

Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
San Antonio, Texas



CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

**WORSHIP, CONNECT, SERVE**

*Experiencing life abundant  
through **worshipping** God,  
**connecting** with each other  
and the community, and  
**servicing** others.*

Michael's Mind



**2020 is about a week old and we are just getting the Contact out. New Year's resolutions... Do you bother with them? "I'm going to lose some weight," or "I'm going to spend more time with my family." I sympathize with the dude who was working on his resolution to clean up his desk—he did...and found last year's list of New Year's resolutions...one of them, "to clean up my desk!" Oh, well.**

**Let me suggest a very brief, but powerful way to approach this year. First Corinthians 1:3 begins with two words that scripture frequently joins together: "Grace and Peace to you..." The best place to start is the beginning. The first word is Grace. Grace is a good word—it is one around which we can, not only build a good resolution, but an entire theology...grace! "Amazing grace how sweet the sound..."**

**There is something special about starting the New Year with grace. It is, after all, God's unmerited favor. We have grown weary of the society that says, "You get what you pay for. There is no such thing as a free lunch." But grace is never paid for, never earned. Grace is the gift. If our church could remember that the first word is grace, then any number of other problems would disappear.**

**You have heard, "You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar." More people are loved into God's family than are argued or intimidated into it. Resolution #1 "We as a church, and we as individual Christians, will be gracious—no fault-finding, no backbiting, no pettiness. We will be gracious in the way we treat each other and the way we treat those outside the faith. Show God's grace.**

**Next? "Grace to you and peace..." We would be most blessed if we could enjoy real peace. We live in a violent world, a divided world. I wish that the church could be the exception, but over ecclesiastical history there have been some incredible church fights. Should infants be baptized or only believers? Do women have the same standing as men in the church? How literally do we understand the Bible? What about capital punishment, human sexuality, and so on? The fights go on. In local congregations there have been church splits over such weighty matters as carpet color, and heating systems. Still, grace is tied to peace in God's church. May we tie the grace we are given in such a way as leads to peace in our lives and the lives of others. Happy New Year!**

## CCC JANUARY 2020 PRAYER CALENDAR

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<p>“I believe that the greatest form of prayer is praise to God.” -Billy Graham</p>			<p>1 Pray that we can be open to other peoples’ ways &amp; not be critical of how they live</p>	<p>2 Pray for those starting new experiences - that they do well</p>	<p>3 Thank God for knowing our faults yet realizing He loves us anyway</p>	<p>4 Pray that we act with God’s love to help/look out for our fellow Christians</p>
<p>5 Ask God to help you feel “at home” with Him so He takes away your unease</p>	<p>6 Pray for all returning students &amp; teachers that they remain eager to learn and teach</p>	<p>7 <u>Prayer Gathering</u> Be thankful for those who pray for us – as we pray for them</p>	<p>8 Pray for our choirs that they continue to glorify God thru their music</p>	<p>9 Pray for God to carry you thru a trial or an illness &amp; realize He never leaves</p>	<p>10 Pray for those who are cold &amp; in need as you give to them from your own closet</p>	<p>11 Pray that human trafficking ends and that God’s word comes to all</p>
<p>12 Pray for our global ministries that their work continues to spread God's’ message</p>	<p>13 Pray we remember that God should be in our actions every day</p>	<p>14 Ask God to help us slowdown in our busyness so we can hear His voice</p>	<p>15 Pray for our elderly who go through life w/limitations &amp; struggles</p>	<p>16 Pray for those who have recently lost loved ones that they find solace</p>	<p>17 Thank God He is faithful to us in all things, so our fears are lessened</p>	<p>18 Pray for our neighbors as we aim to be a true neighbor to them</p>
<p>19 Pray that we welcome all to CCC in friendship &amp; fellowship and not as strangers</p>	<p>20 <u>MLK, Jr Day</u> Pray for peace, love and understanding among all the people in the world</p>	<p>21 Give thanks for those who work with their hands in service to others</p>	<p>22 Ask God to help you with addictive habits that are harmful so you are free to live in peace &amp; to glorify Him</p>	<p>23 Pray for those who are troubled in spirit, that they find peace &amp; hope in God</p>	<p>24 Pray for &amp; thank all caregivers that they remain steadfast in their work</p>	<p>25 Ask God to help us listen with devotion to His will for our lives</p>
<p>26 Pray for &amp; give thanks to God for your good friends who sustain you in God’s name</p>	<p>27 Ask God to help you remember that your life is not over yet &amp; He is still putting you together</p>	<p>28 Pray for patience as you work with God for your life to reflect His glory</p>	<p>29 Ask God to give you patience and love for all in your family</p>	<p>30 Praise God that He knows your name, knows you &amp; loves you always</p>	<p>31 Pray for young parents that they grow in faith with their babies</p>	

*My heart has heard you say, “Come and talk with me.” And my heart responds, “Lord, I am coming.”*

Psalm 27:8

## THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



JYF Camp  
July 7-11, 2020  
Co-directed by: Eliana Villarreal

Early bird deadline: April 20, 2020 – Fee \$305  
Regular deadline: May 18, 2020- Fee \$335  
Late after May 18, 2020- Fee \$375

Chi Rho Camp  
July 12-18, 2020  
Co-directed by: Jenny Gray

Early bird deadline: April 20, 2020 – Fee \$405  
Regular deadline: May 18, 2020- Fee \$435  
Late after May 18, 2020- Fee \$475

# JANUARY 2020 CCCSA CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Epiphany Sunday 10:50 am Worship		9:30 am CWF 1 10:30 am CWF 2 6:00 pm Prayer Gathering	6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:50 am Worship		9:00 am Benevolent Sewing 6:30 pm Board of Stewards Meeting	6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:50 am Worship 12:15 pm Endowment Meeting	<b><u>MLK DAY</u></b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	11:00 CWF General Meeting and Luncheon	6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
10:50 am Worship			6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir			

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