

The Central Christian 411

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Acts 2:22-32

“Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so I will not be shaken;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³² “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

On one occasion Michelangelo, the great artist, turned on his fellow artists in a spirit of indignation. He said:

“Why do you keep filling gallery after gallery with endless pictures on the one theme of Christ in weakness, Christ on the Cross, and most of all, Christ hanging dead? Why do you concentrate on the passing episode as if it were the last work, as if the curtain dropped on Him with disaster and defeat? That dreadful scene lasted...a few hours. But to the unending eternity, Christ is alive; the stone has been rolled away and He rules and reigns and triumphs!”

Michelangelo is right. It seems far too many artist, movie-makers, and Christians want to focus on the death of Jesus, making it the focus of their work and words. But, as Michelangelo said, that was a passing episode! The Easter story is not a story about death, but about life! Christ IS alive! Let us always celebrate his victory OVER death. THAT is the story.

May the God of resurrection and hope be with you always, Wes

Christian Church



(Disciples of Christ)

in the United States and Canada

How and why we worship in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Again, we hope you find this informative and interesting.

Walk into a congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), sit down, and look at your worship bulletin. You will see many items of worship similar to those practiced in other churches. Various prayers will be listed: An invocation seeking an awareness of God's presence, often followed by the Lord's Prayer, prayed together by the people; a pastoral prayer of greater length; prayers to dedicate the offering or bless the bread and cup of communion; and a benediction to send the people out with God's blessing.

In addition, music will play a large role. Three to five hymns may be sung in conjunction with various parts of the order of worship. Music, both instrumental and choral, may open and close the service and will respond to readings and prayers on behalf of the congregation. Sometimes you will notice other artistic means of expression – banners, slides, drama, or dance, prayer, music, and visual arts are conspicuous and important.

But if you want to understand what happens when Disciples worship, look for twin focal points: The Word and the Lord's Supper.

1. *Proclaiming the word of God is one focal point of worship among Disciples.* Scripture is essential. On Sunday morning, expect to hear at least one passage from the Bible read aloud as the lesson for the day. Many churches read the scriptures scheduled in the lectionary, an ecumenical calendar of readings from the Hebrew scriptures, the Gospels, and the Epistles. Frequently scriptures are read as a call to worship, or as a sentence to invite people to offer their gifts, or to share in the Lord's Supper. Sometimes a scripture is read responsively by the congregation, or in unison from Bibles available in the pews or chairs.

Almost every congregation of the Disciples of Christ issues an invitation to discipleship each Sunday morning. This call to confess one's faith in Christ or to transfer membership into the congregation is usually extended after the sermon and provides an opportunity to respond to the Word by coming to stand in front of the people while a hymn is sung.

Time between the scripture readings and the invitation to discipleship is allowed for a sermon. This spoken message takes up as much as one third the time spent in corporate worship. Content and style vary almost as widely as the personalities of preachers in different congregations. But Disciples have a strong tradition of biblical preaching, and many see the sermon as a response to the proclamation of the Word that has been read from the Scriptures. Because the invitation to discipleship usually follows the sermon, preachers often seek a response of faith and commitment even when most of the listeners are already Christians and members of the church.

2. *The other focal point of worship among Disciples is the Lord's Supper.* Christian Churches observe the Lord's Supper every Sunday morning. Here are some features you will notice:

Frequently a communion hymn is sung to prepare for the Lord's Supper. A statement, spoken or printed in the worship bulletin, invites all followers of Christ to participate. At some point the words which Jesus spoke at his last supper are spoken by an elder or by the minister.

Men and women, serving as lay elders and usually assisted by the minister, preside over this act of worship, and stand at the Lord's Table. They offer one or two prayers to give thanks for the bread and cup and to ask God's blessing on the act of communion. The elders face a group of lay deacons (men, women, and/or youth), to whom they distribute trays that contain the bread (usually in the form of small unleavened wafers) and the cups (individual glasses of unfermented grape juice).

As the deacons pass these trays among the congregation, worshipers take a piece of the bread, and a cup and pass the tray to their neighbors. Eating and drinking may take place individually or in unison, or the bread may be eaten individually while everyone waits to take the cup together.

Historically, Disciples have understood the Lord's Supper as an ordinance – an order or commandment from Jesus to his followers. Traditionally, Disciples have looked upon the bread and cup as symbols and have called them “elements” and “emblems,” which *remind* Christians of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As they have gathered around the table remembering Jesus, worshipers have experienced his living presence in their midst. In dialogue with Christians of other traditions, more Disciples are now appreciating the sacramental significance of the Lord's Supper and are discovering additional ways in which Christ is present among those who partake.

What about the offering? Every Sunday morning the church collects the offerings and contributions of the people. This collection is often preceded by either a scriptural sentence or a statement related to the mission of the church. It is accompanied by music, usually instrumental. Often the congregation stands to sing the doxology as the offering is brought to the Lord's table, where a prayer of dedication is given. Although the place of the offering varies from one congregation to another, more and more churches are seeing its relationship to the Lord's Supper, so the offering becomes more than a necessary duty or a convenient way to raise funds. How does taking up the offering relate to the worship of God? The giving of a person's tangible possessions is an act of preparation for communion.

Worship planners and leaders are challenged by the double focus of such a service. Congregations follow no uniform order of worship. In many churches the Lord's Supper precedes the sermon, while in others the Lord's Supper follows the service of the Word. The best way to bring these two important acts into harmony is to understand the entire worship service as a proclamation of the word of God. The verbal dimension – Scriptures, sermon, and invitation to discipleship-*tells* forth the word of God. The sensual dimension-the offering and Lord's Supper-*shows* forth the word of God.



THE
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Saturday, APRIL 15th

**at 9:00 A.M. in the
Community Room**

**We encourage all of our men to be
present.**



SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH,
WE HAVE OUR
MONTHLY
POTLUCK LUNCHEON
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
OUR
WORSHIP SERVICE

A-H Meat

I-Z Vegetable or salad

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



SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND

ALL TOGETHER now!

This is the moment to change it all — the business climate, the political climate, and how we take action on climate. Now is the time for the unstoppable courage to preserve and protect our health, our families, our livelihoods... together, we must Invest in Our Planet.

Because a green future is a prosperous future.

We need to act (boldly), innovate (broadly), and implement (equitably). It's going to take all of us. All in. Businesses, governments, and citizens — everyone accounted for, and everyone accountable. A partnership for the planet.

And while there is still time to solve the climate crisis, time to choose BOTH a prosperous and sustainable future, and time to restore nature and build a healthy planet for our children and their children, time is short.

The Earth Day 2023 Theme is Invest in Our Planet.

What Will You Do?

For Earth Day 2023, together, for everyone, everything, every day...

#InvestInOurPlanet



Community Outreach

SUNDAY, APRIL 23rd

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.'

Cabinet Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 24th

WE WILL HAVE OUR

CABINET MEETING

AT 6 P.M.

IF YOU ARE ANY OF THE
FOLLOWING, YOU ARE ON THE
CABINET:

Moderator, Vice Moderator, Secretary,
Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. The
Chair of each Committee, President of CMF,
and CWF.



APRIL 28, 2023

The United States was one of the first countries in the world to celebrate Arbor Day, a holiday dedicated to tree planting.

National Arbor Day in the USA is celebrated on the last Friday in April. Besides, each state celebrates its own state tree planting holiday. Arbor Day was founded by Julius Sterling Morton, a Nebraska newspaper editor, agriculturalist and statesman. Morton was a respected agriculturalist fascinated with trees, he planted numerous trees on his estate.

Currently, his former mansion and estate serve as Arbor Lodge State Historical Park. Morton came up with the idea of celebrating Arbor Day in the early 1870s. The first celebration was held in Nebraska on April 10, 1872.

Its participants planted an estimated one million trees throughout the state. By the 1920s, each state had passed laws that stipulated a certain day to be state Arbor Day. In some states, the holiday was named Arbor and Bird Day. In Nebraska, Arbor Day is a civic holiday. National Arbor Day in the United States was established as a state holiday in 1885.

It was moved from April 10 (its original date proposed by Morton) to April 22 (Morton's birthday). In 1989, the holiday was moved to the last Friday in April. On this day, Americans are encouraged to plant trees, bushes and plants (if weather conditions allow) and care for their national environment.



COMING

APRIL 29TH!

OUR ANNUAL

FISH FRY & AUCTION!

Tickets: \$20.00 Doors

Open at 6:00 p.m.

Begin Serving at 6:30 p.m.

For Auction, bring New Items in Advance.

Bring Baked Goods

on Day of Auction.



SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH, IS OUR
5TH SUNDAY
BREAKFAST!

ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE
(AND WE HOPE ALL OF YOU DO)

PLEASE BRING A
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST FOOD ITEM

COME JOIN US AT 9:30 A.M. IN
BREAKING BREAD
AS WE CELEBRATE
OUR LORD



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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and

T-Shirt

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Admin. Office today!!!



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/](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



Honorariums/Memorials

JUST A REMINDER

HONORARIUM

&

MEMORIAL

GIFTS ARE WELCOME

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.

OFFICE HOURS



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 cctxk 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

April 12	6pm	Cultivation of Funds Committee
April 15	9am	CMF
April 16	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
April 17	10:30am	Worship Committee
April 19	5:30pm	Choir
April 23	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
April 23	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
April 24	6pm	Cabinet Meeting
April 26	5:30pm	Choir
April 27	4pm	Church Growth/Evangelism Committee
April 28	10am	Set up for Fish Fry and Auction
April 29	6pm	Fish Fry and Auction
April 30	9:30am	5th Sunday Breakfast
May 3	5:30pm	Choir
May 9	11:30am	CWF Day Group
May 9	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group



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.



PRAYER LIST

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.

APRIL 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Meat I-Z: Vegetable or salad						1
2 Palm Sunday Easter offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 5:30pm Soup & Scripture	3	4	5 6pm Passion Hymn Sing-a-long	6 7pm Maundy Thursday service	7 10am-2pm Prayer Vigil	8
9 Easter Sunday Easter offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	10 office closed	11 11:30am CWF Day Group 6pm Hope Remains	12 6pm C of F Committee	13	14	15 9am CWF
16 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 11:45am Potluck Luncheon	17 10:30am Worship Committee	18	19 5:30pm Choir	20	21	22
23 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pm Randy Sams prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	24 6pm Cabinet Meeting	25	26 5:30pm Choir	27 4pm Church Growth/ Evangelism Comm.	28 10am set up for Fish Fry and auction	29 6pm Fish Fry & Silent Auction
30 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am 5th Sunday Breakfast 10:40am Traditional Worship						

April Birthdays

Judy Van Hooser	04-03
Jeffrey Turner	04-07
Lynn Wilmoth	04-13
Tracey Caudle	04-25
Jennifer Watson	04-25
Stan Brummal	04-27
Nancy Thompson	04-28
Sarah Laurus	04-28
Jordan Lumpkin	04-28
Robert Kern	04-29

April Anniversaries

Wes & Laura Byas	04-07
Chad & Jamie Bennett	04-24

Servers for the Weeks Ahead

April 2, 2023

Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter
Worship Leader: John Beeson
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons:

April 9, 2023

Greeters: Mike & Martha Clinton
Worship Leader: Lee Nailing
Hospital Elder: Tom Crow
Flower Elder: Teresa Crow
Deacons:

April 16, 2023

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Jim Spears
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Glenda Burkhart & Sondra Bedwell

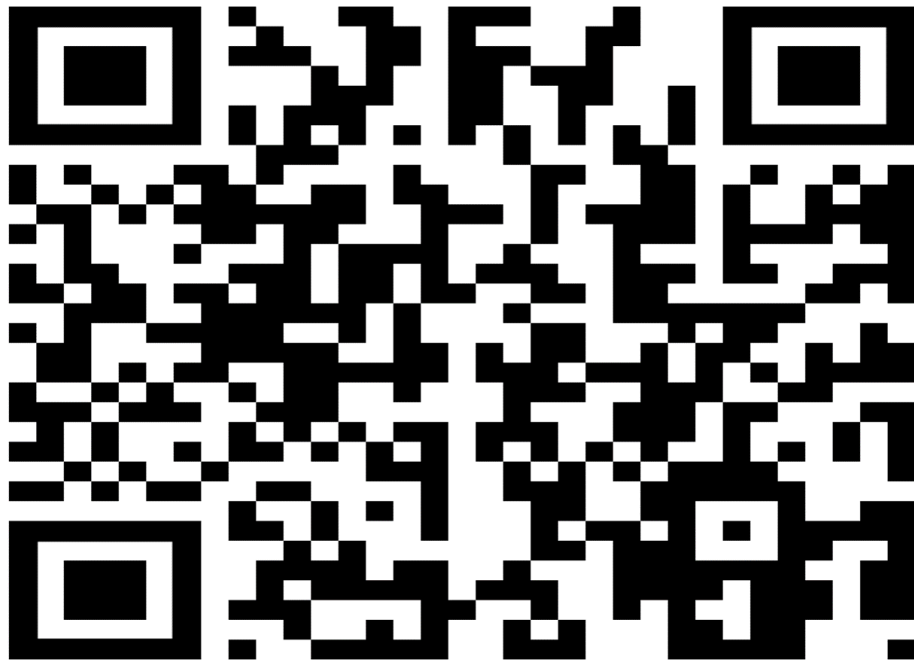
April 23, 2023

Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: John Beeson
Flower Elder: Mike Martin
Deacons: Mae Kidd & Ethan Cole

April 30, 2023

Greeters: Randy & Diane King
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Lois Moore & Sheri Thomas





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CHURCH VIDEO!

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FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Tom Crow
Carolyn Hudspeth Farrell, Glen Hudspeth's mom
Jane Hamilton, friend of Teresa Crow
Mary Chittenden
Dan Hall, Julia Carpenter's dad
Jeanette Chittenden, Mary Chittenden's daughter-in-law
Jeane Duren, Beth Brine's aunt
Shirley Hawthorn, friend of Mary Chittenden
Mitch Anderson, friend of George & Julia Carpenter
Tonya Fields, friend of Lynn Wilmoth
Paula Smith, friend of Martha Clinton
Bill Griffin, Glenda Burkhart's son-in-law

Ongoing Concerns

Pam Smotherman, Joan Carter's sister
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

Homebound

Joe Frost, Sr., home
Elizabeth Cooney, home
Nancy Bair, home
James Thompson, home
Susie Howdeshell, home
Bobbie Roberts, Pat Taylor's mom, home
Jane Watson, home
Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life



Serving this Sunday
April 16, 2023

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Jim Spears
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
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April 9, 2023

Attendance: 73
Offering: \$ 4,612.54
Weekly Needs: \$ 4,379.46
Difference: \$ 233.08

YTD Collected: \$ 54,901.52
YTD Needed: \$ 65,691.90
Difference: \$ -10,790.38

This Sunday:

"Calamity"

Scripture:

Matthew 27:45-56

LECTIONARY FOR APRIL 16, 2023

Earth Sunday

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31