The Central Christian 411



Volume 17, Issue 44
November 4, 2026

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. [14] For we believe Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. [15] According to the Lord's word, we tell you we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16] For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so, we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Paul is very reassuring when writing to his brothers and sisters at Thessalonica. Apparently, there were those who were concerned about their family and friends who passed away before them and wanted to be assured those who had passed would be joining them in the afterlife. Paul gives them that reassurance and adds not only would they all be joined in the afterlife, but they would all enter together.

However, it is that last verse, 18, I would like for us to focus on, especially the word, "Encourage." Not only Paul, but our Lord Jesus Christ has called us to encourage one another and all too often we do not. Either we forget or we simply neglect to encourage our fellow believers. And I will take it a step further, we forget or we simply neglect to encourage anyone! Jesus set the example we should look after one another whether one is a believer or not. To love our neighbor means to love everyone, regardless of belief, race, ethnicity or gender. When the disciples would try to steer Jesus away from non-Jews or what they may have perceived as a lesser Jew, Jesus corrected them not only in word, but in deed. Remember when the Centurion asked Jesus to heal his servant? As you know, Romans were not liked by the Jews, in fact some hated them. But this did not stop Jesus from fulfilling the Centurion's request. Jesus saw human beings, not religious, political, or social differences. For Jesus, we were and are children of God. To encourage others is a gift we can all give. We are in a world where many are in need of encouragement. As followers of Jesus, we are called to be the encouragers. Whether children, teens or adults, we all need to hear encouraging words and be encouraged.

May the God of Encouragement abide in you always, Wes

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM



Please designate on the form below the number of plants you wish to order this year. We also ask that you specify how you would like the Sunday Bulletin Insert to read when it is published. In addition, please take the time to let us know whether or not you will be picking up your Poinsettia following our Christmas Eve service, or if you would prefer to have it delivered to one of our shut-ins, a homebound member, or to one of the local hospitals or nursing homes. May God bless you every day, and especially this Christmas season!

The cost of each Plant is $15.00 Please pay in advance with you order.

NUMBER OF PLANTS: _____

PAYMENT AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

(Please print)
IN MEMORY OF:

_____

_____

IN HONOR OF:

_____

_____

NAME (S) OF DONOR (S) AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE CHRISTMAS BULLETIN:

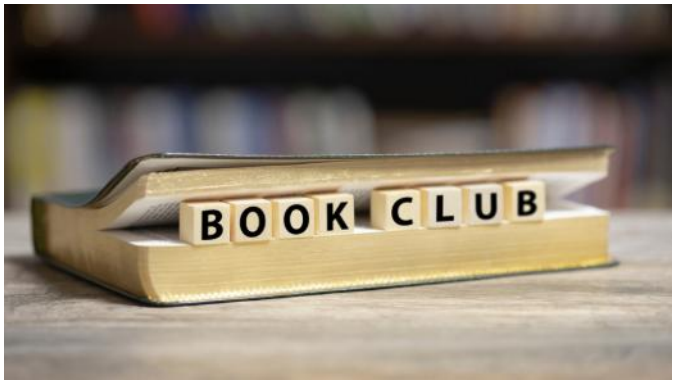
_____

_____

_____

You may pick up your poinsettia Christmas Eve following the service.

ORDER DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH.



ON MONDAY,NOVEMBER 9th

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

IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

TO DISCUSS

THE LITTLE LIAR

BY

MITCH ALBOM

Eleven-year-old Nico Krispis has never told a lie. When the Nazis invade his home in Salonika, Greece, the trustworthy boy is discovered by a German officer, who offers him a chance to save his family. All Nico has to do is persuade his fellow Jewish residents to board trains heading "north," where new jobs and safety await. Unaware that this is all a cruel ruse, the innocent boy reassures passengers on the station platform every day.

But when the final train is loaded, Nico sees his family being herded into a boxcar. Only then does he discover that he has helped send them—and everyone he knows and loves—to their doom at Auschwitz.

Nico escapes—but he never tells the truth again.

In *The Little Liar*, a gripping family saga, Mitch Albom examines the human repercussions of deception by interweaving the stories of Nico, who yearns for forgiveness; his older brother, Sebastian, who vows revenge against him; Fannie, the girl who must choose between them; and Udo Graf, the Nazi officer who forever changed their lives with his lies.

Through the war years, the concentration camps, and the decades that follow, Albom reveals the consequences of each person's honesty and dishonesty in this powerful story of survival, bringing them back to where it all started in a staggering climax worthy of the best of Albom's Internationally embraced stories.



Veterans Day (originally known as **Armistice Day**) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces (who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable). It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial Day, a U.S. public holiday in May. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who had *died* while in military service. Another military holiday that also occurs in May, Armed Forces Day, honors those *currently serving* in the U.S. military.

Additionally, Women Veterans Day is recognized by a growing number of U.S. states that specifically honor women who have served in the U.S. military.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

WE HAVE OUR

THANKSGIVING

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE

MEAT & DRESSING PROVIDED!

Please bring side dishes/dessert

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING MEAL

GOD'S BLESSINGS

Men's Fellowship

THE

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, NOV. 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, NOVEMBER 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."



Board Meeting

THERE WILL BE A
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY
NOVEMBER 23rd
AT 4 P.M.
IN
THE COMMUNITY ROOM.
ALL BOARD MEETINGS ARE VERY IMPORTANT SO ALL
BOARD MEMBERS
ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE
PRESENT.



THURSDAY,NOVEMBER 26TH, IS

THANKSGIVING DAY.

On this day, let us be in prayer for our families, friends and for our church.

Central Christian Church gives thanks for each and every one of you!

(THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY FOR THE HOLIDAYS)



SATURDAY

November 28th

AT 10 A.M.

WE WILL BE

DECORATING

OUR

SANCTUARY

FOR

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO HELP.

Advent

A Season of Hope & Expectation

SUNDAY,NOVEMBER 29TH, IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.



Advent is a season observed as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas as well as the return of Jesus at the second coming. The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming".

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.



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)



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.

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

November 9	1pm	Book Club
November 9	2:30pm	Worship Committee
November 10	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
November 11	all day	Veterans Day
November 15	10:40am	Thanksgiving offering
November 15	11:45am	Thanksgiving potluck
November 20	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
November 22	10:40am	Thanksgiving offering
November 22	4pm	Randy Sams prep
November 22	6pm	Randy Sams serving
November 23	4pm	General Board Meeting
November 26	all day	Thanksgiving/office closed
November 27	all day	office closed
November 28	10am	Decorating the sanctuary for Advent
November 29	all day	1st Sunday of Advent

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



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.

November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends All Saints Sunday 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	2	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 Comm.	10 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Thanksgiving potluck	16	17	18	19	20 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	21
22 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams serving	23 4pm General Board	24	25	26 Thanksgiving office closed	27 office closed	28
29 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	30				Thanksgiving offering will be taken up on November 15th and 22nd	Thanksgiving potluck: Turkey and dressing provided. Please bring side dish or dessert

November Birthdays

Sarah Carpenter	11-9
Gail Runyon	11-14
Diana Muckelrath	11-15
Carol Ann Tallent	11-18
Teri Stover	11-19
Margie Beeson	11-22
Susan Oates	11-28
Denton Dailey	11-28
Chad Bennett	11-30
Justin Fowler	11-30

November Anniversaries

Bob & Lynn Wilmoth	11-13
Nick & Neldajo Mathison	11-27



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

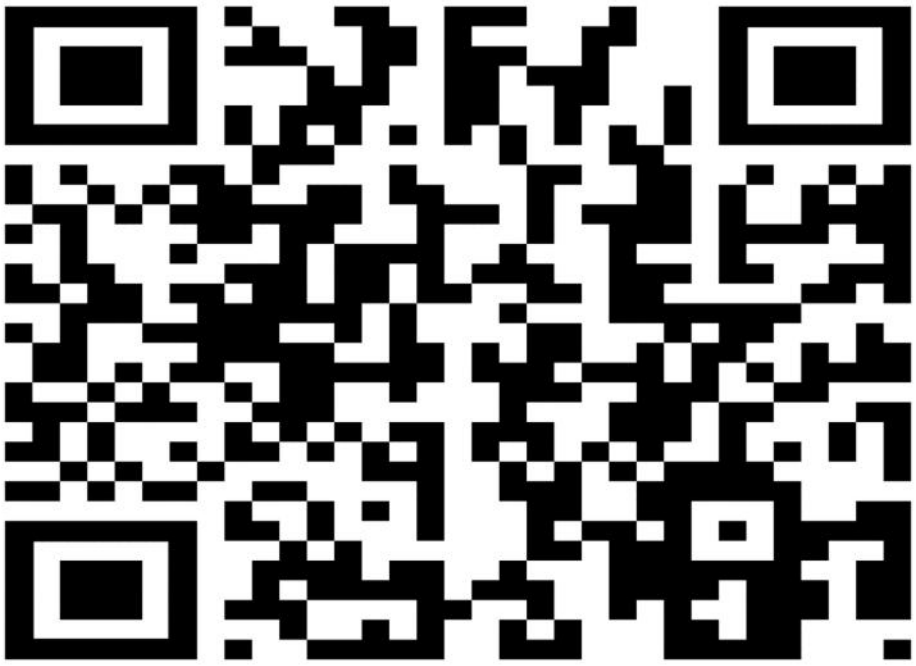
November 1, 2026
Greeters: Gail Runyon & Alice Coleman
Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhart
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Bob Wilmoth

November 8, 2026
Greeters: Tom Crow & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Sheri Thomas
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Glenda Burkhart & Judy Shilling

November 15, 2026
Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth
Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth
Deacons: Alice Coleman & Mae Rogers

November 22, 2026
Greeters: Glenda Burkhart & Janell Dailey
Worship Leader: Mike Lamb
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Robert Kern & Alice Kern

November 29, 2026
Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman
Hospital Elder: Tom Crow
Flower Elder: Teresa Crow
Deacons: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore



SCAN THIS

QR CODE

TO SEE

OUR

CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW

FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Robert Moore, Lois' brother-in-law
Jack Carter
Christina & family, friend of Beverly Folmar

Ongoing Concerns
Laura Byas
Dorothy Alves
Mike Lamb
Beth Brine
Piper O'Kelly, friend of Teresa Crow
Derek Rath, Janell Dailey's son
Sandra Lofler, Glenda Burkhart's niece
Walter Morgan, friend of Teresa Crow
Kelly Scurlock, friend of Julia Carpenter
Kim Baker Boyette
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 Burkhart's son-in-law

Homebound
Joe Frost, Sr., home
Betty Caudle, home with Home Health
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
November 8, 2026

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Sheri Thomas
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Glenda Burkhart & Judy Shilling

November 1, 2026

Attendance:	37
Offering:	$2,313.17

This Sunday:

"Covenants Made, Covenants Broken"

Scripture:

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2026
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13