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Acts 7:55-60

55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at
the right hand of God. 56 "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand
of God."

57 At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, 58 dragged
him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young
man named Saul.

59 While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 Then he fell on his
knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

Historically it has been debated what the difference between faithfulness and obsession is. One may be faithful to a person or personal beliefs or may be obsessed with a person or beliefs. When the story of Stephen is told, we hear of someone who was faithful to his belief. He believed Jesus was the Christ, the son of the living God and he believed Jesus stood at the right hand of God. Upon saying this allowed, he was rushed and dragged out of the city and stoned. Interestingly, one who would become much like Stephen was standing nearby watching the event unfold with the coats of the perpetrators lying at his feet. If ever there was irony, this is it.

Paul who became the biggest advocate for Jesus and for building churches, watched Stephen being stoned and not only didn't lift a finger to help, but we are led to believe actually enjoyed the event and believed it to be the right thing to do!

So often many find themselves firmly believing one way, only to have a change of heart and believe another way, most often totally opposite of what they once believed. Jesus was aware of this and warned us not to harden our hearts but be open to the word of God.

Are you open to the word of God or have you made up your mind how things should be?

May the God of love, peace and happiness abide in you always, Wes

Mental Health Awareness Month (also referred to as Mental Health Month) has been observed in May in the United States since 1949. The month is observed with media, local events, and film screenings.

Mental Health Awareness Month began in the United States in 1949 and was started by:

Mental Health America (MHA)

(then known as the National Association for Mental Health).

Each year in mid-March Mental Health America releases a *toolkit of materials* to guide preparation for outreach activities during Mental Health Awareness Month.

During the month of May, MHA, its affiliates, and other organizations interested in mental health conduct a number of activities which are based on a different theme each year.

Beginning May 3rd, we will have a four (4) Sunday Easter Study on Why Easter Matters.

Join us for this blend of Why Easter Matters and Why the Disciples of Christ matter. We will look into the mysteries of the Easter Season and how the Disciples of Christ celebrate the season by being who they are.

So please mark your calendar for

May 3, 10, 17 and 24.

We will meet in Disciple Hall for this study.

There will be handouts and discussion.

So, prepare your hearts and minds!

WE WILL HAVE SOUP & SALAD AT 5 PM
PLEASE BRING EITHER SOUP OR SALAD.
TEA AND WATER WILL BE PROVIDED.

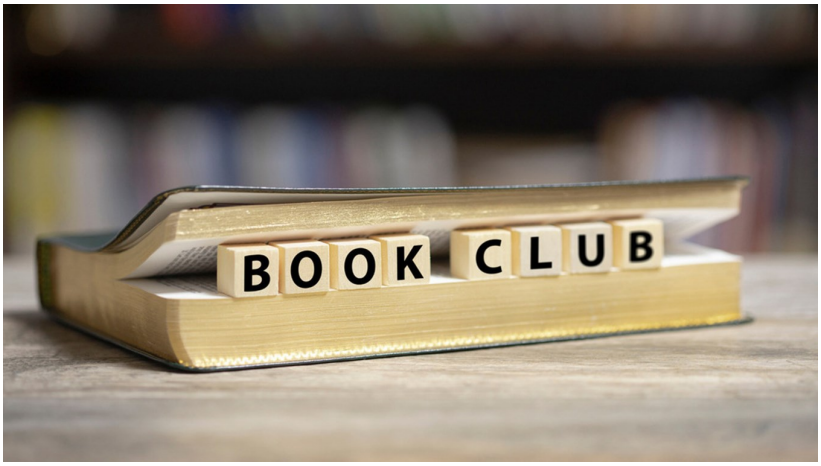
SUNDAY, MAY 10TH, WE WILL BE CELEBRATING

MOTHER'S DAY

HERE AT

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BRING YOUR MOTHER TO CHURCH ON THIS SPECIAL DAY AND EVERY SUNDAY!



ON MONDAY, MAY 11th

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

IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

TO DISCUSS

THE GUERNSEY LITERARY GUILD & POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY

BY

MARY ANN SHAFFER & ANNIE BARROWS

As Juliet and her new correspondent exchange letters, Juliet is drawn into the world of this man and his friends—and what a wonderfully eccentric world it is. The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society—born as a spur-of-the-moment alibi when its members were discovered breaking curfew by the Germans occupying their island—boasts a charming, funny, deeply human cast of characters, from pig farmers to phrenologists, literature lovers all.

Juliet begins a remarkable correspondence with the society's members, learning about their island, their taste in books, and the impact the recent German occupation has had on their lives. Captivated by their stories, she sets sail for Guernsey, and what she finds will change her forever.

Men's Fellowship

THE

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, MAY 15th

at 7:30 A.M. at

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!

MAY 24TH

IS

PENTECOST SUNDAY!

BE SURE TO WEAR RED

FOR THIS CELEBRATION OF THE

HOLY SPIRIT.

COMMUNITY **OUTREACH**

Giving back to the community

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 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."

Board Meeting

THERE WILL BE A

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY

MAY 18th

AT 4 P.M.

IN

THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

ALL BOARD MEETINGS ARE VERY

IMPORTANT SO ALL

BOARD MEMBERS

ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE

PRESENT.

MAY 25TH

Originally called Decoration Day, from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, Memorial Day is a day for remembrance of those who have died in service to our country. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868 to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former Union sailors and soldiers.

During that first national commemoration, former Union Gen. and sitting Ohio Congressman James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried there.

This event was inspired by local observances of the day that had taken place in several towns throughout America in the three years after the Civil War. In 1873, New York was the first state to designate Memorial Day as a legal holiday. By the late 1800s, many more cities and communities observed Memorial Day, and several states had declared it a legal holiday. After World War I, it became an occasion for honoring those who died in all of America's wars and was then more widely established as a national holiday throughout the United States.

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

(That You May Know the Roles)

ELDERS

Elders primarily shall be ***responsible for the spiritual life*** and ***development of the congregation***, preside at the Lord's Table, assist and ***share with the Minister in the conduct of Pastoral functions*** and ***provide supportive counsel*** for the Minister regarding the spiritual life and development of the congregation.

DEACONS

Deacons primarily shall be ***responsible for the maintenance and "growth" of the congregation*** through its individual members and corporate life **through witnessing in the community and in the world**.

MINISTER

The Minister of the congregation ***shall be the chief administrator of the congregation***, and in cooperation with the Moderator of the congregation and the General Board, ***encourage orderly procedures in the life and work of the congregation in compliance with the congregation's Constitution and the policies & procedures of the congregation*** and General Board.
The Minister shall give ***special attention to the selection and training of the congregation's leaders.***

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

COLOSSIANS

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 Colossians is a Pauline epistle and the twelfth book of the New Testament of the Christian Bible. It was written, according to the text, by Paul the Apostle and Timothy, and addressed to the church in Colossae, a small Phrygian city near Laodicea and approximately 100 miles (160 km) from Ephesus in Asia Minor.

Many Scholars question Paul's authorship and attribute the letter to an early follower instead, but others still defend it as authentic. If Paul was the author, he probably used an amanuensis, or secretary, in writing the letter (Colossians 4:18), possibly Timothy.

T·N·T

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/

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)

givelify

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,

Upcoming Events & Services

May 1	all day	Mental Health Month Begins
May 3	5pm	After Easter Study
May 10	all day	Mother's Day
May 10	5pm	After Easter Study
May 11	1pm	Book Club
May 11	2:30pm	Worship Committee
May 12	11:30am	CWF
May 12	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
May 15	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
May 17	10:40am	Pentecost offering
May 17	5pm	After Easter Study
May 18	4pm	General Board Meeting
May 18	6pm	CG/E/CE Committee
May 24	all day	Pentecost Sunday
May 24	10:40am	Pentecost offering
May 24	5pm	After Easter Study

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.

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pentecost offering will be taken up on May 17th and 24th.					1	2
3 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 5pm After Easter Study	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 5pm After Easter Study	11 1pm Book Club 2:30pm Worship Committee	12 11:30am CWF 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	13	14	15 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	16
17 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 5pm After Easter Study	18 4pm General Board Meeting 6pm CG/E/CE Comm.	19	20	21 4pm Core/Steering Comm.	22	23
24 Pentecost 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 5pm After Easter Study 6pm Randy Sams drop off	25 Memorial Day Office closed	26	27	28	29	30
31 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am 5th Sunday Breakfast 10:40am Worship Service						

May Birthdays

Bob Wilmoth	05-09
Isabelle Fowler	05-13
Gabriel Fowler	05-16
Richard Burkhart	05-17
Diane Pope-King	05-20
Nick (Cowboy) Mathison	05-23
Aaron Doddy	05-24
Midge Cooney	05-28
Wes Byas	05-28
John Beeson	05-29

May Anniversaries

Richard & Glenda Burkhart	05-03

Servers for the Weeks Ahead

May 3, 2026
Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore
Worship Leader: Sheri Thomas
Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth
Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth
Deacons: Bob Wilmoth & Lynn Wilmoth

May 10, 2026
Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Mae Kidd & Judy Shilling

May 17, 2026
Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter
Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhart
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons: Jack Carter & Joan Carter

May 24, 2026
Greeters: Glenda Burkhart & Gail Runyon
Worship Leader: Jerry Thomas
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Jim Spears & Connie Spears

May 31, 2026
Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Alice Coleman
Worship Leader: Bob Wilmoth
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore

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TO SEE

OUR

CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW

FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Kim Baker Boyette
Steve Brine, Beth Brine's brother
Betty Vanderburg, Beth Brine's aunt

Ongoing Concerns

Laura Byas
Dorothy Alves
Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life
Matt Lowe, Robert and Alice Kern's son-in-law
Janice Dorn, Sheri Thomas' sister
Kathy Sylar, friend of Connie Spears
Donna Lee, Robert Kern's sister
Randy Thomas, Jerry Thomas' brother
Jeanne Phillips, Sheri Thomas' sister
Carolyn Hudspeth
Ed Shilling, Judy Shilling's husband
Bill Griffin, Glenda Burkhart's son-in-law

Homebound

Joe Frost, Sr., home
Betty Caudle
Margie Beeson
Midge Cooney, home
James Thompson, home
Susie Howdeshell, home
Bobbie Roberts, Pat Taylor's mom, The Villa room 207

Serving this Sunday
May 3, 2026

Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore
Worship Leader: Sheri Thomas
Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth
Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth
Deacons: Bob Wilmoth & Lynn Wilmoth

April 26, 2026

Attendance:	**35**
Offering:	$1,513.15

This Sunday:

"Hey Jude"

Scripture:

Luke 22:1-6

LECTIONARY FOR MAY 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14