

SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2025

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

# LIFE AND LOVE

# THE PUMPKIN PATCH CHURCH

A GUIDE TO THE

# MISSION AND MINISTRY

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CENTRAL  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH





# Pumpkin Patch DATES TO SAVE



**Tent & Lights Set up: Sunday,  
September 21 at 5:30 PM**

On these three dates,  
we'll set up the tent,  
create beautiful photo  
ops and lay out all of the  
pallets. We'll need youth  
and adults (and a few  
pick-ups with trailers to  
make this happen!)  
Bring a water bottle,  
work gloves and a few  
friends.

**Pallets: Wednesday,  
September 24 at  
5:00 PM**



**Patch Appeal:  
Saturday, September  
27 at 9:30 AM**

**PUMPKIN TRUCK  
UNLOADS**

**Sunday, September 28 (after worship)  
& Saturday, October 11 (9:00 AM)**

Join us for some fun and hard work as we transform the lawn into a pumpkin paradise! Bring your work gloves, wheelbarrows, wagons, a water bottle, neighbors and friends as we celebrate the 19th Annual Pumpkin Patch at Central Christian Church. Invite your friends and family, school and work groups. If you can't lift pumpkins, we could use your help with some "patch appeal" and selling pumpkins to those who show up ready to purchase right off the truck!







# CONNECTING *with our community*

For most of us, our favorite part of the Patch is all the people we get to meet. Whether it's the almost-100 students that help with unloads, hosting Compassion and Talitha Koum families, or simply working the Patch, we have the opportunity to extend hospitality to hundreds of people throughout October. It takes all of us to be the Pumpkin Patch church! So, whether it's helping with unload, taking several shifts throughout the month or praying for our community, we need you! Work shift sign-ups are live at [cccwaco.org](http://cccwaco.org) NOW!



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Official hashtag of the PP



[cccwaco.org](http://cccwaco.org)  
Sign up for shifts on our website



# **PUMPKIN PATCH 2025**

# **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

*We are SO grateful for ALL our volunteers! Please contact any of these leaders with questions.*



## **CO-CHAIRS: BRENDA DEBERRY & NICOLE COATS**

- ✓ **PATCH SET-UP: TREY KIZER, TOMMY FULTON & BRANDON GILLIAM**
- ✓ **WORK SHIFTS: MELODY GOMEZ & Nanci WILLIAMS**
- ✓ **COMPASSION & TALITHA KOUM IN THE PATCH: BECKY PARKER & STEVE WILSON**
- ✓ **MARKETING/SOCIAL MEDIA: BRANDON GILLIAM, CAILYN COATS & KILEY COATS**
- ✓ **STORY TIMES & FIELD TRIPS: CLAIRE SULLIVAN & LINDA FISSELER**
- ✓ **PATCH APPEAL: VICKI FULTON, TOMMY FULTON, GWEN PARMER & LISA KIZER**
- ✓ **MOVIE NIGHT: RILEY BRYSCH, NICK TEIXEIRA & BRANDON GILLIAM**
- ✓ **FINANCES: BRENDA DEBERRY**

**Two new events for 2025: A "ribbon cutting" on September 28 at 11:45 AM (followed by lunch), and a Patch Blessing in Worship on Sunday, October 5. Join us!**



# CCC Youth FALL PROGRAMMING



7: PUMPKIN PATCH WORK DAY AFTER CHURCH

## SEPTEMBER

15 @ 5 PM: MAIN EVENT (FAMILY MINISTRY EVENT) ... YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S FAMILIES WILL JOIN TOGETHER FOR SOME FUN AT MAIN EVENT! THERE WE WILL HAVE SOME PIZZA, BOWLING, ARCADE GAMES AND MORE!

21: PUMPKIN PATCH WORK NIGHT | 24 : PALLET SET UP | 28: PUMPKIN DELIVERY AFTER CHURCH

## NOVEMBER

2: PUMPKIN PATCH CLEANUP AFTER CHURCH

9: BONFIRE NIGHT

## OCTOBER

PUMPKIN PATCH EVERY DAY!

11: PUMPKIN DELIVERY

25: MOVIE IN THE PATCH

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT REV. RILEY BRYSCH

Follow us @cccwacyouth for updates





# NEW!

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

**BEGINNING  
SEPTEMBER 15**

### Goals

- TEACH BIBLICAL VALUES IN AN ENGAGING, AGE-APPROPRIATE WAY.
- FOSTER COMMUNITY, CURIOSITY AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH.
- ENCOURAGE INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND GLOBAL AWARENESS.
- MEMORIZE 5 BIBLE VERSES THAT ROTATE WITH THE WEEKLY LESSON AND WILL REPEAT MONTH AFTER MONTH TO BUILD FOUNDATION FOR GRADUATION TO YOUTH PROGRAMMING

### Monthly Schedule

- FIRST SUNDAY: MYSTERY BOX - GLOBAL MISSION FOCUS ... EXPLORE A NEW LOCATION EACH MONTH
- SECOND SUNDAY: GAME DAY (BIBLE-BASED BOARD GAMES, PUZZLES, ETC.)
- THIRD SUNDAY: SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS AND NATURE LESSONS ... HANDS-ON LEARNING ABOUT GOD'S CREATION
- FOURTH SUNDAY: INTERGENERATIONAL FOCUS ... FOSTER RELATIONSHIPS WITH KIDS AND CHURCH MEMBERS
- FIFTH SUNDAYS: POTLUCK - FOOD AND MORAL LESSONS



**LED BY JOANNE GILLIAM AND GWEN  
PARMER ... SUNDAYS AT 9:15 AM**



# 2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

SEP. 14, SEP. 21  
AND SEP. 28

## GROWING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

There are signs of growth all around CCC these days! Join us throughout the month of September, as we talk about how serving, praying and walking in God's light leads to healthy church growth! The three sermons will be in an in-depth study of John 15: 1-17.

BE WATCHING  
FOR THE ALL-  
CHURCH MAILER  
IN EARLY  
SEPTEMBER!



*This is to my Father's glory,  
that you bear much fruit,  
showing yourselves to be my  
disciples. - John 15:8*





# CCC Fall Outreach

## September

Central sponsors Apt. 4 at Compassion Ministry. Soon a new family will move in, so we need to prepare to stock the apartment. To participate, pick up a card and purchase that item. Bring it back to church by October 5. Together we will make the apartment a home for a previously homeless family.

## October

Outreach in the Pumpkin Patch. We will host the families of Compassion Ministry on Sunday, October, 19 and Talitha Koum on Tuesday October 28.

## November

Habitat for Humanity Harvest House workday ... Check Lifted Up & the bulletin for updates

## December

On December 17, we will prepare and serve Lunch at the Gospel Café. We will need to have volunteers work in our kitchen to prepare food and 6-7 people to serve at the Gospel Café from 10:30-1:30. We will have signups with more information in November



# Church Hqs Left the Building 2025

Since 2018, we have taken one Sunday a year to go into our community with the heart of Christ, to show the love of Christ, by being the hands and feet of Christ! Join us as gather outside in the church parking lot at a special time — 10:15 am. After a prayer, we will split into teams and visit all the places listed to the right. Each project will run from 10:45 am - 12:15 pm. After we are finished, we come back to Central for a fellowship lunch, sharing of work site highlights and Communion.

## PROJECTS:

- PREPARE LUNCH AT CCC
- SHEPHERD'S HEART
- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
- GOSPEL CAFE
- THE COVE
- COMPASSION MINISTRIES
- FAITH AND SPORTS INSTITUTE
- FRIENDS FOR LIFE
- MOUNTAINVIEW ELEMENTARY



Sunday, September 7  
at 10:15 am

Sign up in the Narthex or  
online by scanning this QR  
Code!







## Welcome Dr. Lynne Gackle!



Starting September 3, the new CCC Music Director is Lynne Gackle. You may remember the Bella Voce Choir from Baylor, which sang at CCC in 2022. Dr. Gackle was the director of that choir. Actually, she was the Director of Choral Activities at Baylor until her retirement in 2023. She has a very accomplished career as a music leader and educator, and we are so thrilled she is joining the CCC Staff.

From an article about her retirement on the Baylor School of Music website:

"Hailed as a mentor and role model by many, Lynne Gackle has made an impact with her artistic vision, intellectual rigor, persistent spirit, nurturing heart, and creative Christian witness."



## Organ+ Recital by Anita Setters

Sunday, October 12 at 4:00 pm

"Giving Joyful Praise to God through Music"

Yes, the Plus sign is intended! The congregation will sing "When in Our Music God is Glorified," followed by an organ piece based on that hymn, with Dr. Lynne Gackle leading the congregation. There will be a vocal solo from Micah Espree, a organ duet of "Stars and Stripes Forever" with Georgia Green and a bell piece by Tom & Terri Kubow. Mark your calendars!





# EXPLORE

## *The Word*

### CONNECT WITH ONE OF OUR ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUPS



#### *Bible Discovery*

Leader-led teaching with discussion.

9:15-10:00 AM -- In-person, or online via Zoom

Contact: Brad Toben ([brad\\_toben@baylor.edu](mailto:brad_toben@baylor.edu))

Location: Friendship Room (Downstairs across from Choir Room)

This class is currently in a study of Exodus at the chapter and verse level. It meets downstairs across from the Choir Room.



#### *Seekers*

Christian book-based – group discussion

9:15-10:25 AM

Contact: Bonnie Dawson ([fbdaw118@aol.com](mailto:fbdaw118@aol.com))

Location: Conference Room

This class is currently discussing "What Happens Next" by Max Lucado.



#### *Serendipity*

Coffee and conversation format

9:15-10:00 AM

Contact: Ashley Leger ([windhamashley.aw@gmail.com](mailto:windhamashley.aw@gmail.com))

Location: Library

This group engages in informal conversations and devotions that do not require any advance reading or preparation. Made up of adults of all ages, come find "unexpected joy" (serendipity) any Sunday! Coffee and light eats are available each week as well!

The Lord your God  
is in your midst,

a mighty one  
who will save;

he will rejoice over  
you with gladness;

he will quiet you  
by his love;

he will exult you  
with loud singing.

BE ON GUARD.  
STAND FIRM  
IN THE FAITH.  
BE COURAGEOUS.  
BE STRONG.  
1 CORINTHIANS 16:13

Therefore, since we are  
surrounded by such a great  
cloud of witnesses, let us throw off  
everything that hinders and the  
sin that so easily entangles.

Hebrews 12:1

AFTER CLASS IS FINISHED,  
JOIN US FOR FIRESIDE  
FELLOWSHIP EVERY SUNDAY  
AT 10:00 AM!





# THANK YOU

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS!

*The CCC Adult and Youth Mission Trip to Black Mountain, North Carolina was beyond belief. The list of highlights includes:*

- *The amazing scenery of God's creation*
- *Partnering with NECHAMA to help homeowners in western North Carolina rebuild*
- *Coming together as an intergenerational family of faith*
- *Learning how to build split-rail fences from Tony Powell!*
- *The incredible hospitality of Christmount Christian Assembly*
- *Hiking two of the most difficult and beautiful trails at Christmount*
- *Mercy Chefs meals!*
- *Learning about Green Chalice*
- *A campfire, a bear and snowcones!*
- *Whitewater rafting on the French Broad River*

*We definitely grew closer to each and to God. Thank you for helping 21 of your own, Central, say, "Here I am Lord, send me!"*







# Get involved in CCC Women's Ministry

## LOL (Ladies of the Lord)

- Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 6:30 PM - Pizza and trivia at Southern Roots (CCC men invited)
- Monday, Sept. 15 at 5:30 PM - Main Event (families invited) ... Monday Madness (bowling plus for \$12.99 pp)
- Monday, Oct. 13 at 6 PM - CCC Pumpkin Patch Potluck and pumpkin painting class (bring your own canvas)
- Sunday, Nov. 2 at 5 PM location TBD ... Annual Friendsgiving
- Thursday, Nov. 13 at 6 PM - Backyard Waco (CCC men invited)... Trivia night out (music theme with great prizes)

Contact Gwen Parmer for more information about this group

## Eat, Pray, Love

- Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 6 PM - Fellowship and meal at the home of Glenda Miller  
Hosted by: Glenda Miller
- Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 5:30 PM - Meal, fellowship and working the Pumpkin Patch  
Hosted by: Brenda DeBerry
- Thursday, Nov. 13 at 6 PM - Fellowship and meal at the home of Alice Renner  
Hosted by: Alice Renner and Michele Ryan

Contact Bettilu Charlton for more information about this group



## Timeless Treasures

- Thursday, Sept. 4 at 10:30 AM - Program: "Faith of the Puritans" (video excerpt from the movie, "Monumental" by Kirk Cameron) ... Hosted by: Claire Sullivan and Nan Johnson at the church with covered dish meal to follow
- Thursday, Oct. 2 at 10:30 AM - Program: "250th Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Corps" presented by Terri Kubow ... Hosted by: Brenda Coffman and Bettilu Charlton at the church with covered dish meal to follow.
- Thursday, Nov. 6 - 10:30 AM - Program: "Memories of My Father" presented by Brad Toben ... Hosted by: Nancy Edwards and Virginia Babb at the church with covered dish meal to follow

Contact Terri Kubow or Virginia Babb for more information about this group



# Noah's Ark: Back to School!



## Noah's Ark Preschool welcomed 90 students back to school in August!

In August, we warmly welcomed 65 families back to school and into the NAP family! Our Meet the Teacher event boasted a record turnout, and the initial days were filled with excitement and joy. We are incredibly grateful for Central's commitment to ensuring our space is filled with prayers and blessings. This year, our children will delve into God's "Fruits of the Spirit" as outlined in Galatians 5. Each month, we will focus on a specific "fruit" or character trait to explore together. We hope to build a foundation in each child's life with the Fruits of the Spirit.



The upcoming months aboard the Ark are packed with exciting events! September kicks off with Grandparents Day and the launch of the year-long fundraiser "Friends of NAP." October promises fun with "Fall Pictures in the Patch," trips to the Pumpkin Patch, and concludes with the Pumpkin Patch Parade. In November, the focus will shift to learning about Thankfulness. It's shaping up to be a wonderful Fall semester for everyone at the preschool!





# SHARING LIFE AND LOVE

## IN SO MANY WAYS ...

### Fireside Fellowship

- Every Sunday mornign at 10 AM
- Coffee, juice and breakfast foods
- Intergenerational fellowship
- Great way to get connected to CCC!



### CCC Social Media

Thank you to everyone who has interacted (watched, liked or commented on) with our Facebook posts. We recently received a notice that they've increased our distribution because we're frequently posting high-quality content. We're reaching more people in our community, and this would not be possible without your help. Keep it up!

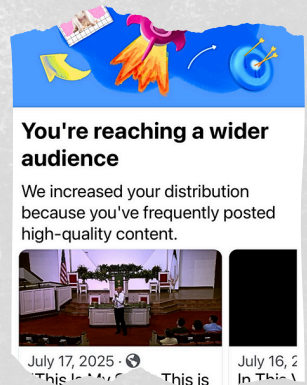


### Agape Quilters

- Meets every other Monday at 2 PM
- Food and refreshments always on-hand
- Compassion-in-action: Quilts made for members with special needs, CareNet and more
- Contact Eulaila Young for more information

### Pickle Ball & Prayer

- Tournaments, open play and more; contact Reggie Parmer for information







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