



Central Christian Church  
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## Central Christian On A Mission

*Expressing God's love  
Equipping persons to serve  
Encouraging growth in a Spirit-centered fellowship  
Empowering all to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ*

“Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed.” Proverbs 16:3

### Mark Your Calendar

<b>Fri. Feb. 3</b>	
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
<b>Sun. Feb. 4</b>	
9:00am	Coffee & Fellowship
9:30pm	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship
<b>Tues. Feb. 7</b>	
1:00pm	“42”
<b>Wed. Feb. 8</b>	
8:30-9:30am	Bible Study
7:00pm	Stitch & Chatter Choir Practice
8:00pm	Praise Team Practice
<b>Thurs. Feb. 9</b>	
6:30pm	Worship Team Meeting
<b>Sat. Feb. 11</b>	
9-11:00am	CC Food Pantry Distribution
<b>Down the Road</b>	
Sun. Feb. 12	Academy Meeting
Sun. Feb. 19	General Board Meeting

### Prayer & Praises

*Prayer requests remain for 30 days unless requested for longer.*

<p>Our Church, Ministry Team, Our Country, Military Elected Officials Coleen Lewis-death of nephew Dorothy Aldridge-Richard's mother Aimee Meighan-friend of Burchard's Wanda Pfeifer Norman Wellborn-congenital heart failure Devonna Faith-Denita's sister Edan Rawley-Denita's great niece Kay Reynolds David Molyneaux Larry McFarland Jeanne Ann Reynolds-Tonya's cousin Wilma Groupe Charlotte Dekle Susan Selcer Mary Ann Luzbetak-brain aneurysm-Elvia's sister Audry Campbell Jacob Garcia</p> <p><b>522 Peerman Place</b>-Bill Kennemmer <b>CC Nursing &amp; Rehab</b>-Helen Alton <b>Home Bound</b>-Wanda Jones</p>	
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#### Scriptures and Sermons for February

Feb. 5	2 Corinthians 8:1-5	“Stewardship: Spiritual Growing & Spiritual Giving”
Feb. 12	Matthew 28:19-20a	“Stewardship: Giving As Witness and Worship”
Feb. 19	2 Kings 2:1-12	“Compassion Raises Up”
Feb. 26	1 Peter 3:18-22	“Compassion is Holy”

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website: www.centralchristiancc.org  
Senior Pastor-J. Justiss  
Music Director/ Accompanist- Tom Cole  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Child care provided

# Pastor's Corner

## Grass is Greener Spirituality

Yesterday marked a much-anticipated event in the life of the Justiss family as Mary came out of hibernation. Mary is our box turtle. She was rescued from a very busy alleyway in San Angelo where she would have surely been flattened by a big diesel truck.

Every fall since her rescue, Mary has burrowed in our back yard and gone into hibernation. In her absence we are reminded of her rescue and of how meaningful life is—even for a 17 year old box female box turtle. Her reappearance at our back door where she has learned to seek fruits and vegetables is always much anticipated.

I don't know if her return from hibernation means the end of winter freezes in South Texas but it certainly raises the expectation of greening grass, leafing trees, and budding flowers. My family has missed Mary and we have missed green plants. I look forward to the upcoming season that brings what this season does not.

Looking forward to the next season doesn't mean that I ignore the present one. There is work for this season. Mesquite and oak limbs are to be pruned, chopped, and stacked for the meat smoker. Pre-emergent weed and feed needs to be put on the lawn. Holes in the yard are to be filled and planting beds are to be prepared. These things are not put off until the landscape begins greening.

A church similarly looks forward to fruitful seasons where new members are being regularly received, programming is more robust, and the community life is bustling. Every church desires a fruitful season. Meanwhile, productive work in the church isn't to be ignored or avoided. Churches must prepare their hearts and minds if they are to reap a bountiful harvest in the coming season. They don't put off spiritual work until a later time. They recognize that all time in Christ is meaningful.

Praying prepares hearts and minds. Sunday School classes equip the saints for service. Worship feeds souls that would otherwise grow bitter weeds. Leaders must be found and each member must recommit to obedience before a God who demands that His people be faithful, moral, and loving.

Mary the Turtle reminds of an upcoming season. With God's Help, let us prepare our spirits.

*Pastor J*

## **New Sunday School Classes!**

Hey, Ya'll, new Adult Sunday School classes begin this Sunday! A men's group, led by Butch, will meet in the Parlor. The class formerly taught by Terry is becoming a Women's Class and will be taught by Tonya.

The Kitchen and Library classes remain as before. Come hungry for the Word of God!

## Pastor Henry Keys

Pastor Henry Keys, the former pastor of our Willow Park Christian Church, suffered a debilitating heart attack in July 2011. He is now at Alamo Heights Health and Rehabilitation, 8223 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas 78209, but is not able to recognize visitors.

The Bluebonnet Area has a small benevolence fund to help people in times of need, and this is one such time. If you or your church would like to help Pastor Keys and his family, you can send a donation to the Bluebonnet Area Office. Designate it for the Pastor Keys and the area will forward those gifts to his family. Your gifts, and your prayers, are greatly appreciated.

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### WE ARE HIS HANDS AT WORK HERE IN CENTRAL

Thank you for all the helping hands and the giving hearts in our outreach and charitable efforts here at Central Christian. This year with your help we have given back to the community over \$23,000 in money and goods. This is about 6% more than our designated tithe 10%. What loving hearts you have and what a wonderful witness you are to the community in His name.

**This year you supported the:**

Bluebonnet Area Office \$ 1,200

Juliette Fowler Homes \$ 700 (for the elderly and children)

Our local Food Bank \$ 900 (including helping with Thanksgiving Meal basket program)

South Texas Children's Ministry \$ 830 (counseling and Christmas gifts for displaced & troubled children)

Smile Train Ministry \$ 1,250 (6 children smile now because of you)

Good News Club at Sanders Elementary \$340 (children heard about Jesus each week during the school term (80 spring '11 and 45 – fall '11))

Week of Compassion and Samaritan's Purse Ministries \$5,200 (to help disaster victims of fires in Bastrop, hurricane Irene, tornado victims in Alabama, flood victims in Japan & US)

Operation Christmas Child \$1,650 (to bring Jesus in the form of a Christmas box & story to 69 children in Guatemala)

Our coffee bar ministry \$1,600 (reaching out to parents and staff in our Academy)

Opening our own CCC Food Pantry \$ 5,400 (providing food for local families struggling to make ends meet – the working poor and elderly who are or retired) Also, \$620 for gift certificates for meat for their holiday tables at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Our open gym \$ 350 (which has brought in several young families ) With the help this year of our new younger families we are planning on expanding this program to include tag football and upward basketball with God's blessings and your prayer support.

School kits \$290 (made here by our children's church students and sent to CWS)

Hygiene Kits \$320 (made here by our children and those in the Good News Club and taken to Rustic House and Good Samaritan's Missions)

Supporting a new Boy Scout Troop

Gifts in your name were also distributed to Hope House, Salvation Army, Red Cross,

Bokkenkamp Shelter, and the Women's Shelter. Also, Bibles and funds for Bibles were sent to the mission field in Africa for refugees who were burned out of their churches. Blankets and hygiene products were sent to the Bastrop area for fire victims.

Again, I thank you and I know God blesses you for all you have done this year: feeding the hungry, providing for the victims of various disasters, helping those in shelters, opening a door to the community with our coffee bar and gym, and providing for those who need to hear God's written word and giving them a chance to ask Jesus into their hearts. For all that you do in His name, may God bless you and keep you.

The Missions Committee

### **Annual Church Rummage Sale**

The Central Christian Church Annual Rummage Sale is coming up. This year it is on Saturday, March 17th. We are currently looking for people to sign up to work Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There is a lot to do. We need people there on Friday to unload and set up the merchandise. We need people there to work during the rummage Sale as well as some to clean up when it is over. Mary Ann is collecting stuff now and has been for several months. She has a storage unit available to hold everything until March. So, if you have stuff to donate please contact Mary Ann.

You may also contact Mary Ann to let her know what job you would like to do. During the day of the Rummage Sale we need cashiers, greeters, and sales people. All positions are still open!

**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN**

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**Sundays:**

Coffee & Fellowship 9:00  
Bible Study 9:30am  
Worship 10:45am

**Wednesdays:**

Stitch & Chatter 7:00pm  
Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm  
Praise Team 8:00pm

**FEBRUARY**

If you are currently receiving both E-Mail and hard copies of the newsletter and would prefer only E-Mail, please let the church office know @853-9401.  
Thanks

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1. 8:30-9:30am Bible Study 10:30 Ladies Bible Study 6:00pm-Cub Scouts 7:00 Stitch & Chatter Choir Practice 8:00pm -Praise Team	2.	3.  6:00pm Prayer Meeting	4.
5. 9:00am Coffee & Fellowship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am- Worship Open Gym Night	6.	7. 1:00pm "42"	8. 8:30-9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm-Cub Scouts 7:00 Stitch & Chatter Choir Practice 8:00pm -Praise Team	9. 6:30pm- Worship Team Meeting	10. 1:30pm-CC Food Bank delivery 6:00pm Prayer Meeting	11. 9:00-11:00am - Food Pantry Distribution
12. 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am- Worship Academy Meeting Open Gym Night	13.	14. 1:00pm- "42"  7:30pm-Veteran's Support Group	15. 8:30-9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm-Cub Scouts 7:00 Stitch & Chatter Choir 8:00pm-Praise Team	16.	17  6:00pm Prayer Meeting	18.
19. 9:00am-Coffee & Fellowship 9:30am-Sunday School 10:45am- Worship General Board Open Gym Night	20.	21. 1:00pm- "42"  7:30pm-Veteran's Support Group	22. 8:30-9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm-Cub Scouts 7:00 Stitch & Chatter Choir 8:00pm-Praise Team	23.	24. 6.00pm Prayer Meeting	25. 9:00-11:00am- Food Pantry Distribution
26. 9:00am-Coffee & Fellowship 9:30am-Sunday School 10:45-Worship Open Gym Night	27.	28. 1:00pm-"42"  7:30pm -Veteran's Support Group				



*For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.  
And having food and clothing,  
with these we shall be content.*

1 Timothy 6:7-8

# FEBRUARY

## Birthday's & Anniversaries'

*If your birthday or anniversary has been left off  
please let the church office know.*

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| 3. Barbara Esquivel  | 25. David Molyneaux |
| 4. Coleen Lewis      |                     |
| 11. Bill Kennemer    |                     |
| Harry Carter         |                     |
| 14. M/M Bill Garrett |                     |
| 15. Joyce Smith      |                     |
| 16. Debra Schwertner |                     |
| 18. Laura Beckett    |                     |
| 20. Susan Selcer     |                     |



## Communion Preparation

- Feb.5-Denita Craft  
 Feb.12-Beverly Burchard  
 Feb.19-Linda Atwell  
 Feb. 26-Winkie Peters



If you are unable to prepare communion on these dates please call the church office @ 853-9401.

## Those Scheduled To Serve in February 2012

Elders	Deacons	Greeters	Angels w/wheels
<b>Feb. 5</b>			
L. Tonya Webber Charles Fobes	L. Denita Craft Jerry Craft Mikel Marshall Linda Atwell	Clara Kennemer	Peters, Robinson
<b>Feb.12</b>			
L. Mary Ann Robinson James Posey	L. Beverly Burchard Lynn Cates Don Cates Winkie Peters	Magdalene M.	Carter, Peters
<b>Feb.19</b>			
L. Jay Friedrichs Tonya Webber	L. Beverly Burchard Denita Craft Jerry Craft Mikel Marshall	Linda Atwell	Carter, Friedrichs
<b>Feb. 26</b>			
L. James Posey Mary Ann Robinson	L. Winkie Peters Gerry Carter Lynn Cates Don Cates	Beverly Burchard	Carter, Robinson

All servers, please review the schedule. If you are unable to serve as shown, *it is very important that YOU* arrange for a substitute and provide their name to the church office no later than Thursday.

### FOOD PANTRY 2012 SCHEDULE

	July 14
January 28	July 28
February 11	August 11
February 25	August 25
March 10	September 8
March 24	September 22
April 14	October 13
April 28	October 27
May 12	November 3
May 26	November 17
June 9	December 1
June 23	December 15

### Team Leaders for 2012:

- Academy**-Brad Burchard
- Administration**-Gerry Carter
- Building and Grounds**-Harry Carter
- Community Life**-You
- Education**-Mary Ann Robinson
- Missions**-Terry Friedrichs
- Technical**-Charles Fobes
- Worship**-Karanell Marshall