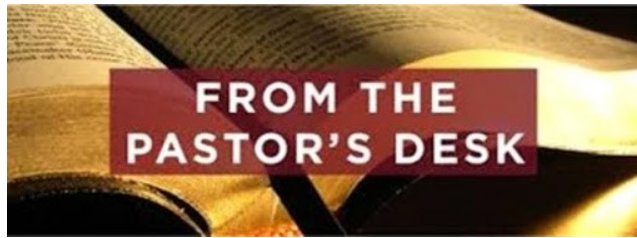


The Central Christian 411



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Matthew 10:40-42

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

I heard this story from a minister who worked in Chicago:

A prostitute came to me in wretched straits, homeless, sick, unable to buy food for her two-year-old daughter. Through sobs and tears, she told me her story about her life of prostitution and drugs. I could hardly bear hearing her story. Truth is, I had no idea what to say to this woman.

At last, I asked if she had ever thought of going to a church for help. I will never forget the look of pure shock that crossed her face. “Church!” she cried, “Why would I ever go there? I’m already feeling terrible about myself. They’d just make me feel worse.”

What struck me about this minister’s story is, that women much like the prostitute fled toward Jesus, not away from him. The worse a person felt about herself, the more likely she saw Jesus as a refuge.

Has the church lost that gift? Lost sight of what it means to be a follower of Jesus? To follow his teachings? Apparently, those who felt badly about themselves, those who had suffered setbacks and rejection who flocked to Jesus when he walked on earth, no longer feel welcome among his followers. How can that be? Why is that the case?

As you have heard it said many times about the love and compassion of Jesus, “ALL MEANS ALL.” Does it mean that to you?

May the God of forgiveness, love and compassion be with you always,

Wes



JUNE

Pride Month is a vibrant and inclusive celebration that honors the LGBTQ+ community, their history, achievements, and ongoing struggle for equality. This annual event serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of acceptance, diversity, and love. It brings together individuals, organizations, and communities to advocate for LGBTQ+ rights and celebrate the progress made towards a more inclusive society. In this article, we explore the essence of Pride Month 2026, its history, and how you can actively participate in this empowering celebration.

What is Pride Month 2026?

Pride Month is a month-long celebration that recognizes the LGBTQ+ community and their contributions to society. It is a time to acknowledge the challenges faced by this community and to stand in solidarity with their fight for equality, acceptance, and human rights. Pride Month is a joyful and colorful display of love, unity, and resilience, with events and activities that promote inclusivity, educate the public, and celebrate the diversity of sexual orientations and gender identities.

COMMUNITY **OUTREACH**

Giving back to the community

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 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.”



INDEPENDENCE DAY

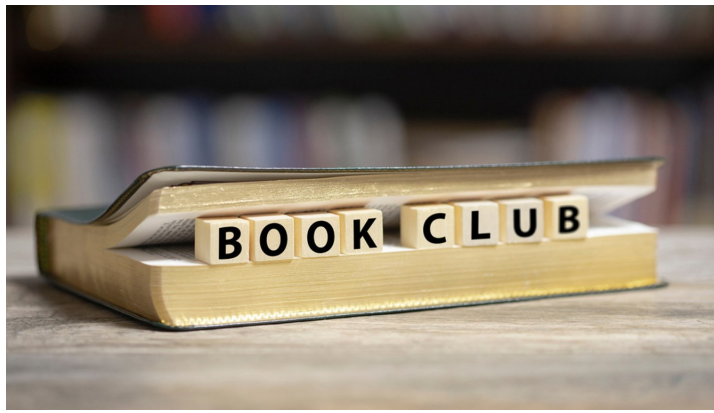
IS

SATURDAY

JULY 4TH!

The United States Semiquincentennial, also called the Bisesquicentennial, the Sestercentennial, or the Quarter Millennium, will be the 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence.

Festivities will mark various events leading up to the Declaration's anniversary on the 250th Independence Day: July 4, 2026.



ON MONDAY, JULY 13th

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

IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

TO DISCUSS

THEO OF GOLDEN: A NOVEL

BY

ALLEN LEVI

One spring morning, a stranger named Theo arrives in the small Southern city of Golden. He doesn't explain much about where he came from or why he's there—but when he visits the local coffeehouse, where pencil portraits of the people of Golden hang on the walls, he begins purchasing them, one at a time, and giving each portrait to the person depicted. In exchange, he asks only for the person's story. And so portrait by portrait, person by person, secrets are revealed, regrets are shared, and ordinary lives are profoundly altered.

A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, *Theo of Golden* is an unforgettable novel about the power of generosity, the importance of connection, and the quiet miracles that happen when we choose kindness and wonder.

Men's Fellowship

THE

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, **JULY 17th**

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

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



SUNDAY, JULY 19TH

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!

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.

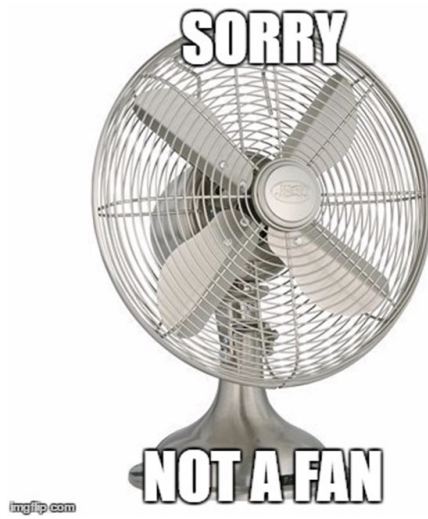
DEACONS

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***

2 THESSALONIANS

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 Thessalonians is a Pauline epistle from the New Testament of the Christian Bible. It is traditionally attributed to Paul the Apostle, with Timothy as a co-author. Its authorship is disputed, with critical commentators being evenly divided on Pauline authorship. Those who reject its authenticity point to differences in style and theology between it and the First Epistle to the Thessalonians, which is undisputed.

Scholars who support its authenticity view it as having been written around 51–52 AD, shortly after the First Epistle. Those who see it as a later composition assign a date of around 80–115 AD.

The original text was written in Koine Greek.



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

1 CORINTHIANS

We study various books of the Bible
and recently completed

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

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 cctxk 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

June 28	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
June 28	6pm	Randy Sams serve
July 3	all day	office closed
July 4	all day	Independence Day
July 5	10:40am	Independence Sunday
July 9	10am	Stewardship Committee
July 11	all day	World Population Day
July 13	1pm	Book Club
July 14	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
July 17	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
July 19	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
July 26	4pm	Randy Sams prep
July 26	6pm	Randy Sams serving
July 27	4pm	General Board Meeting



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.

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Meat I-Z: Vegetable/salad			1	2	3 Office closed	4 Independence Day
5 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	6	7	8	9 10am Stewardship Committee	10	11 World Population Day
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26 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop of	27 4pm General Board	28	29	30	31	

July Birthdays

Joe Cunningham	7-5
Betty Caudle	7-12
Mae Rogers	7-18
Beverly Folmar	7-21
Lee Nailling	7-24
Harold Taylor	7-24
Lois Moore	7-29

July Anniversaries

Jack & Patti Fisher	7-8
Jim & Connie Spears	7-11
Jack & Joan Carter	7-24



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

July 5, 2026

Greeters: Dan & Mae Rogers
Worship Leader: Sheri Thomas
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons: George Carpenter, Jr. & Julia Carpenter

July 12, 2026

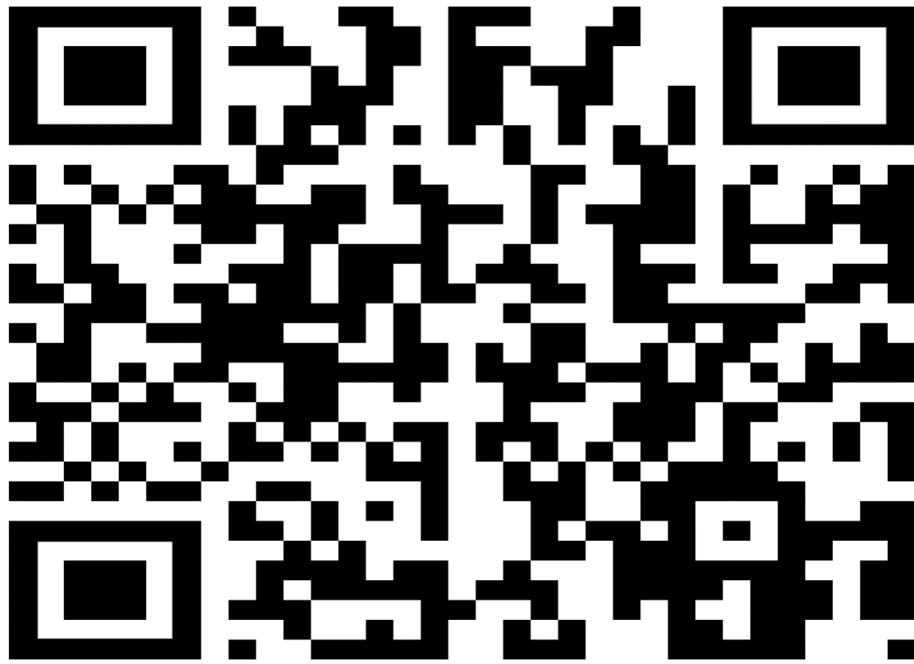
Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter
Worship Leader: Mike Martin
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Bob Wilmoth & Lynn Wilmoth

July 19, 2026

Greeters: Glenda Burkhart & Janell Dailey
Worship Leader: Mike Lamb
Hospital Elder: Glenda Burkhart
Flower Elder: Teresa Crow
Deacons: Dan Rogers & Mae Rogers

July 26, 2026

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



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TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

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Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Derek Rath, Janell Dailey's son
Judy Shilling
Lee Nailling
Sandra Lofler, Glenda Burkhart's niece
Sharon Van Hooser, Judy Shilling's sister
Christina and family, friend of Beverly Folmar

Ongoing Concerns

Laura Byas
Dorothy Alves
Troy Kern
Kim Baker Boyette
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 Farrel
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
June 28, 2026

Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore
Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhart
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Glen Hudspeth & Tami Hudspeth

June 21, 2026

Attendance: 31
Offering: \$468.15

This Sunday:

"MORE THAN A FEELING"

Scripture:

Matthew 22:34-40

LECTIONARY FOR JUNE 28, 2026
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14
Psalms 45:10-17
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42