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Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So, no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so you and your household and all you have will not come to poverty.’ ¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Joseph’s brothers were cruel to him and dishonest with their father. Yet it is here we see the very nature of God, that which Jesus teaches us about his father, in Joseph’s love and forgiveness. May we be as loving and forgiving.

May the God of forgiveness abide in you always, Wes



SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH

WE HAVE OUR

MONTHLY

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE

A-H VEGETABLE OR SALAD

I-Z MEAT

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY

SPECIAL MEAL TO CELEBRATE

GOD'S BLESSINGS!



Senior Citizen's Day

is celebrated on 21 August each year.

The celebration took place for the first time in 1991. The day is intended to increase awareness of the factors and issues that affect older adults, such as health deterioration and elder abuse. It is also a day to recognize and acknowledge the contributions of older people to society.

Senior Citizen's Day is an opportunity to celebrate and appreciate senior citizens for their services, accomplishments, and dedication they have given in their lives.

Men's Fellowship

THE

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

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, AUG. 21st

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, AUGUST 23, 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.”



SUNDAY, AUGUST 30th, IS OUR

5TH SUNDAY

BREAKFAST!

ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE

(AND WE HOPE ALL OF YOU DO)

PLEASE BRING A

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST FOOD ITEM

COME JOIN US AT 9:30 A.M. IN

BREAKING BREAD

AS WE CELEBRATE

OUR LORD



NATIONAL WILDLIFE DAY

National Wildlife Day on September 4th encourages improved awareness of the species around us and in the broader world.

National Wildlife Day

This National Day focuses on endangered species, preservation, and conservation efforts around the world. Zoos, aviaries and marine sanctuaries provide a variety of ways to get involved.

No matter where you live, opportunities abound to learn and participate in the day.

Wildlife doesn't only exist in the forest or outside the city limits. Look closely. The creatures and animals sharing our world live under our feet and in the sky above us.

Our rivers, lakes and oceans are teeming with wildlife of all sizes. It's essential to understand how we impact the habitats that animals need to survive. Their homes supply their food and shelter.

Since wildlife relies on a stable habitat, understanding conservation and preservation is important. Developing strategies helps to maintain existing habitats and repair or replace those that have been destroyed. These strategies are especially important when a decline in a species is detected. For example, each year in

August, [International Whale Shark Day](#) brings attention to the plight of the world's largest fish. Despite efforts, the gentle giant continues to decline in numbers.

Around the world, facilities and organizations will present seminars and educational programs. Additionally, podcasts and documentaries alert us to the changing conditions for various species around the world. Some may be as close as your own backyard. From the sky to the depths of the ocean, wildlife surrounds us.



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, IS

LABOR DAY

To work is to pray is the motto the Order of St. Benedict adopted.

St. Benedict, the founder of the order, recognized the sacred value of hard work, the notion that through the sweat of our brows and the strength of our arms and backs, we can worship the Creator.

Each of us works, whether with our hands or with our minds. Whether we are builders and teachers, executives or students, all of us spend a good portion of our lives at work. How we do that work and how we treat those who labor to make our world what it is says a lot about how we see the world spiritually.

Let us come together to pray for our
workforce on this special day!



World Suicide Prevention Day, marked annually on 10 September, is organized by the International Association for Suicide Prevention, in conjunction with the World Health Organization (WHO).

The theme for 2024 – 2026 ‘Changing the Narrative on Suicide’ is about moving from a culture of silence and shame to understanding and support. It encourages people, communities, institutions and governments—all of us—to have open and honest discussions about suicide and suicidal behavior.

With an estimated 208 000 lives lost every year, suicide is a major issue in our South-East Asia Region. It remains one of the leading causes of death, affecting people of all ages, genders, and backgrounds.

By breaking the stigma surrounding mental health and suicide, we create a culture where people feel safe to seek help. It is vital to ensure that no one feels alone, and that everyone knows support systems and interventions are available.

Suicides are preventable — but prevention is not easy. It requires collective effort, awareness, and a commitment to fostering hope, healing, and connection. More than responding to individual crises, it is about building strong and inclusive communities where people feel connected, valued, and supported. Even small acts of kindness, honest conversations, or simply being present for someone can make a profound difference.

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.

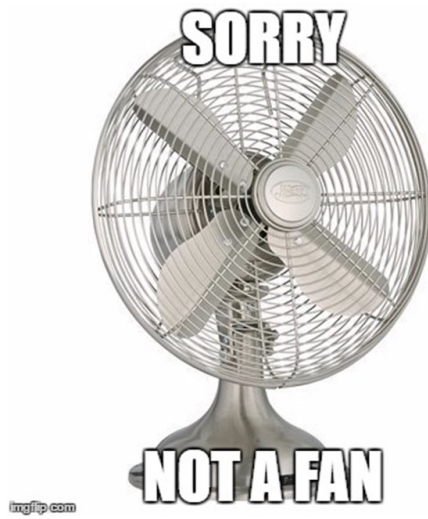
DEACONS

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***

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

We hope you will join us
for this important study.

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

The Gospel of Matthew is the first book of the New Testament, one of the four canonical Gospels, and one of the three synoptic Gospels. It tells of Jesus, recording his birth, his ministry from his baptism by John the Baptist, his crucifixion, his resurrection, and his mission to the world. It emphasizes that Jewish tradition should not be lost in an increasingly gentile church and presents Jesus as the Jewish Messiah who fulfills the prophecies written in the Jewish scriptures.

The gospel reflects conflicts between Jewish Christians and other Jews, particularly with its criticism of the scribes and Pharisees, presenting the view that the Kingdom of Heaven has been taken away from them and given to the church. It emphasizes Jesus's role as the Son of David, Son of Man, and Son of God, and frames his teachings, miracles, and parables to reflect both Jewish law and the Christian church. It culminates in the Passion, Resurrection, and Great Commission, having been structured around alternating narratives and discourses.



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.



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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

August 13	2pm	Stewardship Committee
August 16	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
August 18	8:30am-10am	Pancake Breakfast for Firefighters
August 21	all day	Senior Citizens Day
August 21	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
August 23	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
August 23	6pm	Randy Sams serving
August 30	9:30am	5th Sunday Breakfast
September 4	all day	National Wildlife Day
September 7	all day	Labor Day/office closed
September 8	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
September 14	1pm	Book Club
September 18	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
September 20	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon



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.

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Vegetable/salad I-Z: Meat						1
2 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	10 1pm Book Club	11 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	12	13 2pm Stewardship Committee	14	15
16 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck	17	18 8:30am Pancake Break- fast for Firefighters	19	20	21 Senior Citizens Day 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	22
23 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams prep 6pm Randy Sams serving	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am 5th Sunday Breakfast 10:40am Worship Service	31					

August Birthdays

Claudine Brown	8-2
Joan Carter	8-7
Randy King	8-8
James Thompson	8-14
Tom Crow	8-15
Bobbie Atkinson	8-18
Jamie Bennett	8-31

August Anniversaries

Rusty & Sharon Minx	8-3
Tom & Teresa Crow	8-7
Glen & Tami Hudspeth	8-9
Harold & Pat Taylor	8-12



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

August 2, 2026

Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore
 Worship Leader: Alice Coleman
 Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
 Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
 Deacons: Jerry & Sheri Thomas

August 9, 2026

Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter
 Worship Leader: Sheri Thomas
 Hospital Elder: Tom Crow
 Flower Elder: Jim Spears
 Deacons: Mae Rogers & Judy Shilling

August 16, 2026

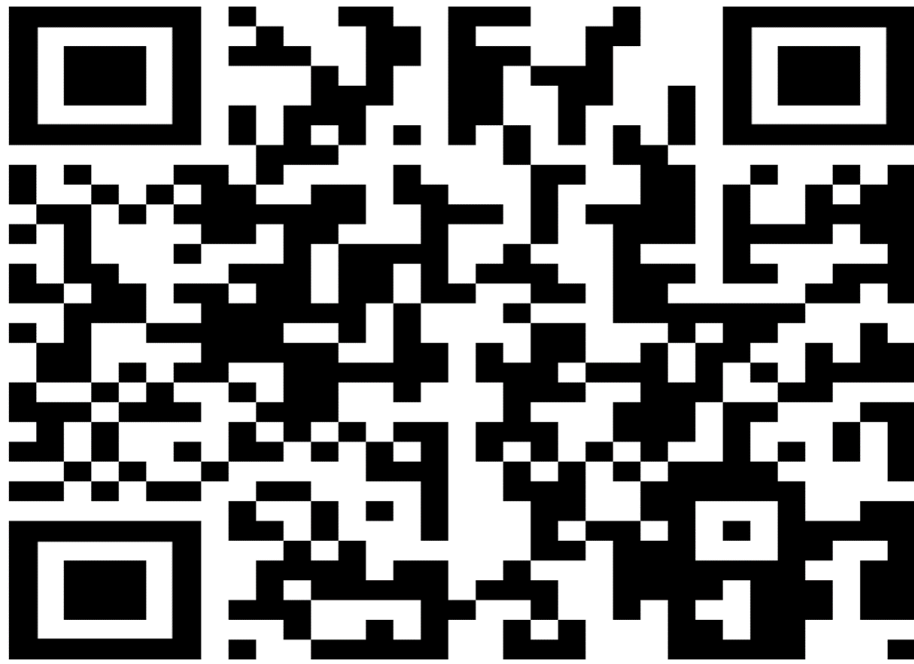
Greeters: Dan & Mae Rogers
 Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhardt
 Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
 Flower Elder: Alice Kern
 Deacons: Bob Wilmoth & Dan Rogers

August 23, 2026

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
 Worship Leader: Bob Wilmoth
 Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
 Flower Elder: Joan Carter
 Deacons: Robert & Alice Kern

August 30, 2026

Greeters: Alice Coleman & Gail Runyon
 Worship Leader: Jim Spears
 Hospital Elder: Tom Crow
 Flower Elder: Teresa Crow
 Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhardt



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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
Annette Plhak, friend of Wes
Cowboy Mathison
Cherie Byas, Wes' sister
Landon Lafferty, Bob Wilmoth's grandson
Tim Harvey, Jerry & Sheri Thomas' nephew
Derek Rath, Janell Dailey's son
Judy Shilling
Sandra Lofler, Glenda Burkhardt's niece
Christina and family, friend of Beverly Folmar

Ongoing Concerns

Laura Byas
Dorothy Alves
Troy Kern
Caroline Craven, friend of George & Julia
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 Burkhardt's son-in-law

Homebound

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



Serving this Sunday
August 16, 2026

Greeters: Dan & Mae Rogers
Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhardt
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Bob Wilmoth & Dan Rogers

August 9, 2026

Attendance: 45
Offering: \$4,592.70

This Sunday:

"From Dogs to Children"

Scripture:

Matthew 15:10-28

LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST 16, 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalms 133

Isaiah 19:9-18

Psalms 56:1, 6-8

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28