

# The Central Christian 411



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## **James 5:7-10**

Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup> Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

For many people one of the greatest challenges in life is having patience. So many of us want what we want NOW. We do not want to wait. We want instant gratification. There are those who do not want to wait to be promoted to a higher position at work, we want to start at the top. And so it goes.

James tells us good things come to those who wait. He explains how the farmer waits for the crops he has planted to grow and how he waits for the rain to water the crops. Equally important, James tells us we must strengthen our hearts as we await the day of the Lord.

According to a traditional Hebrew story, Abraham was sitting outside his tent one evening when he saw an old man, weary from age and journey, coming toward him. Abraham rushed out, greeted him, and then invited him into his tent. There he washed the old man's feet and gave him food and drink.

The old man immediately began eating without saying any prayer or blessing. So Abraham asked him, "Don't you worship God?"

The old traveler replied, "I worship fire only and reverence no other god."

When he heard this, Abraham became incensed, grabbed the old man by the shoulders, and threw him out his tent into the cold night air.

When the old man had departed, God called to his friend Abraham and asked where the stranger was. Abraham replied, "I forced him out because he did not worship you."

God answered, "I have suffered him these eighty years although he dishonors me. Could you not endure him one night?"

May the God of patience fill your heart and mind, Wes



## ***CHRISTMAS BONUSES***

**Dear Church Family,**

**It's that time of year again to think of our wonderful staff,  
Wes, Tonya, Gigi and Ariel.**

**If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Bonuses,  
please place a check to the church in a separate envelope  
with my name on it.**

**I need the checks by Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, so the  
bonuses can be presented on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Thank you!**

**Connie Spears**



Historic Washington  
Presents  
**39th Annual Christmas and Candlelight**  
**December 12-13**

Embrace the Joy of Christmas

Immerse yourself in the enchanting spirit of the season, surrounded by cozy and festive historic buildings. Enjoy delightful music, capture memorable moments with photo opportunities, indulge in Christmas shopping, and stroll along city streets adorned with thousand of luminaries.

Tour venues will open at 3 p.m. and will continue until 8 p.m.

Luminary lighting and music programs will begin at 5 p.m.

Plan to enjoy an evening meal at Williams Tavern Restaurant from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**Four States Fusion will be performing at 5:45pm**

For more information call the park at (870) 983-2684



You are cordially invited  
to the CCC

Annual Church Christmas Party

from 6 pm to 8 pm

Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

in HeBrews & Parlor

BRING A CHRISTMAS GIFT

NOT MORE THAN \$20, PLEASE

*And appetizers*

(Don't forget your  
"Change for Christ" can!)



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

[Barton Warren Stone](#) was born [December 24, 1772](#), and died November 9, 1844. He was an American evangelist during the early 19th-century Second Great Awakening in the United States. First ordained a Presbyterian minister, he and four other ministers of the Washington Presbytery resigned after arguments about doctrine and enforcement of policy by the Kentucky Synod. This was in 1803 after Stone had helped lead the Cane Ridge Revival, a several-day communion season attended by nearly 20,000 persons.

Stone and the others briefly founded the Springfield Presbytery, which they dissolved the following year, resigning from the Presbyterian Church altogether. They formed what they called the [Christian Church \(Disciples of Christ\)](#), based on Christian scriptures rather than a creed. He later became allied with Alexander Campbell, a former Presbyterian minister who was also creating an independent sect, sometimes allied with Baptists, and formed the Restoration Movement. Stone's followers were first called "New Lights" and "Stoneites". Later, he and Campbell brought the groups together, which relied solely on the Christian Bible.





WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>,

JOIN US FOR OUR  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE.

SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT  
5 P.M.

IN THE SANCTUARY.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS  
CELEBRATION  
OF OUR LORD'S BIRTH.



ON THIS CHRISTMAS DAY 2025

God's greatest gift was sent to all  
He was born in a lowly manger stall  
The gift of Jesus to those who believe  
Is a gift of love and life for all.

God's love was shown in his Son  
He came that we may live as one  
Our thanks and praise cannot express  
Our love for God that brings happiness.

So at this Christmas time rejoice  
Praise the Lord with your voice  
The miracle of that special birth  
Shows how much God thinks you're worth.



The membership of Central Christian Church will be providing a Christmas lunch for the Homeless & Needy from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (or until the food is gone) on **Christmas day**.

The meal will consist of turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, cake and pie for dessert.

The Church will provide the turkey, green beans, potatoes, gravy, and rolls with the dressing, with the pie and cake being provided by our membership or vendors.

We will be needing help to prepare meals. We plan to begin preparing the meal on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

If you can volunteer some time to help prepare and serve, I will have a sign-up sheet in the foyer of the Sanctuary this Sunday.

If you prefer, you can call the Church Office to let **Tonya** know you would like to volunteer.

Many thanks to all, Jim Spears





OUR CHURCH OFFICE  
WILL CLOSE AT NOON

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

FOR THE  
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

AND  
WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>.

HAVE A VERY  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND GOD BLESS!!!



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



*WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, IS*

***NEW YEAR'S EVE!***

*LET US RENEW*

***OUR***

*COMMITMENT TO GOD,*

***SET NEW***

*GOALS FOR SERVING HIM*

***AND FOR SERVING***

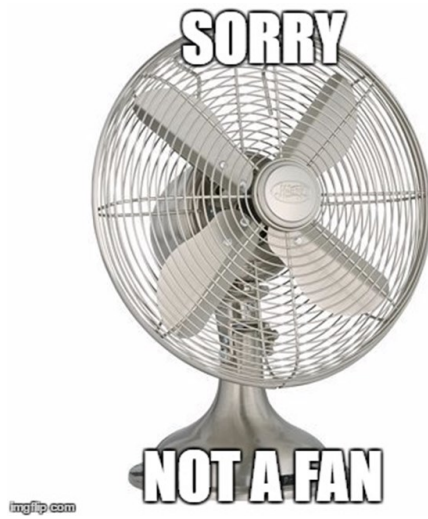
*OUR*

***NEIGHBOR (COMMUNITY).***

*HAVE A*

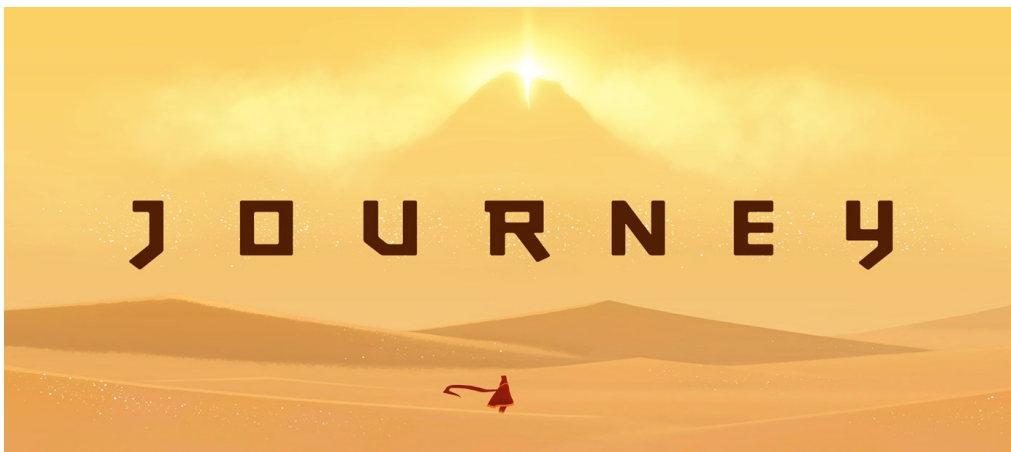
***BLESSED & PROSPEROUS***

*2026!!*



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.



***The Journey Sunday School Class  
will be studying***

## **2 Corinthians**

We hope you will join us  
for this important study.

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

The Second Epistle to the Corinthians is a Pauline epistle of the New Testament of the Christian Bible. The epistle is attributed to Paul the Apostle and a co-author named Timothy, and is addressed to the church in Corinth and Christians in the surrounding province of Achaia, in modern-day Greece. According to Jerome, Titus was the amanuensis of this epistle.





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.



**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

<b>December 14</b>	10:40am	Parade of Poinsettias
<b>December 14</b>	10:40am	Christmas offering
<b>December 19</b>	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
<b>December 19</b>	6pm	Annual Christmas Party
<b>December 21</b>	10:40am	Christmas offering
<b>December 24</b>	12pm	office closes
<b>December 24</b>	5pm	Candlelight Service
<b>December 25</b>	all day	Christmas Day/office closed
<b>December 25</b>	11am	Christmas Dinner for the Homeless & Needy
<b>December 26</b>	all day	office closed
<b>December 28</b>	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
<b>December 28</b>	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
<b>January 1</b>	all day	New Years Day/office closed



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.**

# December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Meat I-Z: Vegetable/salad	1	2	3	4	5 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	6
7 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service w/Hanging of the Greens 11:45am Advent potluck 5pm Advent Study	8 1pm Book Club	9 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	10	11	12	13
14 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service w/Parade of Poinsettias	15	16	17	18	19 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger 6pm Annual Christmas Party	20
21 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	22	23	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> 12pm office closes 5pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 <b>Merry Christmas</b> Office closed 11am Christmas Dinner for the Homeless and Needy	26 Office closed	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	31			Christmas offering will be taken up on Dec. 14 and 21.

## December Birthdays

Pat Brummal	12-1
Kayden Bennett	12-5
Mike Lamb	12-9
Sheri Thomas	12-14
Neldajo Mathison	12-15
Dan Rogers	12-22

## December Anniversaries

John & Margie Beeson	12-11
Philip & Teri Stover	12-19
Mike & Sondra Crain	12-21



## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

### December 7, 2025

Greeters: Cowboy & Neldajo Mathison  
Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhart  
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears  
Flower Elder: Connie Spears  
Deacons: George Carpenter & Julia Carpenter

### December 14, 2025

Greeters: Alice Coleman & Sondra Bedwell  
Worship Leader: Mike Martin  
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern  
Flower Elder: Alice Kern  
Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Mae Kidd

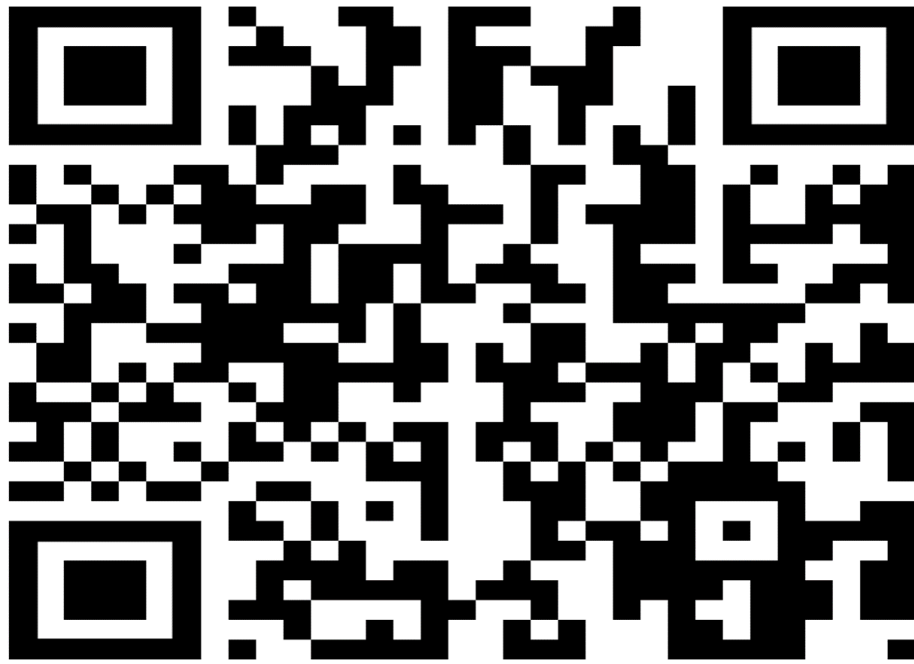
### December 21, 2025

Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter  
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell  
Hospital Elder: Tom Crow  
Flower Elder: Teresa Crow  
Deacons: Sheri Thomas & Glenda Burkhart

### December 28, 2025

Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas  
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman  
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter  
Flower Elder: Joan Carter  
Deacons: Judy Shilling & Ethan Cole





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

*SHOW*  
*FRIENDS AND FAMILY.*

# Weekly Info

## Prayer Need

Our Church

Wes Byas

Preston Nogar, Jerry & Sheri's grandson

Lois Moore

Julia Carpenter

Mae Kidd

Beth Brine

## Ongoing Concerns

Laura Byas

Mike Lamb

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

Richanna Minx Whitehead, Rusty & Sharon Minx's daughter

Terry Purvis

Janice Dorn, Sheri Thomas' sister

Bruce Beeson, John Beeson's son

Kathy Sylar, friend of Connie Spears

Donna Lee, Robert Kern's sister

Randy Thomas, Jerry Thomas' brother

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

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**  
**December 14, 2025**

**Greeters:** Alice Coleman & Sondra Bedwell

**Worship Leader:** Mike Martin

**Hospital Elder:** Robert Kern

**Flower Elder:** Alice Kern

**Deacons:** Sondra Bedwell & Mae Kidd

**December 7, 2025**

**Attendance:** 33

**Offering:** \$4,940.25

**This Sunday:**

***"GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANT"***

**Scripture:**

**Matthew 11:2-11**

***LECTIONARY FOR DECEMBER 14, 2025***

***Third Sunday of Advent***

**Isaiah 35:1-10**

**Psalms 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55**

**James 5:7-10**

**Matthew 11:2-11**