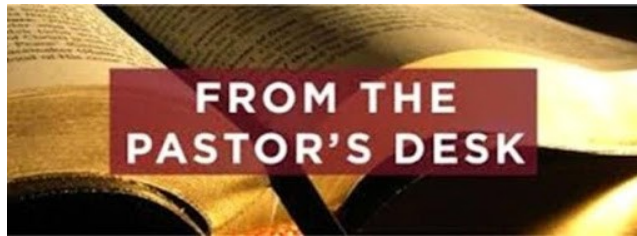


The Central Christian 411



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Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle you saw I had and now hear I still have.

Paul, as you know, was a man of faith. One of his desires was to help others have faith. So, after everything he said in verses 21 through 26, he adds, ".....whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel." This reminds me of the following story:

During the terrible days of the Blitz, a father, holding his small son by the hand, ran from a building that had been struck by a bomb. In the front yard was a shell hole. Seeking shelter as quickly as possible, the father jumped into the hole and held up his arms for his son to follow. Terrified, yet hearing his father's voice telling him to jump, the boy replied, "I can't see you!" The father, looking up against the sky tinted red by the burning buildings, called to the silhouette of his son, "But I can see you. Jump!" The boy jumped because he trusted his father. Our faith should enable us to face life or meet death, not because we can see, but with the certainty that we are seen; not that we know all the answers, but that we are known. This is Paul's message to the Philippians. Whether I'm there or not, have faith.

May the God who ALWAYS sees us bless you with faith, Wes

Men's Fellowship

THE

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

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, SEPT. 18TH

at 7:30 A.M. at

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

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!

COMMUNITY **OUTREACH**

Giving back to the community

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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
SEPTEMBER 28th
AT 4 P.M.
IN
THE COMMUNITY ROOM.
ALL BOARD MEETINGS ARE VERY IM-
PORTANT SO ALL
BOARD MEMBERS
ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE
PRESENT.



World Vegetarian Day is **observed** annually around the planet on **October 1**. It is a day of celebration established by the North American Vegetarian Society in 1977 and endorsed by the International Vegetarian Union in 1978, "To promote the joy, compassion and life-enhancing possibilities of vegetarianism." It brings awareness to the ethical, environmental, health, and humanitarian benefits of a vegetarian lifestyle. **World Vegetarian Day** initiates the month of October as Vegetarian Awareness Month, which ends with **November 1**, World Vegan Day, as the end of that month of celebration. Vegetarian Awareness Month has been known variously as "**Reverence for Life**" month, "**Month of Vegetarian Food**", and more.



BINGO RETURNS!!!!

OCTOBER 3RD

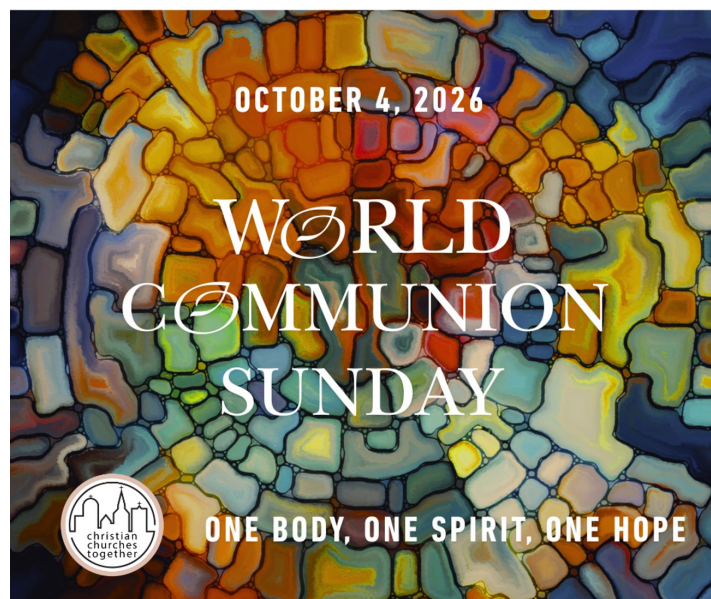
IN THE

COMMUNITY ROOM

From 1:30 to 3:00 PM

Fun4theBrain

Y'ALL COME!!



World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several **Protestant** denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes **Christian unity** and **Ecumenical** cooperation.

It focuses on an observance of the **Eucharist**.

The tradition was begun in 1933.

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.

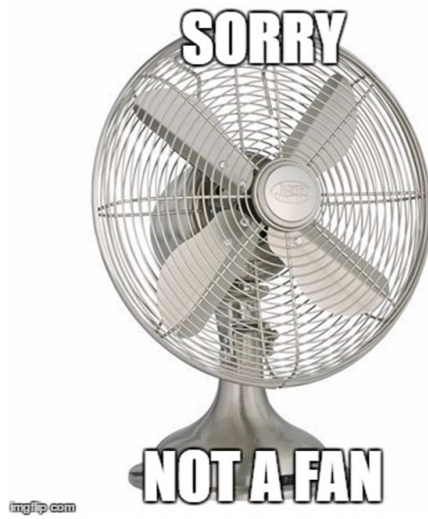
DEACONS

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!!!

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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.

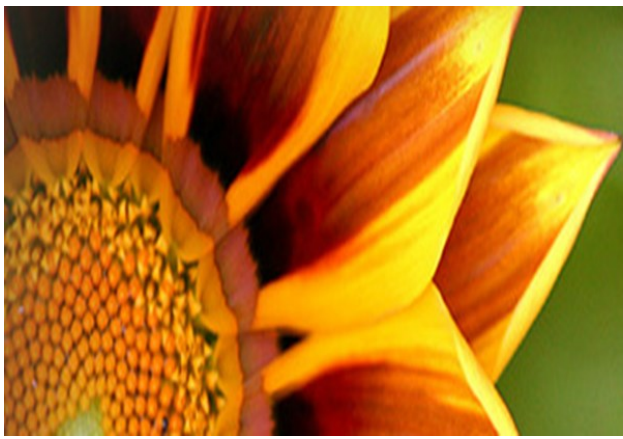
REMEMBER:

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

September 16	11:30am	CWF
September 18	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
September 20	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
September 27	10:40am	Reconciliation offering
September 27	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
September 27	6pm	Randy Sams serving
September 28	2:30pm	Worship Committee
September 28	4pm	General Board Meeting
October 1	all day	World Vegetarian Day
October 3	1:30pm	Bingo
October 4	10:40am	World Communion Sunday/ Reconciliation offering
October 12	1pm	Book Club
October 12	2:30pm	Worship Committee
October 13	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group



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.

September 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Meat I-Z: Vegetable/salad		1	2	3	4 National Wildlife Day	5
6 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	7 Labor Day Office closed	8 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	9	10 World Suicide Prevention Day 3pm Stewardship Committee 4pm Core/Steering Comm.	11	12
13 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	14 1pm Book Club	15	16 11:30am CWF	17	18 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyne Burger	19
20 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Reconciliation off	28 2:30pm Worship Committee 4pm General Board	29	30			

September Birthdays

Jack Duncan	9-4
Philip Stover	9-7
Dorothy Alves	9-8
Jack Carter	9-11
Julia Carpenter	9-16
Teresa Crow	9-18
Sondra Bedwell	9-20
Jack Fisher	9-27
September Anniversaries	
Robert & Alice Kern	9-7



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

September 6, 2026

Greeters: Glenda Burkhart & Janell Dailey
Worship Leader: Sheri Thomas
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons: Mae Kidd & Judy Shilling

September 13, 2026

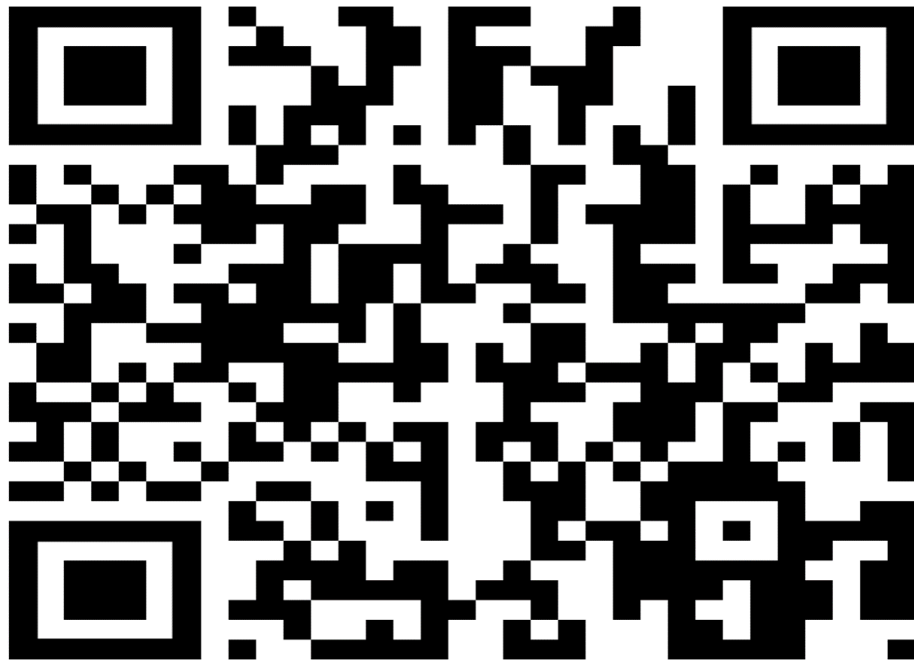
Greeters: Alice Coleman & Diana Muckelrath
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Alice Coleman & Lois Moore

September 20, 2026

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Bob Wilmoth
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Gail Runyon & Dan Rogers

September 27, 2026

Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore
Worship Leader: Mike Lamb
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Glen Hudspeth & Tami Hudspeth



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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
Sondra Bedwell
Diana Muckelrath
Billy Roy, friend of George & Julia
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
Mike Lamb
Beth Brine
Walter Morgan, friend of Teresa Crow
Kelly Scurlock, friend of Julia Carpetner
Annette Plhak, friend of Wes
Kim Baker Boyette
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
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
September 20, 2026

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Bob Wilmoth
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Gail Runyon & Dan Rogers

September 13, 2026

Attendance: 40
Offering: \$1,843.96

This Sunday:

"An Emotional Mess"

Scripture:

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Memorials

Ed Shilling

Alice Coleman
Lois Moore

LECTIONARY FOR
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105
Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16