

The Central Christian 411



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1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

At times I wish Paul was more careful with his words, but I understand why he used the language he did. Based on a collection of Paul’s writings I believe it is safe to say he had no issues with the wise, the scholar, and the debaters of his age. What he did have issues with are those who felt they were wiser than God, more knowledgeable than God, or could outwit God with words. Paul wanted to ensure everyone knew we are all equal at the foot of the cross. No one “earned” more rights or “gained” more esteem just because they held high positions or gave more money. God loves us all, equally. And that’s the Gospel!

May the God of love and equality be with you all, Wes



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

AFTER

WORSHIP

WE WILL HAVE

A

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TO VOTE ON

NEW

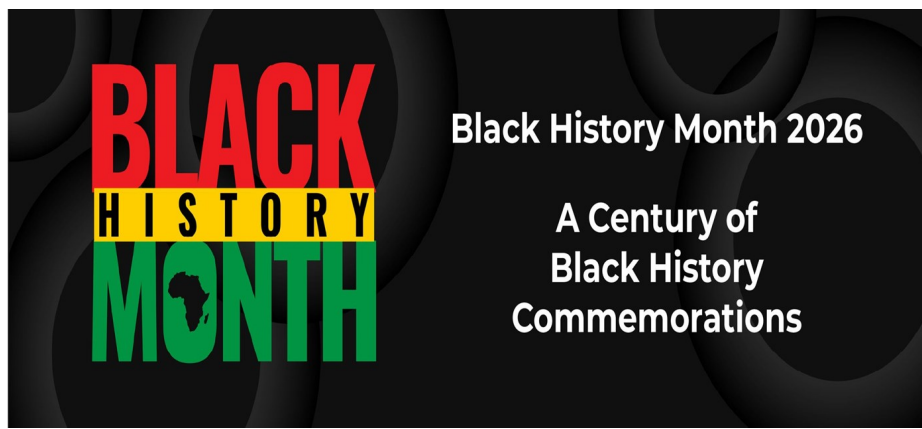
OFFICERS

AND TRUSTEE



Board Meeting

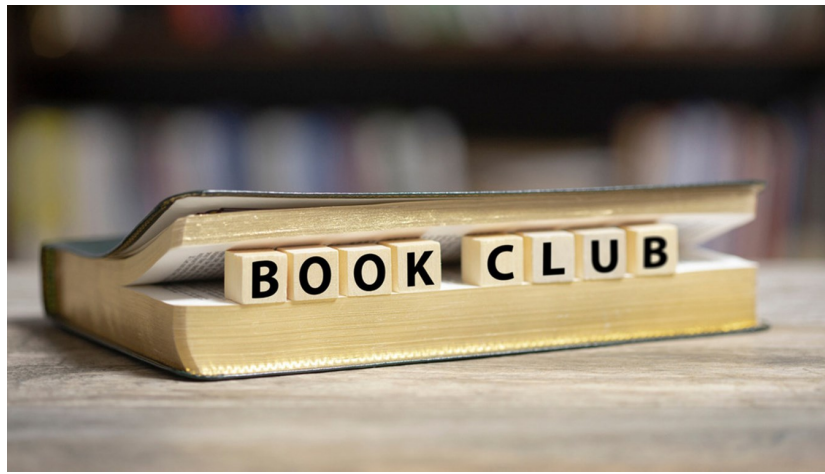
THERE WILL BE A
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY
FEBRUARY 2nd
AT 6 P.M.
IN
THE COMMUNITY ROOM.
ALL BOARD MEETINGS ARE VERY
IMPORTANT SO ALL
BOARD MEMBERS
ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE
PRESENT.



Black History Month is an annual observance originating in the United States, where it is also known as African-American History Month.

It has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada, and more recently has been observed in Ireland, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. *It began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora.*

It is celebrated in February in the United States and Canada.



ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.
TO DISCUSS

THE WATER IS WIDE: A MEMOIR

BY

PAT CONROY

The island is nearly deserted, haunting, beautiful. Across a slip of ocean lies South Carolina. But for the handful of families on Yamacraw Island, America is a world away. For years the people here lived proudly from the sea, but now its waters are not safe. Waste from industry threatens their very existence unless, somehow, they can learn a new way. But they will learn nothing without someone to teach them, and their school has no teacher—until one man gives a year of his life to the island and its people.



DON'T FORGET THOSE YOU LOVE ON
VALENTINES DAY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

WE WILL HAVE A

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

ON SUNDAY, FEB. 15TH

SO, BRING YOUR VALENTINE(S) AND

JOIN US FOR THIS

TIME HONORED TRADITION.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

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!



This year, Presidents' Day is Monday, February 16th. Which presidents do we celebrate on Presidents' Day? And why do we commonly call it "Presidents' Day" when the observed federal holiday is officially called **"Washington's Birthday"**?

Although the holiday is most often referred to as "Presidents' Day," the observed federal holiday is officially called **"Washington's Birthday."**

Neither Congress nor the President has ever stipulated the name of the holiday observed as Washington's Birthday be changed to Presidents' Day. Additionally, Congress has never declared a national holiday that is binding in all states; each state has the freedom to determine its own legal holidays. This is why there are some calendar discrepancies when it comes to this holiday's date.

In a sense, calling the holiday Presidents' Day helps us to reflect on not just the first president, but also the founding of our nation, its values, and what Washington calls in his Farewell Address the "beloved Constitution and union, as received from the Founders." Additionally, **Abraham Lincoln's** birthday is in February (on the 12th), so by calling the holiday "Presidents' Day," we can include another remarkable president in our celebrations as well.

Today, many calendars list the third Monday of February as Presidents' Day, just as quite a few U.S. states do, too. Of course, all of the 3-day retail store sales are called "Presidents' Day" sales and this vernacular has also been influential in how we reference the holiday.



February 18th

OUR

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

WILL BE HELD

AT

6:00 PM

IN THE SANCTUARY

LET US BEGIN *LENT* BY BRINGING

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

TO

THIS VERY SPECIAL *LENTEN* SERVICE



World Day of Social Justice (Social Justice Equality Day) is an international day recognizing the need to promote social justice, which includes efforts to tackle issues such as poverty, exclusion, gender inequality, unemployment, human rights, and social protections.

Many organizations, including the UN, American Library Association (ALA), and the International Labor Organization, make statements on the importance of social and present plans for greater social justice by tackling poverty, social and economic exclusion and unemployment. The United Nations General Assembly has decided to observe 20 February annually, approved on 26 November 2007 and starting in 2009, as the World Day of Social Justice. The Declaration focuses on guaranteeing fair outcomes for all through employment, social protection, social dialogue, and fundamental principles and rights.

Men's Fellowship

THE

***CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)***

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, FEB. 20th

at 7:30 A.M. at

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!

COMMUNITY **OUTREACH**

Giving back to the community

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

**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

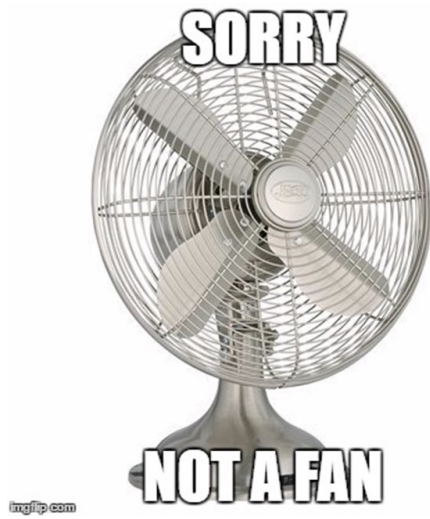
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd

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.



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***

Galatians

We hope you will join us
for this important study.

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

The Epistle to the Galatians] is the ninth book of the New Testament of the Christian Bible and the fourth of the Pauline epistles in traditional arrangement. It is a letter from Paul the Apostle to a number of Early Christian communities in Galatia. Scholars have suggested that this is either the Roman province of Galatia in southern Anatolia, or a large region defined by Galatians, an ethnic group of Celtic people in central Anatolia. The letter was originally written in Koine Greek and later translated into other languages. In this letter, Paul is principally concerned with the controversy surrounding Gentile Christians and the Mosaic Law during the Apostolic Age. Paul argues that the Gentile Galatians do not need to adhere to the tenets of the Mosaic Law, particularly religious male circumcision, by contextualizing the role of the law in light of the revelation of Christ. The Epistle to the Galatians has exerted enormous influence on the history of Christianity, the development of Christian theology, and the study of the Apostle Paul.

The central dispute in the letter concerns the question of how Gentiles could convert to Christianity, which shows that this letter was written at a very early stage in church history, when the vast majority of Christians were Jewish or Jewish proselytes, which historians refer to as the Jewish Christians. Another indicator that the letter is early is that there is no hint in the letter of a developed organization within the Christian community at large. This puts it during the lifetime of Paul himself.



The **TNT** Sunday School Class
is continuing its study of

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

We study various books of the Bible
and recently completed

LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

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

February 1	all month	Black History Month
February 1	11:45am	Congregational Meeting
February 2	6pm	General Board Meeting
February 9	1pm	Book Club
February 9	2:30pm	Worship Committee
February 10	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
February 14	all day	Valentines Day
February 15	10:40am	Week of Compassion offering
February 15	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
February 16	all day	Presidents Day/office closed
February 18	6pm	Ash Wednesday service
February 20	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
February 22	10:40am	Week of Compassion 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.

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.

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Congregational Meeting	2 6pm General Board Meeting	3	4	5	6	7
8 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	9 1pm Book Club 2:30pm Worship Committee	10 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	11	12	13	14
15 Week of Compassion offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon	16 Presidents Day Office closed	17	18 6pm Ash Wednesday service	19	20 World Day of Social Justice 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	21
22 Week of Compassion offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	23 6pm Cabinet Meeting	24	25	26	27	28

February Birthdays

Joe Frost, Sr.	2-8
Susie Howdeshell	2-8
Cameron Lumpkin	2-9
Connie Spears	2-13
Cara Fowler	2-20
George Carpenter, Sr.	2-24
Troy Kern	2-26
Joe Alves	2-28

February Anniversaries

Joe & Dorothy Alves	2-10
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Servers for the Weeks Ahead

February 1, 2026

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth
 Worship Leader: Alice Coleman
 Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth
 Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth
 Deacons:

February 8, 2026

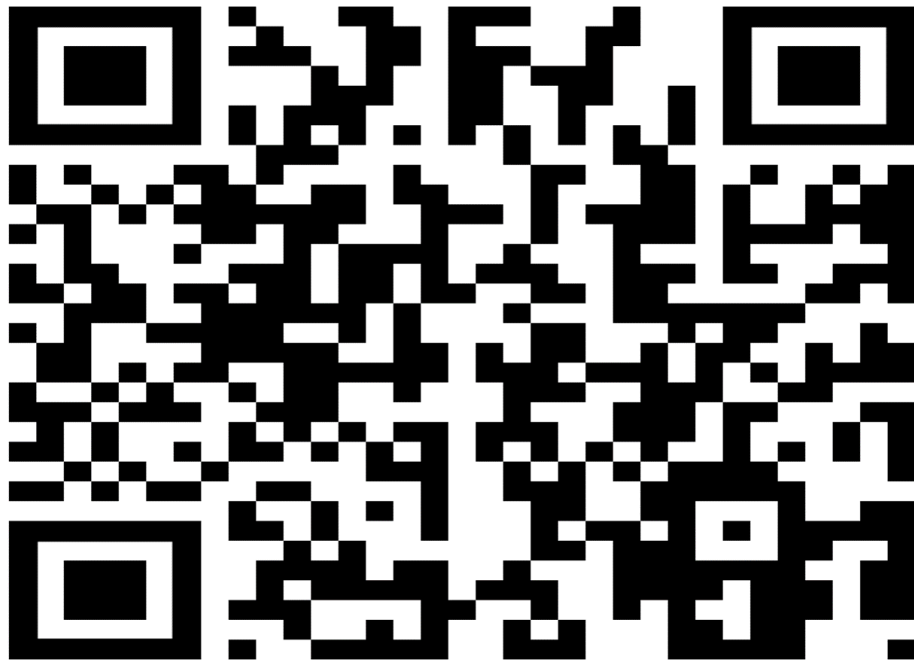
Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhardt
 Worship Leader: Jerry Thomas
 Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
 Flower Elder: Connie Spears
 Deacons:

February 15, 2026

Greeters: Dan Rogers & Alice Coleman
 Worship Leader: Bob Wilmoth
 Hospital Elder: Glenda Burkhardt
 Flower Elder: Judy Shilling
 Deacons:

February 22, 2026

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



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TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Cowboy Mathison
Robert Kern
Beverly Folmar
Betty Caudle
Steve Brine, Beth's brother
Preston Nogar, Jerry & Sheri's grandson
Lois Moore
Julia Carpenter

Ongoing Concerns

Laura Byas
Mike Lamb
Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life
Matt Lowe, Robert and Alice Kern's son-in-law
Richanna Minx Whitehead, Rusty & Sharon Minx's daughter
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
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



Serving this Sunday
February 1, 2026

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman
Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth
Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth
Deacons:

This Sunday:

"Disguising Oneself"

Scripture:

2 Corinthians 11:12-14 & 12:19-21

LECTIONARY FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2026
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12