

DECEMBER 2025 - FEBRUARY 2026

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

LIFE AND LOVE

DOES THE STABLE

still as bright?



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT CCC: MISSION WACO TOY STORE BIKER RUN | CHRISTMAS TREE | HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE CANDLES | POINSIETTAS | FAMILY ZOO ADVENTURE | CHILDRENS CHOIR | "I WONDER AS I WONDER" SERMON SERIES | LUKE 2 | BELOVED CAROLS | SENSORY SANTA | LIVE NATIVITY | CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS | SILENT NIGHT ... AND SO MUCH MORE! HEAD INSIDE TO READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Does the stable still astonish?

That question has been lingering with me since Dr. Lynne Gackle and I worked a shift in the Patch together last month. It's from a piece of music you'll hear our choir sing soon. It's a great question, and I'm hoping throughout Advent the Christmas seasons at CCC, we will find ourselves saying time and again, "Yes it does!"

The next seven — SEVEN! — pages detail all of the opportunities you have to let the Stable — along with every part of the amazing Nativity story — still astonish. All of it will be wonderful, but speaking of wonder, let me highlight my Advent message series, "I Wonder as I Wonder:"

Scripture encourages us to approach God with "awe and wonder" (Hebrews 12:28). Awe is an intense, often humbling reaction to something vast and overwhelming, while wonder is the deeper, lasting curiosity and fascination that may follow, inspiring exploration and understanding.

Advent is a wonderful time to wonder — to want to learn and make sense of the night that a Savior was born, the Word became flesh, and a light arose. As we wonder together, we we will ask questions. We will wonder, as we wonder.

- Nov 30 - "The Birth of Christmas" ... Luke 2:1-7
- Dec 7 - "Flying Reindeer" ... John 1:14-18
- Dec 14 - "Touched by an Angel" ... Luke 2:8-14
- Dec 21 - "Joseph, Did You Know?" ... Matthew 1:18-25
- Dec 24 - "A Lamb is Born Among the Sheep" ... John 1:29-34

Go to cccwaco.org/advent2025 to watch a short (2:15, to be exact) video briefly outlining each sermon. It's going to be another awesome Advent season at CCC ... let's seek to be astonished together!

Brian



Astonished

SATURDAY, DEC 13

**JOIN US FOR A JOYFUL DAY
OF CELEBRATION!!**

SENSORY SANTA

2025



**1:00–
4:00 PM**

Volunteer by contacting Rev. Riley Brysch

Crafts

Games

Food Trucks

Activities hosted by
local organizations

Mrs. Claus Secret Shop
(led by CCC volunteers!)

Therapy Dogs

Fun Surprises



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CALLING ALL KIDS!

CCC Christmas Children's Choir

WEDNESDAYS IN DECEMBER (DEC. 3, 10 & 17)

5:30-6:30 PM



ALL KIDS AGES 4 YRS-5TH GRADE ARE INVITED TO JOIN DR. LYNNE GACKLE, AND MRS. GWEN AND MRS. JOANNE WEDNESDAYS IN DECEMBER. WE WILL SING FOR 30 MINUTES, THEN HAVE DINNER TOGETHER. **THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL BE SINGING IN THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE!**





Join other CCC
families for a ...

ZOO ADVENTure!

Sunday, December 7 at 6 pm

We will look at the lights,
go on a scavenger hunt
and have a roaring good time!



It's gonna be wild!

For more information, contact Joanne Gilliam,
Gwen Parmer or Ashley Leger.



Communion, Carols & Candelight



Christmas Eve at CCC

4:30 pm *Live Nativity*

4:45 pm *Christmas Prelude*

5:00 pm *A Service of Lessons and Carols*



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FOUR WAYS YOU CAN PUT
YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION
THIS ADVENT SEASON



ccc christmas outreach



Take a tag from our giving tree In the Narthex ...
this year, we are collecting items for **Compassion
Apartment No. 4** (from their wish list), **Sleep in
Heavenly Peace** (bedding) and **Veterans One
Stop** (gift cards)

1 Pick up a gift on **December 14** and deliver before
Christmas for Friends for Life

3 Sign up to help serve lunch at Gospel Cafe
on **Wednesday, December 17**

4 Sign up to deliver beds with Sleep in
Heavenly Peace on **Tuesday, December
24 at 10:00 AM**



watch for more info in Lifted Up and
the bulletin

sign up for Gospel Cafe or Sleep in
Heavenly Peace by scanning the QR
code or in the narthex



What a joy...

... it has been to be a part of the CCC family these past couple of months! Thank you, church family, for making my family and me feel so welcome here! Among the many programs that this church offers, worshipping through music is one that touches all ages and I am blessed to be a part of a church family that values music as both an individual and collective way to glorify the Lord each Sunday!

The Chancel Choir has continued to grow over the past couple of months! We are thrilled that we have had some former members return to the choir, and we have also welcomed new members who have joined in singing with us.

Some of these new and returning members include our Choral Interns. Returning choral interns include Micah Espree, baritone, a Choral Music Education major at Baylor and Norie Yowell, soprano, Vocal Music major at Baylor. We welcome our new choral interns Regan Rucker, tenor, Choral Music Education major at Baylor and D.J. Randolph, alto, a Commercial Music major at MCC. In addition to singing with the choir each week, they also share their talents through solos as needed throughout the year. It is a joy to have these young people in our Chancel Choir, worshipping with us through song each week.

We are always looking for new choir members. If you love music and love to sing, we need YOU in the choir! We meet for choir rehearsal only one hour per week on Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Music Suite! The Chancel Choir is intergenerational and is open to high school-age through adult age singers. Please contact me at Lynne Gackle at lynne@cccwaco.org if you are interested in singing with us!

During the month of October, our church organist, Anita Selters, presented a beautiful recital of organ music. Her performance as well as that of Terri and Tom Kubow, Gail Wade and Micah Espree were warmly received by the 100+ member audience!

You don't want to miss the beautiful music and message of our Lord's coming during Advent and most especially on Christmas Eve! Be sure to make plans to attend our Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service at 5:00 p.m. There will be a 15-minute prelude concert starting at 4:45 p.m. which will include guest artists, beloved carols, vocal soloists, as well as a variety of instrumental musical offerings. A special addition to the service this year will include our Central Christian Church Children's Choir as they join their voices together as one to celebrate the birth of our Lord!

- Dr. Lynne Gackle

CCC WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Three great groups!

LOL (LADIES OF THE LORD)

TUE November 11, 6:30pm Southern Roots Trivia Night ... All are welcome to join!

TUE December 2, 5:30pm Christmas Crochet Camp in Fireside Room ... We will host a crochet night for beginner to pro to make an ear warmer headband. Yarn and crochet hooks are provided. Bring your own dinner!

SUN December 14, 6:00pm My Favorite Things Ladies Night Out Party hosted by Melody Gomez ... Talk to Melody, Gwen or Joanne for details on what to bring.

EAT, PRAY, LOVE

Monday, December 15—6pm Christmas fellowship and meal at Trudy Woodson's home
January --- TBD (watch Lifted Up and the bulletin)
February --- TBD (watch Lifted Up and the bulletin)

TIMELESS TREASURES

Thursday, December 4—10:30 am meet at the church and carpool to a restaurant TBD.

Hostesses:

Virginia Babb and Elicia Green

January—No meeting

Thursday, February 8—10:30am at Charlotte Carpenter's lake house. Hostesses: Charlotte Carpenter and Georgia Green

Program: "The Faith of George Washington" presented by Thomas Kubow

Followed by a covered dish luncheon



ALL: SALSA COOKING - THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 4 AT 6:00 PM





PUMPKIN PATCH

Proceeds



Kids Against Hunger (10%)
\$2207.83



Mission Waco Toy Store (10%)
\$2207.83



Youth Ministry (25%)
\$5519.55



Children's Ministry (15%)
\$3311.75



Scholarship Fund (15%)
\$3311.75



Adult Mission Trip (15%)
\$3311.75



2026 Pumpkin Patch (10%)
\$2207.83



Total Pumpkin Sales
\$54,283.25



Donations & T-Shirts
\$4900.97



Our Portion of Pumpkin Sales
\$22,078.25

YOUTH

December



- ADVENTURE TO THE ZOO (DEC 7)
- SENSORY SANTA (DEC 13)
- YOUTH WHITE ELEPHANT (DEC 14)
- YOUTH FAMILY LUNCH (DEC 28)

February



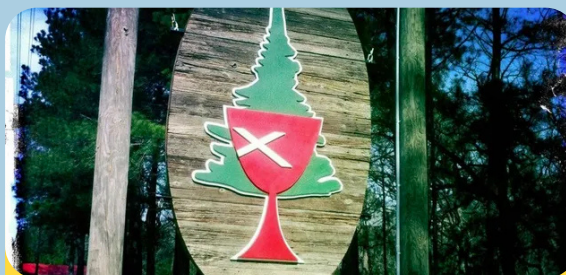
- SUPERBOWL WATCH PARTY (FEB 8)
- YOUTH BOARD GAME NIGHT (FEB 15)
- YOUTH FAMILY LUNCH (FEB 22)
- DISCIPLE NOW RETREAT (FEB 27-28)

January



- YOUTH AND PARENT MEETING (JAN 11)
- MOVIE NIGHT (JAN 18)
- YOUTH FAMILY LUNCH (JAN 25)

Athens, TX Amen!



- FALL RETREAT CHI-RHO (6TH- 8TH GRADES) DEC 5TH-7TH
- FALL CYF (9TH- 12TH GRADES) DEC 5TH-7TH
- SIGN UP AT DISCIPLESCROSSING.ORG

CENTRAL
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

DEC 25 - FEB 26

SEEKERS

DEC -
CHRISTMAS
CAROL STUDY;
JAN & FEB -
NEW BOOK
TBD

9:15 AM Conference
Room
Contact: Linda Fisseler
(lindalefisseler
@sbcglobal.net)

BIBLE DISCOVERY

EXODUS

9:15 AM Downstairs
Contact: Brad Toben
(Brad_Toben@baylor.edu)

"YOUR WORD IS
A LAMP FOR
MY FEET,
A LIGHT ON MY
PATH."
- PSALM 119:105

JOIN US EVERY
SUNDAY MORNING!

SERENDIPITY

VIDEO
SERIES/BOOK:
"WHO IS THIS
MAN?"

9:15 AM Library
Contact: Ashley Leger
windhamashley.aw
@gmail.com

AND COMING
IN JANUARY ...

NEW COLLEGE
& CAREERS
GROUP!

Contacts: Kiley Coats
(kileycoats@icloud.com)
& Zoe Windham
(zoeegrays@gmail.com)

SACRED, VERSATILE AND FUNCTIONAL

CCC INTERIORS

IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE
BUILDING IN 2024-2025



CCC INTERIORS: REFRESHED, REDESIGNED AND RENEWED!

Due to years of generous giving, in November of 2023 and again the following November, the CCC Board allocated \$50,000 to Property for capital improvements. Led by our Decorating and Interiors Committee members – Steve Wilson, Debbie Mann, Cristy Richardson, Gwen Parmer and Georgia Green – CCC has been transformed! The hallways have new paint, ceiling, lighting and flooring, the walls have new decorations, and the Library, Conference Room and Fireside Room are completely remodeled. Thank you for your support, prayers and faithful stewardship making all of this possible!



ONE MORE ITEM ON THE TO-DO LIST: CARPET FOR CHRISTMAS!

Our downstairs hallways, classrooms, Noah's Ark areas, office area and children's hallways all desperately need new flooring. If you would like to donate towards this important improvement, you can place a check in the Offering or give online. Thank you!



DECEMBER 14: A PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND TOURS!

Join us in worship as we pray that our building and grounds help us share the love and life found in Jesus Christ for generations. Then, walk around the building and check it all out. Our interiors committee will be strategically stationed throughout the building to offer information and insights.



Valentine's Program

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Directly following
Worship

Hosted by CCC
Men's Ministry



LUNCH IN THE TEEL
CENTER AFTERWARDS



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SERVICE
REQUESTED**

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You can find our livestream every Sunday on both Facebook and YouTube. Search cccwaco.