

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  
**serving** others.*

**Michael's Mind**

When you pick up this church newsletter, The Contact, it may or may not be over. The election that has so divided us is the topic. November is here, millions of Americans have voted with the plaintive hope that an elected person will solve this nation's problems...how naïve! T. S. Eliot, American born, only to renounce his citizenship to become a British poet and playwright, once wrote a sensible line for us to consider: "Beware of dreaming of systems so perfect that no one has to be good." Instead of "systems" you should allow your mind to say, "presidents" or "political parties" or "churches" or "laws" so perfect—"that no one has to be good."



There has never been a politician or political system so perfect that (he/she or it) absolves us of the difficult responsibilities of personal, daily integrity and responsible citizenship. One should not place this unrealistic hope upon any human system. It is limited to the Holy One. The morality and hope of our nation depends on our individual and collective moral pursuit. Backing one corrupt and boorish individual over another corrupt and boorish individual brings ultimate division upon a country founded on Liberty and Justice for all. The spirit and commitment of citizens raise and/or lower the moral level of a nation or a church. If you foster the feeling that every one of us should get what we can when we can and however we can, then you will find our politicians and even church people will live that attitude as well. Look to any long-involved politician to find that crookedness among them reflects the crookedness of our systems.

If you have genuine concern for our country, it matters less how you voted as how you choose to live. Brighten the corner where you are. Give your life to Jesus Christ. Make a pledge to personal integrity, decency and compassion. Do not dismiss the difference you can make among the multitudes of others. You and how you live matters.

Finally, as the Body of Jesus Christ, resolve, "as much as it depends on you, live at peace with all. Let no one repay evil with evil, but forgive one another as God in Christ has forgiven you." Michael P



As we move into November and cooler weather, I would like to wish you warm greetings and encourage you in your Christian walk. I know we are all ready to get past the obnoxiousness plaguing us for the past nine months and get into some semblance of normalcy with our routines, including in our Christian walk. As Christians, Christ is the center of our lives, the starting point of seeing the world and interacting with other people. He encourages us to live the personal traits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, and goodness. We strive to live a life that is Christ-centered and empowered by the Holy Spirit, one where you introduce others to Christ and have a productive prayer life. We strive to understand God's word and to trust and obey God. The more we choose to trust Christ, the more these traits are manifested in our lives.

Campus Crusade for Christ gives a wonderful illustration of a train that helps us better understand Jesus as the center of our lives. The engine is the fact of Jesus at the center of our lives and the power of His words. The coal car that feeds the engine is our faith. The caboose is our feelings. The more we choose to have faith in Jesus and put our faith in his trustworthiness and the promises of his word, the better the engine will run, and the better we will experience Christ in our lives. The caboose or the feelings may or may not be there, and do not keep the engine from running—it is just the engine and the coal car that are required for the train to run.

You might wonder if Christ can really use you... Adrian Rogers, a prominent preacher and religious leader, gives a beautiful example in Moses and the burning bush. God told Moses to take off his shoes because he was standing on Holy ground. Moses took off his shoes, but as Moses looked at the burning bush, he was awe-struck that the fire did not consume it. Moses' thoughts were, "Wow, look at how that bush just keeps burning for God. I wish I could be like that bush and just keep burning for God." Using our imaginations, God might be saying something like, "Moses, you think this bush is wonderful? I could do the same with this bush and with that bush. Any old bush will do." We see a servant of God and think, "look what he is doing for God!" God says, "it is not what he is doing, but what I am doing in him. Any old bush will do. You will do, if you will allow me to be me in you. You will be me, if you will let me in you." So, any old bush will do. You will do if you will let God in you, be God. Galatians 2:20 tells us, *"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."*

We are Disciples of Christ. As we move toward Thanksgiving, Christmas, and a new year, I challenge you to practice the disciplines of daily discipleship. Make prayer, Bible study, fellowship with Christians, and witnessing part of your daily routine to make Jesus Christ evermore the center of your life. And let God in you, be God. And God will bless you, increase your faith, and use you for God's glorious and eternal purposes!

Very Truly Yours in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,  
Bob Blake

## CCC NOVEMBER 2020 PRAYER CALENDAR

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<b>1</b> Thank God for the lives of our dear ones who blessed us with joy and love as they are now in His presence	<b>2</b> Ask God to help you be an encouragement to others, as He always is for you	<b>3</b> Ask God to help you clear your heart of anger or guilt – for a clean start each day	<b>4</b> Thank God for giving us blessings beyond our measure – for His love is all	<b>5</b> Ask God to help you also do the little things that are good in life	<b>6</b> Ask God to help you look at life in new ways so your life may grow anew	<b>7</b> Pray for a continued connection with God so your faith stays strong
<b>8</b> Thank God He is always with us strengthening us and giving us peace and promise	<b>9</b> Ask God to help quiet your mind and worries so you may hear His voice and comfort	<b>10</b> Thank God for our neighbors who help us in times of need; let us do the same for them	<b>11</b> <u>Veterans Day</u> Pray for all who have served and sacrificed for our country and for us	<b>12</b> Pray for our friends who constantly let us know we are not forgotten	<b>13</b> Ask God to help you reach out to strangers & invite them to learn of His ways	<b>14</b> Pray for relatives far away who cannot receive visits during these hard times
<b>15</b> Thank God for the joy and love we receive in worship each Sunday in His sacred house	<b>16</b> Ask God for help as you traverse new paths that you find new strengths within you	<b>17</b> Pray for our homebound friends that they feel God's love through us	<b>18</b> Give praise and thanks to God for your siblings, your lifelong friends	<b>19</b> Ask God to brighten your dark days and fill your heart with hope and light	<b>20</b> Pray that we show compassion and love to those who are hurting	<b>21</b> Pray for all who have lost loved ones that they find comfort in their lives
<b>22</b> Ask God to take your burdens so you may rest from their worry, and take peace in His comfort	<b>23</b> Thank God for your family of faith which encourages & helps you in your spiritual walk	<b>24</b> Ask God to help you forget old troubles for they are gone, and focus on new events that are to be	<b>25</b> Ask God to help you maintain your body healthily so as to be at your best for Him, His work and yourself	<b>26</b> <u>T'giving</u> Thank God for His greatest gift – His Son Jesus, the Source of all that is good	<b>27</b> Pray that God helps us see all people as our neighbors with love & caring	<b>28</b> Praise God for always caring for us, and guiding us thru life's joys and troubles
<b>29</b> <u>1<sup>st</sup> Advent</u> Ask Jesus to kindle His love in your heart so you can share it with others and watch it grow	<b>30</b> Thank God for the beauty in the world that He gives us to brighten our lives and hearts			“For everything Thy goodness sends, Father, in heaven,	we thank Thee.”  -Ralph Waldo Emerson	

*By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.  
Philippians 4:6*

## THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



### CCCSA Contributions

We hope everyone is doing great during these times.

If you are still wanting to give your Sunday contributions you can mail them to us here at Central Christian Church or now contribute via online , through this link: <https://www.cccsa.org/give>

Please let us know if you have any questions.



### Reminder

The Annual Congregation meeting will be held December 6, 2020 right after service. Please make plans to attend. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us. Thank you in advance.



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A	<u>November 2</u> Judith Saucedo
P	<u>November 3</u> Nate Stein
P	<u>November 4</u> Nicklas Aune
Y	<u>November 8</u> Hayes Bettis Don Deal
	<u>November 10</u> Rachel Caldwell Richard Ray
B	<u>November 11</u> Daniel Saucedo
I	
R	<u>November 13</u> Allen Garverick
T	<u>November 14</u> Miranda Martinez
H	<u>November 18</u> Barbara Garverick
D	
A	<u>November 29</u> Roger Garland
Y	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  <b>All Saints Sunday</b> 10:50 am Worship	2	3	4	5	6	7
8  10:50 am Worship	9	10  9:00 am Benevolent Sewing	11  <b>Veterans Day</b>	12	13	14
15  10:50 am Worship	16	17	18	19	20	21
22  <b>Thanksgiving Sunday</b> 10:50 am Worship	23	24	25	26  <u><b>Thanksgiving Church Office Closed</b></u>	27  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	28  9:00 am Decorate for Advent
29  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 10:50 am Worship	30					

**Please note that due to the COVID-19 stay at home policy, all regular meetings scheduled for November will not occur, unless notified by email or telephone.**

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