

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

If you are looking for a church home...

Please know that Central Christian Church would love to have you become part of our family. You may join by transfer of membership from another congregation, or by confession of faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God, as your Lord and Savior. To join, come forward during the singing at the end of the Worship service. **All are welcome!**

DEADLINE REMINDER

Thursday, February 15
for the **March Church Newsletter**
Please send your articles, photos or announcements to Sharron Anderson sanderson@cccfw.org

BIG GAME PARTY
Super Bowl Sunday!
February 11 • Noon
Wings, Hot Dogs, Pizza, and Chips & Dips
All your favorite Super Bowl foods will be provided by Central's Fellowship Team.
You are asked to bring sweet snacks and desserts.

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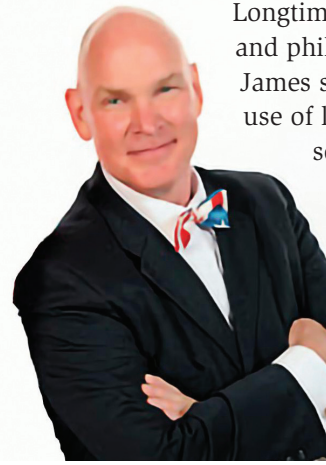
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Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
9AM - 3:30PM
Friday - Closed
Sunday
10AM Sunday School
11AM Worship Service
3205 Hamilton Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Love Lasts Forever



Al Munger

Longtime Harvard professor and philosopher William James said, "The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast us." The overwhelming majority of things we do during the day are profoundly temporary. Driving here or there. Having a meal. Watching

TV. Even at work, what we do is more often about fixing yesterday's problems than realizing tomorrow's dreams. So how do we bring a sense of the eternal into each day? How do we ensure we spend our lives building something that will outlast our time here on earth? The only two things that last forever are the Word of God and people. If you want to build something in your life that will last, look for ways to connect these two. Look for ways to speak God's word into the lives of others. This involves more than quoting

Bible verses — though that is certainly part of it. **It involves bringing the presence of God into every conversation.** Paul said, "But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort." (1 Corinthians 14:3) This kind of prophecy doesn't require a microphone or a podium. In fact, it's most effectively done one-on-one. Try this today. In every conversation, ask yourself, "How can I help this person experience more of God's strength? How can I encourage him or her to keep pressing on? What words can I use to help them feel the comfort of God's Spirit?" It may take only a sentence or two, but every time you do this you'll be building something that will last for all eternity. Paul concludes: **Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!** (1 Corinthians 13:8) ♦

Elder for the Month Donna Dockstader • 817-923-1113



Please contact the Elder of the month **Donna Dockstader** for any need that may arise — such as: prayer needs, illness, hospitalization, family crisis, or to answer a question you might have about the church. ♦

Lent begins
on Ash Wednesday
February 14

Meetings
Cabinet Meeting
February 19, • 6PM

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Fort Worth, TX 76107

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Dear Church Family,

Our Building For the Future (BFF) campaign, which lasted 14 months, has come to an end. In this letter, I would like to remind you what our goals were and to report on how well we did.

But before that I would like to say: Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Firstly, thank you to all who served on the committee:
John Coffey | Cathy Combs | Barbara Harding | Tonya Kennedy-Scarborough
Eric Stuyvesant | Ryan Peacock | Sandi Filip

Secondly, thank you for the support of our staff:
Al Munger | Sharron Anderson

And thirdly, and most importantly, thank you to all who supported our efforts:

- Through prayers for the success of our campaign
- Through donating items for the shoe drive, the silent/live auction, and the rummage sale
- Through working on fundraising events – shoe drive, silent/live auction, rummage sale, TCU concession sales, pictures with Santa, and the raffle project
- Through cash donations

In order for our facilities to be in good order, your Building for the Future Campaign Team identified three items to enhance our space and the Church Board approved:

1. Replace the A/C system of the sanctuary/education building. Cost - \$34,844.78
2. New carpet throughout the sanctuary building. The current carpet is 20 years old and we also have a tripping hazard in many areas of our tiled flooring from loose and even missing tiles. Cost - \$54,644.14
3. A new lighting system for the sanctuary. Our current stage lights are older and not LED lights, making it difficult to find replacement bulbs, using more energy, and putting out unwanted heat. The computer system running our lighting system now, is too old to even update anymore. Cost - \$20,443.00

The total amount needed for these three projects is \$109,931.92 and as of December 31, 2023, we have raised \$91,307.47 The A/C unit has been installed and we now have the needed funds to proceed with the carpet installation. The carpet will be ordered this month and plans are to start that project after Easter.

We have \$1,818.55 left over after completing the first two goals, and although the Campaign is over, we are keeping the Designated BFF Account to hold this money and other monies donated for the future purchase of the lighting and computer system for the sanctuary. If anyone would like to make a donation to this account, it would be greatly appreciated.

Again, thank you to all of you,

Michelle Coffey
Michelle Coffey
Campaign Chairperson



FEBRUARY 9 Suzanne Wyatt
22 Sue Yang
25 Emmalyn Sylvis
26 Georgia Huffman

Food Pantry Needs

- Spam
- Pork & Beans
- Vegetables
- Beanie Weenies
- Soups
- Ready-to-eat Chicken Packets
- Jiffy Cornbread

Please bring to the church office Mon.-Thurs. 10AM-3PM.

2024 TBA DWM

Women's Retreat



"Here I am, Lord"

April 5-7

Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX

Keynote Speaker: Allison Lanza

Online Registration is preferred

www.tbadwm.com

You are invited to join us at the 2024 TBA DWM Women's retreat to relax, recharge and discern ways we can be the beautiful hands of God in the world.

Registration dates: Jan 26-April 1

Early bird fees end Feb. 16, 2024

Contact Sharon Hudson for more information.

Thank You

I want to express our sincere gratitude for Central Christian's generous support in allowing us to utilize your facilities for our parenting classes. Your kindness has made a significant impact on the lives of parents navigating challenging journeys with CPS, the Attorney General, and other legal authorities.

We are truly grateful for the opportunity to conduct our FOCUS + for Mothers sessions at your location. Gloria Neafus, our dedicated lead facilitator, is excited to continue leading these classes with the utmost commitment and passion.

Once again, thank you for opening your doors to us and providing a welcoming space for these essential parenting classes. Your support is invaluable, and we look forward to the positive impact we can make together.

Diane Davis



Chili Cook-off Winners

Impartial judges chose:

Jimmy Harding, first place

Bobbi Peacock, second place

Allen Bennett, third place

Children's Clothing Sample Sale



*Boutique brand children's clothes at wholesale prices
sizes nb & up*

February 1 10AM - 6PM

February 2 10AM - 6PM

February 3 10AM - 2PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

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Facebook and Instagram: DallasChildrenSampleSale



The Cowtown Marathon Sunday, February 25

Please make arrangements to be at church at 6:30 am to cheer on the runners, and listen to the band that will be playing right in our own front lawn!

If you are not able to come early, please remember that the marathon course runs right in front of the church on Bailey Ave. and there will be difficulty getting to the campus after the races start at 7:00am.