Sunday Daylight Saving Time Ends 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Outreach Comm.
All Saints Day *set clocks and watches back one hour					Thanksgiving offering will be taken up on November 16th & 23rd.	Thanksgiving Potluck: Turkey and dressing will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert.
Sat	Fri	Thu	Wed	Tue	Mon	Sun

November Birthdays

Sarah Carpenter	11-9
Carol Ann Tallent	11-18
Teri Stover	11-19
Margie Beeson	11-22
Susan Oates	11-28
Chad Bennett	11-30
Justin Fowler	11-30

November Anniversaries

Bob & Lynn Wilmoth 11-13 Nick & Neldajo Mathison 11-27



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

November 2, 2025

Greeters: Tom Crow & Teresa Crow

Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhart

Hospital Elder: Tom Crow

Flower Elder: Teresa Crow

Deacons: Troy Kern & Bob Wilmoth

November 9, 2025

Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhart

Worship Leader: Troy Kern

Hospital Elder: Robert Kern

Flower Elder: Alice Kern

Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Judy Shilling

November 16, 2025

Greeters: Cowboy & Neldajo Mathison

Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell

Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth

Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth

Deacons: Robert Kern & Alice Kern

November 23, 2025

Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter

Worship Leader: Bob Wilmoth

Hospital Elder: Jack Carter

Flower Elder: Joan Carter

Deacons: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore

November 30, 2025

Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas

Worship Leader: Alice Coleman

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

Julia Carpenter

Matt Lowe, Robert & Alice Kern's son-in-law

Mike Lamb

Bruce Beeson, John Beeson's son

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 Burkhart's son-in-law

Homebound

Joe Frost, Sr., home

Margie Beeson

Betty Caudle, home

Midge 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 26, 2025

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

Deacons: Jack Duncan & Ethan Cole

October 19, 2025

Attendance: 29

Offering: \$311.05

This Sunday:

"Spiritual vs. Religious"

Scripture:

Mark 5:21-43 and Mark 10:46-52

LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER 26, 2025
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14