

The Central Christian 411



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Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors ⁹ and the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore, I will confess you among the gentiles
and sing praises to your name,”

¹⁰ and again he says,

“Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people,”

¹¹ and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him,”

¹² and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the gentiles;
in him the gentiles shall hope.”

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Paul was ever the encourager when speaking of Christ. Although a Pharisee, Paul presented the message of Christ to everyone, Jews and Gentiles, knowing the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ loved them all. The perfect message for Advent!

May the God of Love be with you all, 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. 5th**

at **7:30 A.M.** at

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th

IS

HANGING **OF THE** GREENS!

THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL SERVICE

WHERE

WE DECORATE OUR

SANCTUARY FOR

CHRISTMAS

PLEASE COME JOIN IN

ON THIS FESTIVE OCCASION

AT THE 10:40 SERVICE.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th

WE WILL HAVE OUR

ANNUAL

ADVENT

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE.

COME JOIN IN!

A-H - MEAT

I-Z - VEGETABLES

SALAD or DESSERT



We will have a

Study

Sunday, 11/30 & Sunday, 12/7

on the

Liturgical Church

Come learn the “Why”

of our colors and symbols

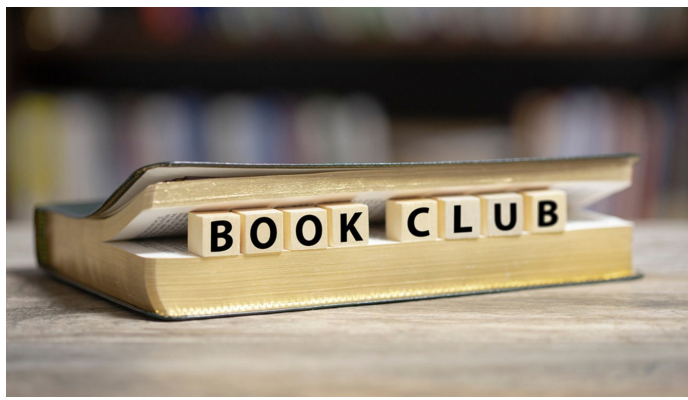
at 5:00 p.m.

in the Community Room

Please bring soup or a salad

So we can break bread together!

See you then!



ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 8th
THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.
TO DISCUSS
COMFORT & JOY
BY
KRISTIN HANNAH

Joy Candellaro once loved Christmas more than any other time of the year. Now, as the holiday approaches, she is at a crossroads in her life; recently divorced and alone, she can't summon the old enthusiasm for celebrating. So without telling anyone, she buys a ticket and boards a plane bound for the beautiful Pacific Northwest. When an unexpected detour takes her deep into the woods of the Olympic rainforest, Joy makes a bold decision to leave her ordinary life behind—to just walk away—and thus begins an adventure unlike any she could have imagined.

In the small town of Rain Valley, six-year-old Bobby O'Shea is facing his first Christmas without a mother. Unable to handle the loss, Bobby has closed himself off from the world, talking only to his invisible best friend. His father Daniel is beside himself, desperate to help his son cope. Yet when the little boy meets Joy, these two unlikely souls form a deep and powerful bond. In helping Bobby and Daniel heal, Joy finds herself again.

But not everything is as it seems in quiet Rain Valley, and in an instant, Joy's world is ripped apart, and her heart is broken. On a magical Christmas Eve, a night of impossible dreams and unexpected chances, Joy must find the courage to believe in a love—and a family—that can't possibly exist, and go in search of what she wants . . . and the new life only she can find.



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



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

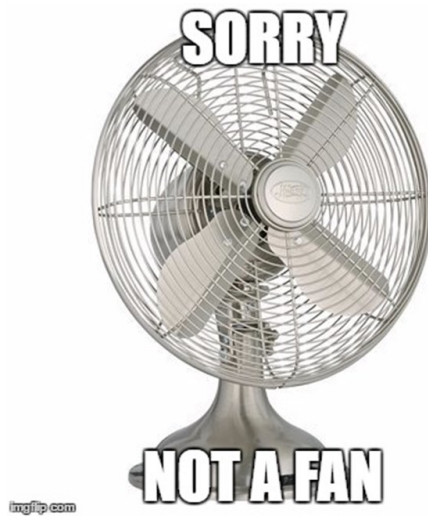
OUR

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/)



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 5	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
December 7	10:40am	Hanging of the Greens service
December 7	11:45am	Advent Potluck
December 7	5pm	Advent Study
December 8	1pm	Book Club
December 9	11:30am	CWF
December 9	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
December 14	10:40am	Parade of Poinsettias
December 14	10:40am	Christmas offering
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	12pm	Christmas Dinner for the Homeless & Needy
December 26	all day	office closed



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 11:30am CWF 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	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 12pm 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

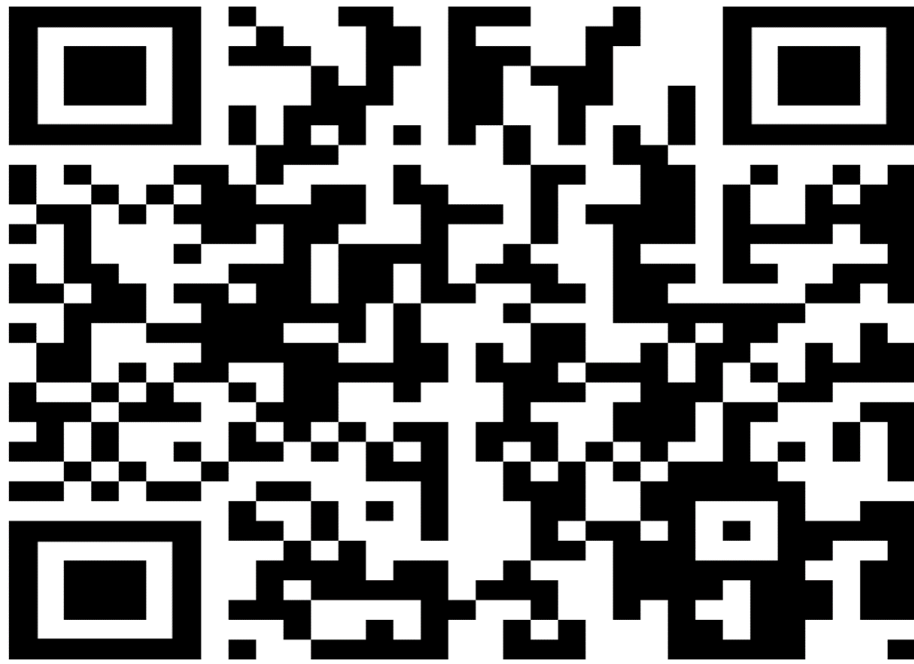
Greeters: Alice Coleman & Sondra Bedwell
Worship Leader: Mike Martin
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Mae Kidd

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

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Prayer Need

Our Church

Wes Byas

Family of Emily Smith, Wes' niece

Family of Tommy Blake, friend of George & Julia

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

Lonnie Hale, friend of Jerry Thomas

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 7, 2025

Greeters: Cowboy & Neldajo Mathison

Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhart

Hospital Elder: Jim Spears

Flower Elder: Connie Spears

Deacons: George Carpenter, Jr. & Julia Carpenter

November 30, 2025

Attendance: 33

Offering: \$1,804.05

This Sunday:

***"LIKE A BRIDGE OVER
TROUBLED WATER"***

Scripture:

Matthew 3:1-12

LECTIONARY FOR DECEMBER 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12