The Central Christian 411



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Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written.

'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.""

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

As we all know, there are many temptations in this world. Jesus was tempted with food, power and control. These are not any different than what we are tempted with in our world today. The question is, are we able to say 'no' to all these things as Jesus did?

May the God of strength and courage be with you, Wes



HISTORY OF WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

In the 19th century, Christian women of the U.S. and Canada began engaging in cooperative activities to support women's involvement in missions across the world. In 1887, Presbyterian women called for a day of prayer for home missions which the Methodist women joined from 1892 to 1894 after calling for a week of prayer. The Baptist started a day of prayer for foreign missions in 1891.

Forming a committee in 1897, women from six denominations would eventually start a united day of prayer for home missions. These women took turns in the other participating denominations and organized the common worship service. In 1912, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions decided that there should be a united day of prayer for foreign missions that would be observed in different parts of the world.

After the success of the Ecumenical Missionary Conference in New York City in 1900, a group of laywomen organized an interdenominational Central Committee for United Study that prepared publications, summer conferences, study days, and courses so that women could be up-to-date about the lives of women in other parts of the world. These courses also enabled them to study biblical foundations and important issues related to mission work. Women took initiatives to organize interdenominational structures that were effective and cooperative in home and foreign missions. In 1908, the women founded the Council of Women for Home Missions that assumed responsibility for the rehabilitation of immigrants and other social issues, and for the preparation of the joint day of prayer.

MARCH 3, 2023



Women of the world want and deserve an equal future free from stigma, stereotypes and violence; a future that's sustainable, peaceful, with equal rights and opportunities for all. To get us there, the world needs women at every table where decisions are being made.

This year, the theme for International Women's Day, "Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world," celebrates the tremendous efforts by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and highlights the gaps that remain.

Women's full and effective participation and leadership in of all areas of life drives progress for everyone. Yet, women are still underrepresented in public life and decision-making, as revealed in the UN <u>Secretary-General's recent report</u>. Women are Heads of State or Government in 22 countries, and only 24.9 per cent of national parliamentarians are women. At the current rate of progress, gender equality among Heads of Government will take another 130 years.

Women are also at the forefront of the battle against COVID-19, as front-line and health sector workers, as scientists, doctors and caregivers, yet they get paid 11 per cent less globally than their male counterparts. An analysis of COVID-19 task teams from 87 countries found only 3.5 per cent of them had gender parity.

When women lead, we see positive results. Some of the most efficient and exemplary responses to the COVID-19 pandemic were led by women. And women, especially young women, are at the forefront of diverse and inclusive movements online and on the streets for social justice, climate change and equality in all parts of the world. Yet, women under 30 are less than 1 per cent of parliamentarians worldwide.

This is why, this year's International Women's Day is a rallying cry for <u>Generation Equality</u>, to act for an equal future for all. The <u>Generation Equality Forum</u>, the most important convening for gender equality investment and actions, kicks off in Mexico City from 29 – 31 March, and culminates in Paris in June 2021. It will draw leaders, visionaries, and activists from around the world, safely on a virtual platform, to push for transformative and lasting change for generations to come.





FAMILY BINGO

IN HEBREWS

FROM 1 to 3 PM

Y'ALL COME!!



SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH WE BEGIN DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

PLEASE BE SURE TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS & WATCHES UP 1 HOUR BEFORE YOU GO TO BED SATURDAY NIGHT, THE 11TH.



Don't miss our
Lenten
Soup & Scripture
Beginning Sunday
March 12th
in HeBrews
at 5:30 p.m.

Our Study will be on the Gospel writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John And what makes them different.

(This will be for four Sundays, March 12th through April 2nd)



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH, IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

It has been said, "We never truly get over a loss, but we can move forward and evolve from it." While this is true, it is a process many of us never fully move through, especially if we experience the loss of a child. So often, we get "stuck" in a stage of grief and remain there. This is the reason groups that deal with grief are so important; they help us move through the stages so we can move forward and evolve. Sadly, such groups are often not advertised, promoted, or supported by local organizations.

Here at Central Christian Church, we are very blessed to have such a group and we want to promote this organizations work. The *Hope Remains* Chapter of Texarkana meets in the Community Room on the 2nd *Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m.* The focus is for parents and grandparents grieving the loss of a child or grandchild.

The mission of Hope Remains is to offer a safe place where any and all emotions may be freely expressed. There may be tears shed at the meetings. There may be laughter and smiles shared as precious memories of a child, grandchild, or sibling is recalled. And there will always be acceptance, friendship and hope offered at the meetings.

If you have suffered the loss of a child or grandchild and wish to join this greatly needed organization, please contact Cindy Sanford at (903) 280-4130.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

IS

FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH

Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion (especially the Church of Ireland), the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Lutheran Church. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general. Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, céilís, and the wearing of green attire or shamrocks. Historically the Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol were lifted for the day, which has encouraged and propagated the holiday's tradition of alcohol consumption.

Saint Patrick's Day is a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador and the British Overseas Territory of Montserrat.

It is also widely celebrated in the United Kingdom, Canada, United States, Brazil, Argentina, Australia and New Zealand, especially amongst Irish diaspora. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in more countries than any other national festival. Modern celebrations have been greatly influenced by those of the Irish diaspora, particularly those developed in North America.

March 17th is the traditional death date of Saint Patrick (c. 385 – c. 461), the foremost patron saint of Ireland.



THE CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Saturday, MARCH 18TH

at 9:00 A.M. in the

Community Room

We encourage all of our men to be present.



WORSHIP SERVICE

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY SPECIAL MEAL TO CELEBRATE GOD'S BLESSINGS.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Please designate the number of plants you wish to order and how you want the Sunday bulletin insert to read. The completed form should be returned to the church office or placed in the offering plate by March 24th with the payment of \$15.00 each attached.

Number of plants:		Payment amount enclosed:	
Please check either honor.	in memory or in ho	nor and print the name of the person or people you wish t	o remember or
In Memory	In Honor		
In Memory	In Honor		
In Memory	In Honor		
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Please print the done	or's name the way	you wish it to appear in the Easter Bulletin.	

Please pick up your Easter Lilies after the worship service on April 9th.

ORDER DEADLINE: Friday, March 24, 2023.



WE WILL BE SERVING OUR LOCAL RANDY SAM'S SHELTER

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
HELP SERVE THE HOMELESS
PLEASE COME JOIN
IN.

WE MEET IN DISCIPLE HALL AT 4 PM
TO PREPARE THE MEAL, THEN SERVE AT
RANDY SAM'S AT 6 PM.

Matthew 25:40

And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'

Board Meeting



THERE WILL BE A GENERAL BOARD MEETING MONDAY MARCH 27TH AT 6 P.M.

IN

THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

ALL BOARD MEETING ARE VERY

SO ALL BOARD MEMBERS

ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE

SEE YOU THERE!!

PRESENT.

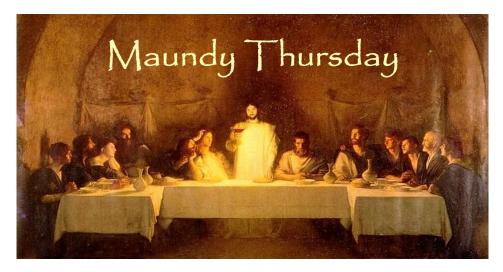


APRIL 2ND

Be sure to bring family & friends to

CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

Worship service begins at 10:40 a.m.



A DRAMATIC SERVICE OF
HOLY COMMUNION
WILL OCCUR ON MAUNDY THURSDAY.

Don't miss this very special communion service where you will hear certain disciples of Jesus speak not only to you, but to the Lord.

Their stories are compelling and the words of Jesus will resonate with you......forever.

That's Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m., April 6^{th} , in the sanctuary.



OUR SANCTUARY WILL BE OPEN FROM 8 A.M. TO 4 P.M. FOR PRAYER & MEDITATION ON GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7, 2023

We need members to sign up to take a 2-hour time frame to be present during the 10 hours we are open.

(2 members per 2-hour period)

8 to 10

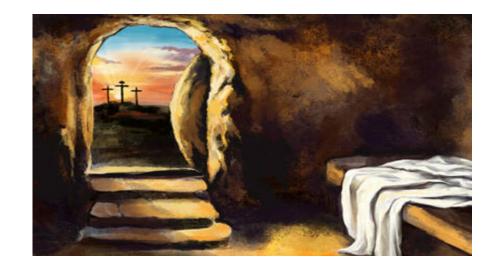
10 to 12

12 to 2

2 to 4

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Sanctuary Foyer if you would like to volunteer for a 2-hour period.

Thank you!



EASTER SUNDAY

is

APRIL 9TH

Bring family and friends as we CELEBRATE

the resurrection of our Lord & Savior!!!

Worship service begins at

10:40 a.m.



What is Lent?

Lent is a period of 40 days during which Christians remember the events leading up to and including the death of Jesus Christ, whose life and teachings are the foundation of Christianity. The 40-day period is called Lent after an old English word meaning 'lengthen'.

This is because of the time of year when it happens, as this is when the days start to get longer, as we approach Summer.

It is a time of reflection and of asking for forgiveness, and when Christians prepare to celebrate Jesus's resurrection at the feast of Easter, which comes at the very end of Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, churches hold special services, at which worshippers are marked with ash.

This is a symbol of death and remembering bad things we have done and is where the day gets its name from.

Typically, the ash is made from burning special crosses made out of palm leaves, which were used in church services on the previous year's Palm Sunday. It is sometimes mixed with special oil.

Why do people give things up until Easter?

Millions of people do this during Lent as a sign of sacrifice and to test their self-discipline.

Christians believe this is to represent Jesus Christ's sacrifice when he went into the desert to pray and fast for the 40 days before later dying on the cross.

In the Bible's New Testament, while Jesus was there, he was tempted to turn away from God and worship Worldly things instead, but Jesus refused to, which is why people might give something up, in order to test their own self-discipline too.

Lent ends with Holy Week, which leads to Easter Sunday – the most important day in the Christian calendar.

This day marks the resurrection of Jesus after his death on the cross and is a celebration of his life.



Why "Maundy" Thursday?

The Thursday before Easter is known as either Maundy Thursday, or Holy Thursday.

Maundy is derived from the Latin word for "command," and refers to Jesus' commandment to the disciples to

"Love one another as I have loved you."



WHAT MAKES GOOD FRIDAY, GOOD?

Good Friday comes from the sense 'pious', 'holy' of the word "good". Less common examples of expressions based on this obsolete sense of "good" include "the good book" for the Bible, "good tide" for "Christmas" and

"Good Wednesday" for the Wednesday in Holy Week.



WE ANNOUNCED IN OUR SERVICE A FEW WEEKS AGO WE WILL NO LONGER LEAVE THE **ALLEY DOOR TO THE SANCTUARY BUILDING UNLOCKED** DUE TO UNWANTED GUESTS WHO MAKE THEIR HOME UPSTAIRS. IF YOU ARE A KEY HOLDER, **PLEASE DO NOT** UNLOCK THE ALLEY DOOR.



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T-Shirt

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In our Sanctuary/Education building we have three areas where we try to maintain an energy efficient temperature; that can be adjusted as needed. These areas are the sanctuary, the parlor, and HeBrews. Each area has their own controls.

In an attempt to help us control the cost of heating and cooling our Sanctuary/Education building we are asking everyone to help keep doors in these areas shut at all times. When doors are left open, the heat goes up the staircases to the hallway and upper rooms and the A/C goes into rooms we are not using downstairs.

The parlor has two doors we need to keep closed, HeBrews has two doors into hallway we need to keep closed, and the kitchen door to the hallway we need to keep closed. In the area where the water fountain and women's restroom are, the door going up the steps into back of the sanctuary and the door in the hallway leading to HeBrews need to be kept closed.

With everyone's help we can save on the cost of gas and electricity.

Thank You!

Your Property Committee



The Journey Sunday School Class will continue our study of

The Gospel of Matthew

We hope you will join us.

The Journey class meets in the Library in the Community Center.

The Gospel of Matthew is the first book of the New Testament of the Bible and one of the three synoptic Gospels. It tells how Israel's Messiah, Jesus, comes to his people and forms a community of disciples, of how he taught the people through such events as the Sermon on the Mount and its Beatitudes, and how Israel becomes divided and how Jesus condemns this hostile Israel. This culminates in his departure from the Temple and his execution. At this point many people reject Jesus, and on his resurrection he sends the disciples to the gentiles.

Matthew seems to emphasize that the Jewish tradition should not be lost in a church that was increasingly becoming gentile. The gospel reflects the struggles and conflicts between the evangelist's community and the other Jews, particularly with its sharp criticism of the scribes and Pharisees with the position that through their rejection of Christ, the Kingdom of God has been taken away from them and given instead to the church. The divine nature of Jesus was a major issue for the Matthaean community, the crucial element separating the early Christians from their Jewish neighbors; while Mark begins with Jesus' baptism and temptations, Matthew goes back to Jesus' origins, showing him as the Son of God from his birth, the fulfillment of messianic prophecies of the Old Testament. The title Son of David identifies Jesus as the healing and miracle-working Messiah of Israel (it is used exclusively in relation to miracles), sent to Israel alone. As Son of Man he will return to judge the world, an expectation which his disciples recognize but of which his enemies are unaware. As Son of God, God is revealing himself through his son, and Jesus proving his sonship through his obedience and example. Most scholars believe the gospel was composed between AD 80 and 90, with a range of possibility between AD 70 to 110; a pre-70 date remains a minority view. The work does not identify its author, and the early tradition attributing it to the apostle Matthew is rejected by modern scholars. He was probably a male Jew, standing on the margin between traditional and non-traditional Jewish values, and familiar with technical legal aspects of scripture being debated in his time. Writing in a polished Semitic "synagogue Greek", he drew on the Gospel of Mark as a source, plus a hypothetical collection of sayings known as the Q source (material shared with Luke but not with Mark) and hypothetical material unique to his own community, called the M source or "Special Matthew".



THE SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the Bible.

We have spirited discussions along with great class participation on lessons from *The Present Word* study book

You are invited to join with us each Sunday.

We are located in the Education Building next to

HeBrews.



The TNT Sunday School Class is continuing its study of

THE BOOK OF ACTS

We study various books of the Bible and recently completed the GOSPEL OF JOHN.

If you enjoy a wide range study of scripture, we would love to have you join us

in class or on FACEBOOK.

We meet every Sunday in the Community Room.



BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP EVERY MONDAY

VIA

OUR CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE.

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE POSTED **BY 4:00 P.M.**AND

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW IT

EACH AND EVERY MONDAY ON FACEBOOK.

REMEMBER:

WATCH WORSHIP ON MONDAYS AT 4:00 P.M.

ON

OUR CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE

HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CCCTXK/



COMMUNION FOR SHELTER IN PLACE

We have communion juice and wafers for all. If you would like to come by the Church Office to get a cup with wafer, just let us know when you're coming.

These are single serve like this:



Again, we have plenty for all, just call! 903-792-1915



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&

MEMORIAL

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ANYTIME.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE AN
HONORARIUM OR MEMORIAL
PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK TO CCC
WITH A NOTE STATING WHO YOUR
HONORARIUM OR MEMORIAL
IS IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF.



FLOWERS!!!!

Be sure to purchase flowers for the sanctuary to honor

Friends or Family or in memory of a loved one.

The cost is only \$40.



JUST A REMINDER TO OUR CONGREGATION

OUR

OFFICE HOURS

ARE

8 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY



If you are looking for a safe way to give to the church, download the "Givelify" app onto your phone.

You can find it at the App Store or at the Google Play Store under:

"Givelify Mobile Giving App."

Our church is listed, and this is a safe and fast way to give. Please be sure you find

Central Christian Church Texarkana.

411 REMINDER

Just a reminder that any articles you would like to submit for publication in the 411 must be submitted to the office no later than noon on Tuesdays.

After that time, we cannot guarantee your article will be published.

Day & Time may vary during holidays
CHURCH BULLETIN

Any information you will like in the Church Bulletin must be submitted to the office no later than 10am on Fridays Day & Time may vary during holidays.



DO YOU PREFER RECEIVING TEXT MESSAGE OR PHONE CALL REMINDERS FOR MEETINGS?

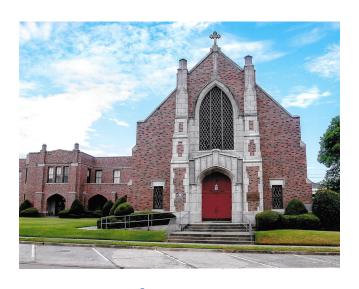
Central Christian will be sending out text messages and phone calls to remind members of upcoming meetings and inform every one of prayer needs.

If you would like to receive text messages, please text ccctxk to 292929, as shown above, to have your number put on our list.

If you do not receive text messages but would like to be added to our call list,

Upcoming Events & Services

March 1	5:30pm	Choir
March 3	all day	World Day of Prayer
March 8	all day	International Women's Day
March 8	5:30pm	Choir
March 11	1pm-3pm	Family Bingo
March 12		Daylight Saving Time begins
March 12	5:30pm	Soup and Scripture
March 14	6pm	Cultivation of Funds Committee
March 14	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
March 15	5:30pm	Choir
March 18	9am	CMF
March 18	11:30am	CWF General Meeting
March 19	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
March 19	5:30pm	Soup and Scripture
March 22	5:30pm	Choir
March 26	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
March 26	5:30pm	Soup and Scripture



Be sure to keep up-to-date with Church Activities By visiting

www.ccctxk.com

to see what's new!

Our site is easy to navigate and there is a lot of information.



IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT

PRAYER LIST

In recent discussions with the Southwest Region, it has come to our attention "The Prayer List" may be cause for litigation if we place people on it that have not given their personal consent to be placed on it.

It is a violation of HIPAA Law to release information about anyone without their personal consent. Therefore, we ask that you not call requesting that a "friend" be placed on the list unless you have their consent.

THANK YOU.

March 2023

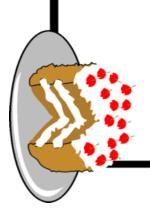
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Vegetable or salad I-Z: Meat			1 5:30pm Choir	2	3 World Day of Prayer	4
5 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	6	7	8 International Women's Day 5:30pm Choir	9	10	11 1pm-3pm Family Bingo
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26 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 11:45am Fellowship Comm. 4pm Randy Sams Prep 5:30pm Soup & Scripture	27 6pm General Board	28	29 5:30pm Choir	30	31 4:30pm-6pm Spaghetti Dinner	

March Birthdays

03-26	William Doddy
03-25	Steven Howdeshell
03-14	Pat Taylor
03-14	Alice Kern
03-14	Jim Cox
03-08	Joseph Cunningham
03-06	George Carpenter, Jr.
03-01	Tami Hudspeth

March Anniversaries

David & Michelle Cherry 03-20



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

March 5, 2023

Worship Leader: Jim Spears Greeters: John & Margie Beeson

Flower Elder: John Beeson Hospital Elder: Michael Martin

Deacons:

March 12, 2023

Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth

Flower Elder: Tom Crow Hospital Elder: Teresa Crow

Deacons:

March 19, 2023

Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhart

Worship Leader: Lee Nailling

Hospital Elder: Robert Kern

Deacons: Flower Elder: Alice Kern

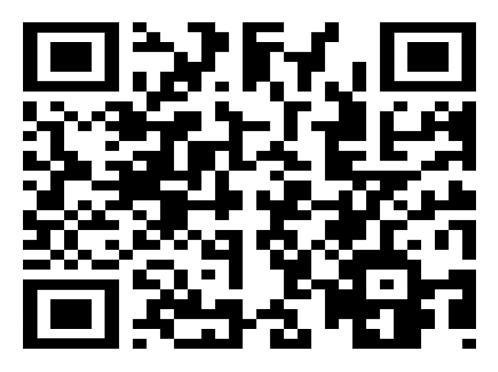
March 26, 2023

Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter

Worship Leader: Alice Coleman

Hospital Elder: Joan Carter

Flower Elder: Jack Carter



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Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church

Wes Byas

Shirley Hawthorn, friend of Mary Chittenden

Herb Hamilton

Mitch Anderson, friend of George & Julia Carpenter

Ethan Cole and family

Cindy Bixler, Hamilton's daughter-in-law

Tonya Fields, friend of Lynn Wilmoth

Paula Smith, friend of Martha Clinton

Bill Griffin, Glenda Burkhart's son-in-law

Ongoing Concerns

Coretha Loughridge

Robbin Ridgell, friend of the Mathison's

David Allard, Glenda Burkhart's brother-in-law

Terry Love, friend of the Hamiltons

Suzette Witty, friend of Randy King

Laroy and Jane Thomas, friend of Jerry Thomas

Mandi Whisenhunt Smith, Randy King's niece

Tommy Campbell, friend of Hamilton's

Homebound

Joe Frost, Sr., home

Elizabeth Cooney

Nancy Bair, home

James Thompson, home

Susie Howdeshell, home

Bobbie Roberts, Pat Taylor's mom, The Oaks

Jane Watson, home

Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life

Serving this Sunday March 5, 2023

Greeters: John & Margie Beeson

Worship Leader: Jim Spears Hospital Elder: Michael Martin Flower Elder: John Beeson

Deacons:

February 26, 2023

Attendance: 32

Offering: \$ 2,386.54

Weekly Needs: \$ 4,379.46

Difference: \$ -1,992.92

YTD Collected: \$ 33,536.55

YTD Needed: \$ 39,415.14

Difference: \$ -5,878.59

This Sunday:

"Secrets"

Scripture:

Matthew 17:1-9

LECTIONARY FOR MARCH 5. 2023

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9