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LIFE AND LOVE

CENTRAL
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A SUMMER OF PRAYER

PRAYING

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The cover photo is one of my favorite from 14 years of serving CCC. It's powerful and sweet, and it's appropriate, because there can be no doubt CCC is a praying church. In our worship service, as soon as the children finish leading us in prayer, we pray again! We send out prayer texts, and we pray before every meeting. Our Elders even recently built and installed an inviting drop-off station for prayers.

It occurred to me, though, that summer is *really* a time of prayer. In the next three months, we will pray over two mission groups. We will also pray for athletes, parents and coaches on Youth Sports Sunday, and for all students and educators on Back to School Sunday. And this summer, to mark America 250, we will have a special prayer for our country on June 28. It is a season of prayer in a church of prayer, and as you look through this guide, I pray you'll join us.

-In Christ, Rev. Brian Coats

AND PRAYING SOME MORE

CCC FAMILY MINISTRIES

A great summer on tap ...

CCC Day at Camp Finfo

Join us **Saturday, July 25** for a full, fun day of swimming, a jumping pillow, mini golf, fishing, volleyball and pickleball. We will have pizza for lunch, but please bring a cooler of drinks for your family. Best of all ... The whole day is free!

Meet at 10:00 am at 1000 Chickadee Lane.
See you there!

Youth Sports Sunday

On **Sunday, July 26**, all children and youth are invited to wear their jerseys and uniforms from their sports teams. We will pray for all players, parents and coaches, and show our popular "highlights" video. Don't miss it!

Back to School Sunday

One of the highlights of the year is our annual Back to School Sunday. Join us **August 16** as we do a Blessing of the Backpacks and offer a prayer for all educators. It's also promotion Sunday, so we will celebrate rising Kindergartners and rising sixth graders with Bibles, prayers and the run-through tunnel!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2026 @ CCC

INTERGENERATIONAL SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Children, youth and parents will meet together for fellowship, fun and learning
- Each week we will play games, sing songs and do an activity together with our families.
- We will conclude with a prayer, and then go to Fireside Fellowship together.

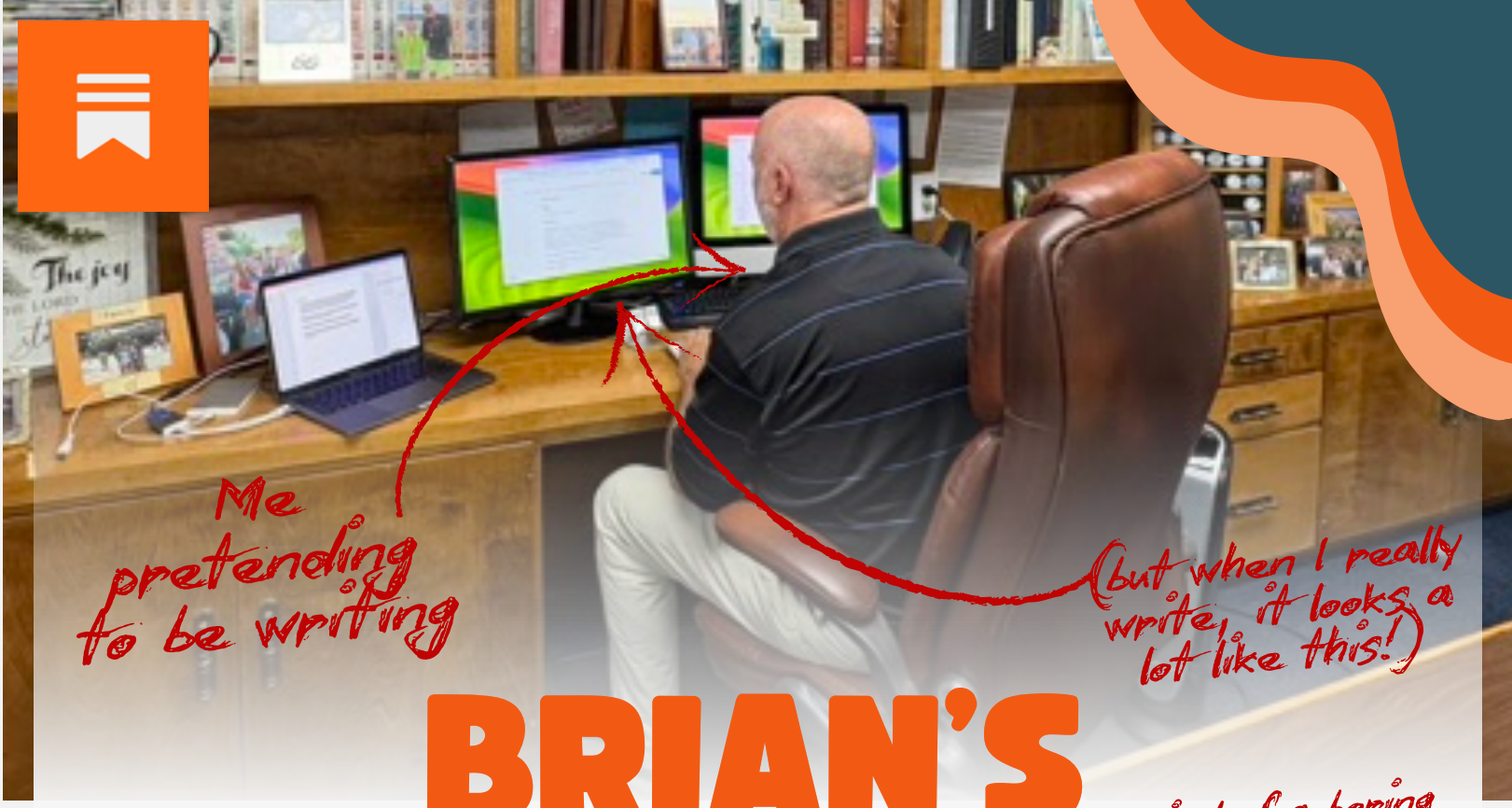
BEGINNING JUNE 7

9:15-10 AM EVERY SUNDAY

Bonus!
A new memory verse each week!
First one:

"Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens." - Psalm 8:1

Teel Center



Me pretending to be writing

(but when I really write, it looks a lot like this!)

BRIAN'S SUBSTACK

kind of a boring name ... text me a better one!

Sign up to receive written devotionals from Rev. Brian Coats, delivered straight to your email inbox.

why I am doing this

examples of some of the devos

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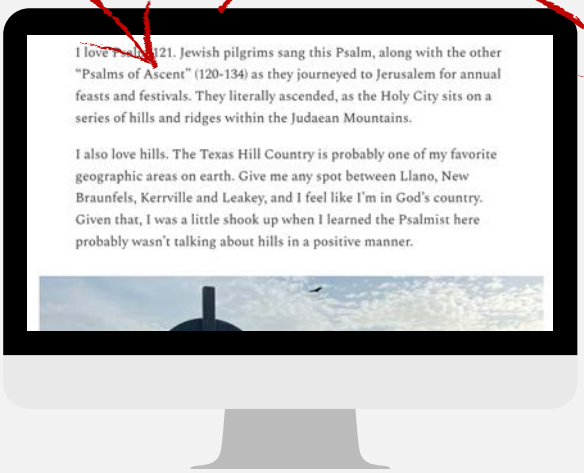

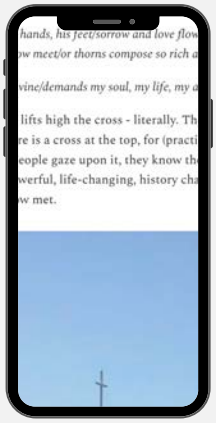

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. - Ephesians 3:17-19

WEAR RED, WHITE AND BLUE!

AMERICA250

A CELEBRATION OF SPACIOUS SKIES, SHINING SEAS *and God's Grace*

10:30 AM - WORSHIP
11:45 AM - ICE CREAM ON THE PORCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

MUSIC, PRAYERS &
DECORATIONS
MARKING THE OCCASION

CENTRAL
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

CENTRAL YOUTH GROUP

SUMMER MINISTRY

june

- "Befores" June 8-12
- Summer Bible Study (Start Date TBD)
- Chi-Rho June 22-27
- CYF June 15-20
- Youth Family Lunch (June 28)

july

- Youth Mission Trip Meeting (July 8)
- Youth Mission Trip (July 11-15)
- Youth Family Lunch (July 26)

STACK THE STANDS

Show your support! Attend the sporting events, plays, recitals, and other events of the youth and children of CCC!

EVENT CALENDAR

Use the QR code to access the calendar - events will be added soon!

Submit your events to: StackTheStandsCCC@gmail.com

August

August 16	back to school sunday
August 30	youth family lunch

GREEN CHALICE
Summer Events

- Lake Shore Street Cleanup - **Saturday, June 20** at 9:00 am
- Creation Sunday - **June 21** in Worship and Sunday School
- Church Outdoors - On **June 21**, meet at Charlotte Carpenter's lake house (5200 Hillcrest) at 8:00 pm for a Sunset Watch Party. We will also host events July 19 and August 9; watch Lifted Up and the bulletin for more info.
- Tree Planting - Goal of planting at least one tree each year.

A Special Offering for ...

CREEKSIDE COMMUNITY VILLAGE

In August, we are collecting a special offering to partner with Mission Waco to help provide low-cost permanent supportive housing to the homeless in McLennan County.

THE CHALLENGE

In Waco, 26% of the population lives below the poverty line. The state average is 14.6%. Additionally, 39.8% of the population pays excessive housing cost, compared to the Texas avg of 29.5%. Finally, the annual cost to community per homeless individual is $39,000. (police, hospitals, mental health services, jails, etc.)

A SOLUTION

- Creekside Community Village is a transformative community, combining permanent supportive housing with life-giving community engagement.*
- This Community exists to empower our friends coming out of homelessness who long for a permanent place to call home.
- At full capacity, we hope to provide homes for over 300 formerly homeless individuals and will provide wrap-around services with existing Mission Waco programs and partners to keep them off the streets and in community.
- “Homeless” includes those as defined by HUD and some who may have been staying at low-income motels.
- 20% of the community will include “Missional” residents who are not formerly homeless but choose to live in community with those who are. This mixed-income approach creates healthier and more sustainable neighborhoods. ”Missionals” will help provide residential care and community.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE with Creekside COMMUNITY VILLAGE

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AUGUST 2 AND AUGUST 9

PRESENTATION IN WORSHIP

OUR GOAL

$50,000

VISIT MISSIONWACO.ORG FOR MORE INFO

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Adult Bible Study Classes

Seekers

Study: Couples of the Old Testament

- Location; Conference Room
- Contact: Linda Fisseler (lindafisseler@sbcglobal.net)

Serendipity

Joining with Children and Youth for Intergenerational Sunday School

- Location: Teel Center
- Contact: Ashley Leger (windhamashley.aw@gmail.com)

Bible Discovery

In-depth study of Exodus

- Location: Downstairs
- Contact: Brad Toben (Brad_Toben@baylor.edu)

Every Sunday

at 9:15 AM

Also ... Join the Care Ministry Team for Game Days in the Fireside Room on June 2, July 7 and August 4 at 10:30 am.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

LORD, OUR LORD,
HOW MAJESTIC IS
YOUR NAME IN ALL
THE EARTH!
YOU HAVE SET YOUR
GLORY
IN THE HEAVENS.

FUN

THIS YEAR, OUR CHILDREN WILL BE LEARNING THAT THE GOD WHO MADE THE WHOLE UNIVERSE KNOWS ME, LOVES ME AND TRUSTS ME WITH HIS WORLD!

REGISTER NOW AT CCCWACO.ORG

CONTACT GWEN PARMER, JOANNE GILLIAM OR MELODY GOMEZ FOR MORE INFO.

CREATIVE THEME

FAITHFUL

JUNE 8-12, 2026 5:30-7:30 PM EVERY EVENING - DINNER INCLUDED

Our Social Media is Growing!

- 154.5% increase over last year
- children's moment, offertory, promotions, pictures

- 62.9% increase over last year
- live streaming, entire sermon

YouTube

- best quality video
- archive of all full church services

But we need your help! Scan the QR code and leave us a review!

QR CODE

SCAN HERE

Google Reviews

Online reviews are extremely important, acting as a modern digital "front door" for the church. Potential visitors often search for a "church near me" and rely on the reviews they find to choose which ones to visit. A strong, positive review can act as a testimonial, creating trust before someone even enters the building. Reviews also influence Google's algorithm, giving us increased visibility in local search results and on maps.

Thank you!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

This summer, the CCC Music Department **will be featuring some special vocal and instrumental solos, as well as small ensembles during the Offertory of the Sunday worship services.** The choir will still be in the loft each Sunday and I would like to extend **a warm invitation** to those of you who might have 'longed' for the opportunity to sing in the choir without the pressure of rehearsal each week. Instead, **you would be a true 'minister of music'** and simply help the congregation sing the hymns each week from the choir loft!

If being a 'minister of music' has not been a 'burning desire' of your heart, perhaps you might simply want to get a different visual perspective of our Sunday services!! 😉 If so, please come to the "choir loft" this summer before the service! You will enjoy a whole new "view" of the worship service and **we would LOVE to have you sing with us in the loft!** You don't have to audition; you don't have to sing loudly – just come and sing the hymns as you always do each week (**everyone can make a joyful noise!!!** 😊) and enjoy worship from another direction!

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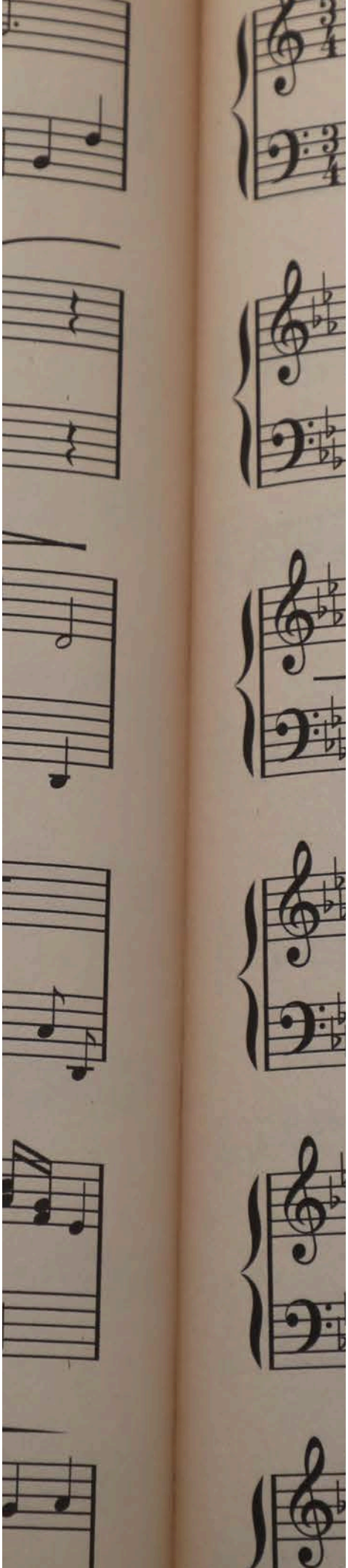

COME AND OFFER PRAISE

On **June 28, the Central Christian Church Choir will be presenting a special Patriotic Hymn Medley.** As a congregation, we will also sing some of the beloved patriotic hymns to celebrate our 250th Anniversary as a country! Finally, starting June 7th, as a part of the Intergenerational Sunday School classes, we will be singing some of the praise songs and choruses from both the past and the present! **I look forward to singing with everyone of all ages as we lift our voices in praise to God** through some of the songs and choruses that we love so much!

Ephesians 5:19 (NIV): "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord".

Come and be a part of the musical worship this summer at Central Christian Church!

Blessings,

Lynne Gackle
Director of Music

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