

The Central Christian 411



*A Message
from our Pastor*

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Isaiah 7:10-16

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” ¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

This passage from Isaiah speaks to our sense of right and wrong. Notice Ahaz says he will not put the Lord to the test. Yet, how many in our world do exactly that?

We also see where Isaiah says the Lord will give the people a sign and that sign shall be a young woman giving birth to a son who shall be named, Immanuel. And what makes this son of the young woman so special? Well, not only shall he eat curds and honey, but he shall know how to refuse evil and choose good! And that is special. How many of us KNOW how to do that? Furthermore, how many of us KNOW how to do that, BUT don't?

You see, all through scripture we read about Patriarchs and Matriarchs that God supports and gives guidance to but still choose to do evil. Therefore, to know the difference and actually choose the good is something special. Abraham heard God say more than once he would ensure Sarah had a baby, yet Abraham still went into Sarah's maidservant and had a baby with her. Then Sarah, after having Isaac, became jealous of the very child she wanted her husband to have with Haggar and had mother and child kicked out of camp. Moses was told to tap a rock once but having doubted the Lord, he tapped it twice. And then there is David. He had a woman's husband killed so he could have the woman. Point being, choosing the good and refusing the evil is difficult even for the best of God's people. If you make a mistake and believe it is unforgiveable, remember these four chosen of God. There is hope for all of us, in spite of us.

Also remember, Jesus came to forgive our sins through his death and give us life abundant through his resurrection.

May the God of love and forgiveness abide in you always, 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 19th, so the
bonuses can be presented on Sunday, December 21st.**

Thank you!

Connie Spears



THE
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, DEC. 19th

at 7:30 A.M. at

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



You are cordially invited
to the CCC

Annual Church Christmas Party
from 6 pm to 8 pm

Friday, December 19th

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 24TH,

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 23rd and 24th.

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 24TH

FOR THE
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

AND
WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH.

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



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, IS

NEW YEAR'S EVE!

LET US RENEW

OUR

COMMITMENT TO GOD,

SET NEW

GOALS FOR SERVING HIM

AND FOR SERVING

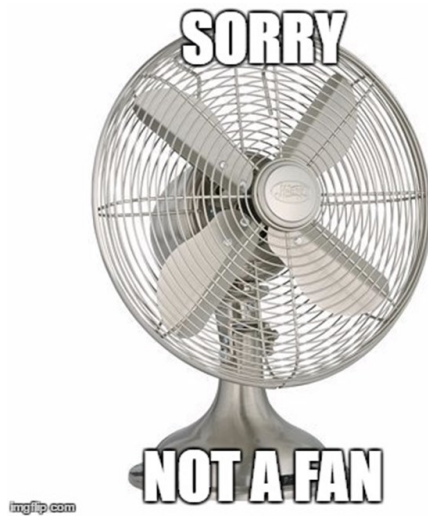
OUR

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.

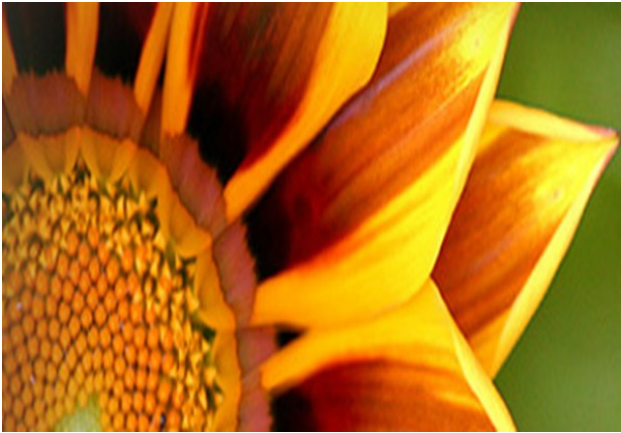
REMEMBER:

WATCH WORSHIP ON MONDAYS **AT 4:00 P.M.**

ON

OUR CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CCCTXK/](https://www.facebook.com/ccctxk/)



Honorariums/Memorials

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

December 19	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
December 19	6pm	Annual Christmas Party
December 21	10:40am	Christmas offering
December 24	12pm	office closes
December 24	5pm	Candlelight Service
December 25	all day	Christmas Day/office closed
December 25	11am	Christmas Dinner for the Homeless & Needy
December 26	all day	office closed
December 28	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
December 28	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
January 1	all day	New Years Day/office closed
January 12	1pm	Book Club
January 13	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
January 16	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
January 18	11:45am	Potluck
January 19	all day	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



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.

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 Christmas Eve 12pm office closes 5pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Merry Christmas 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

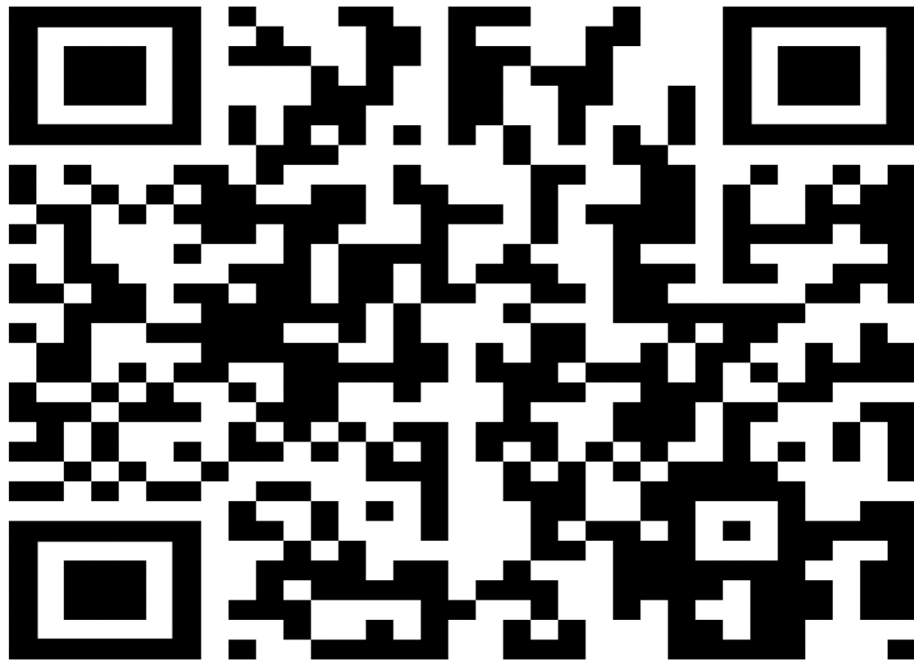
Greeters: Alice Coleman & Sondra Bedwell
Worship Leader: Mike Martin
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Mae Kidd

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



SCAN THIS
QR CODE
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 Burkhardt'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 21, 2025

Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter

Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell

Hospital Elder: Tom Crow

Flower Elder: Teresa Crow

Deacons: Sheri Thomas & Glenda Burkhardt

December 14, 2025

Attendance: 21

Offering: \$5,363.25

This Sunday:

"GOD WITH US"

Scripture:

Matthew 1:18-25

LECTIONARY FOR DECEMBER 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25