



The Central Connection

*A newsletter of Central
Christian Church Nocona, TX*



November 26, 2018

Pastor's Ponderings

This Week at CCC

Tuesday, November 27

10am – Coffee Crew

*Pastor Lory to meeting in
Sherman in evening*

Wednesday, November 28

8:30am – Junior High FCA

12pm – High School FCA

Sunday, December 2

10am – Discipleship Classes

11am – Worship Service

12pm – Pizza at Red River Pizzeria

5pm – Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 4

No Coffee Crew

*Pastor Lory to Whirlwind Cluster
Meeting in Wichita Falls*

Wednesday, December 5

*Pastor Lory to meeting in
Decatur*

Festive lights. Jolly songs. Parties and celebrations. These are all part of this holiday season. Many people love the sights and sounds of this time of year. For some however, this season is filled with pain, sorrow and loss. Some people find this time of year to be filled with gloom and sadness because of the loss of a loved one. How can someone feeling such despair find hope in this season?

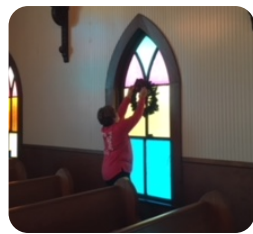
Central will host a “Blue Christmas Service” Sunday, December 2nd at 6pm. Sometimes called an “Advent Memorial Service” or a “Longest Night Service,” it provides space for those who are struggling with loss or grief this holiday season.

The service will be a time for reflection - a time for honoring loved ones, a time to grieve, a time to be surrounded with God’s love. During the service, words of comfort and hope will be offered and songs of peace will be sung. Each participant will have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones.

While this service will not be a quick fix or cure for the grief many carry this year, it will be a time to acknowledge that grief is real and that God is with us, even in our grief. That is after all, the mystery of Christmas – Emmanuel – “God with us.”

Pastor Lory

**Needed:
Readers for the Advent Wreath and Christmas
Eve. See Pastor Lory if you are interested.**



We had a great time decorating the church Sunday night!

Christmas Caroling at Grace Center

We will be going to Grace Center on December 9th to sing Christmas songs and share God's love with their 42 residents. We will put together gift bags for each resident before we go. Items needed are below.

Shampoo, lotion, combs, hairbrushes, socks (with gripper bottoms, if possible) and candy.

Christmas at Central

December 2 at 6pm - Blue Christmas Service – for those struggling this season.

December 9 at 6pm – Christmas Caroling

December 16 at 3pm – Christmas Music and Fellowship at First Christian, Bowie

December 24 at 6pm – Christmas Eve Service

Prayer Concerns

Cole McCracken, John and Brea Little, Maverick Mesler, Tim Petticord, Tammy Brockman, Brady Sharp, Zach Kabisch, Nancy Atkison, Kendra McCracken, Jan, Cris Lemons, Sarah Grow, Hailey Young, Pamela Kessler, Allie B. Gaydon, Walker family

Servers This Week

Elders: Kent Clayton, Larry Veale

Deacons: Anieta Clayton, Joan Veale

Communion: Fitts Family

Worship Leader: Janet Walker

Advent Wreath: Yowell/Storey



**Sunday's Sermon:
Restoration is Coming!
Scripture:
Jeremiah 33:10-16**

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**Church Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs 8:30am - 12pm**