

The Central Christian 411

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Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is God does not show favoritism³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism John preached—³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of evil, because God was with him.

³⁹ “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross,⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

I truly wish all followers of Jesus would read this passage and understand what is being said. I believe if they did, they might rethink their prejudices and bigotry. Notice in verse 34 we are told “God does not show favoritism but accepts from EVERY nation.” This should be a message to all who follow Jesus we are to accept people from every nation and not see ourselves as superior in any way. Then we are told Jesus “went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of evil.” This contradicts those who would “separate” themselves from those whom they THINK are under the power of evil. Remember the words of our Lord & Savior who said, “Those who are well have no need of a **physician** but those who are sick; I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.” Is it not difficult, if not impossible to do as our Lord did if we separate ourselves from the ones who need the Gospel?” Let us be true followers.

May the God of Love, Compassion and Hope be with you always, Wes

Christian Church



(Disciples of Christ)

in the United States and Canada

For the next few weeks, **we will publish information as to how and why we worship in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**. We hope you find this informative and interesting.

Whenever and wherever Christians gather, they worship. The ancient liturgy of the Roman Catholic mass, the apparent spontaneity of the Pentecostal service, and the quiet reflection of the Quaker meeting are all forms of Christian worship. Nevertheless, in spite of the wide variety of ways in which Christians worship, most would agree upon at least three things that happen when we gather to worship.

1. In worship, we remember our history. Christians are linked to the past. Every time we worship, we build on a foundation four thousand years old.

The Bible contains written memories of this past. So, the reading of scripture is a focal point of most services of Christian worship. When we hear the Scriptures read, we hear again the story of what God has done for the covenant people.

We hear about the special relationship God established with Israel through the promise to Abraham. We recall how God, by means of the leader Moses, delivered the chosen people from bondage. We remember the favor the Lord showed upon the people of Israel, and we hear again the judgments of God spoken through the prophets. Above all, we remember how God acted uniquely and decisively in Jesus of Nazareth to establish a relationship with all of humankind. As we remember our history, we give thanks for God's mercy and forgiving love, upon which our relationship with God is based.

2. In worship, we experience God in the present moment. Our word "worship" comes from the Old English "weorth-scipe," which referred to the honor paid to royalty. This ancient meaning can be put into two modern words: "worth" and "shape." When Christians worship, we seek to be shaped *by* something of worth *into* something of worth.

As we praise God, pray for ourselves and others, confess our sin, seek forgiveness, and renew our commitment, we are shaped. We experience God's forgiveness for us and for all of creation. We sense healing in our own lives. We are reborn, made new, changed.

In worship we meet God in the present moment, and that encounter changes us. It changes how we see ourselves, how we see others, and how we see ourselves as part of God's creation.

3. In worship, we anticipate God's future. Jesus of Nazareth came to announce the kingdom of God. On the one hand, according to the writers of the New Testament, God's rule was a present reality; Jesus' work and words were the sure sign the Kingdom was and is among us. On the other hand, that Kingdom is not yet complete. In most churches worshipers regularly pray, "Thy Kingdom come." We break the bread and drink the cup of the Lord's Supper to "proclaim the Lord's death until he come" (1Cor. 11:26). We hope for the final triumph of life after death.

As we remember what God has done, as we experience God in the present moment, and as we hope for God's future, we are changed and renewed.

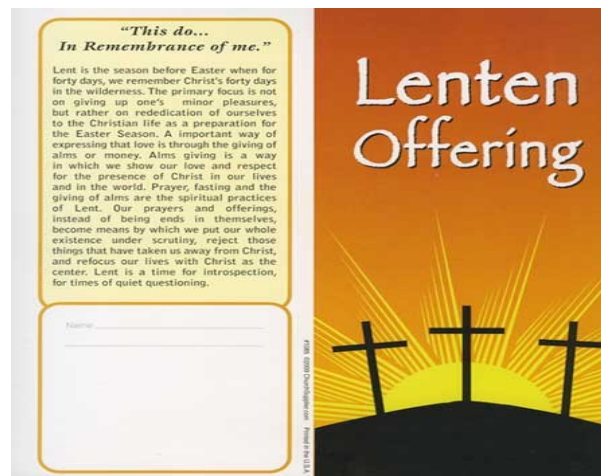


MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 6th

IS THE LAST DAY OF

LENT

PLEASE RETURN YOUR LENTEN FOLDERS



ON

EASTER SUNDAY

DURING THE OFFERTORY.

GOD BLESS ONE AND ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT

OF

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH



WEDNESDAY

APRIL 5

WE WILL HAVE A
PASSION HYMN
SING-ALONG
IN THE SANCTUARY

AT

6 p.m.

COME JOIN IN!!!



***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.

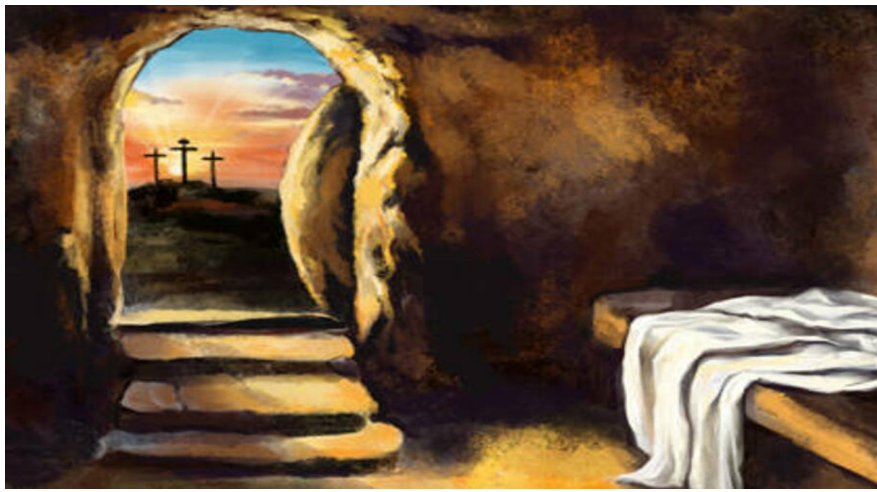
Their stories are compelling and the words of Jesus will resonate with you.....forever.

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

SEE YOU THERE!



OUR SANCTUARY
WILL BE OPEN
FROM
10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.
FOR PRAYER &
MEDITATION
ON GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 7, 2023



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.



OUR CHURCH OFFICE

WILL CLOSED

ON

MONDAY, APRIL 10TH

FOR

EASTER HOLIDAY

AND

WILL REOPEN ON

TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH

HAVE A

BLESSED EASTER!!!

A decorative black border with a central floral motif at the top and bottom, and swirling scrollwork on the sides. The text is centered within this border.

CWF/DWM Blog

CWF will meet in Disciple Hall on
Tuesday, April 11th at 11:30am.

Connie will have the lesson,
“The Power of Silent Moves”.

Our project will be the Animal Shelter.
They need food, old towels, blankets, toys
and newspapers.

Our food will be salads and desserts.

Hope to see everyone there!



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY,
APRIL 11TH,
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.



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



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.



NOW AVAILABLE!!!

OUR BEAUTIFUL

CCC BALL CAP

AND

T-SHIRT

CAN BE YOURS FOR

ONLY \$20 EACH!!!

To purchase your

CCC Ball Cap

and

T-Shirt

Call or come by the

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 5	6pm	Passion Hymn Sing-a-long
April 6	7pm	Maundy Thursday service
April 7	10am-2pm	Prayer Vigil
April 9	all day	Easter Sunday
April 9	10:40am	Easter offering
April 10	all day	office closed
April 11	11:30am	CWF Day Group
April 11	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
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



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	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

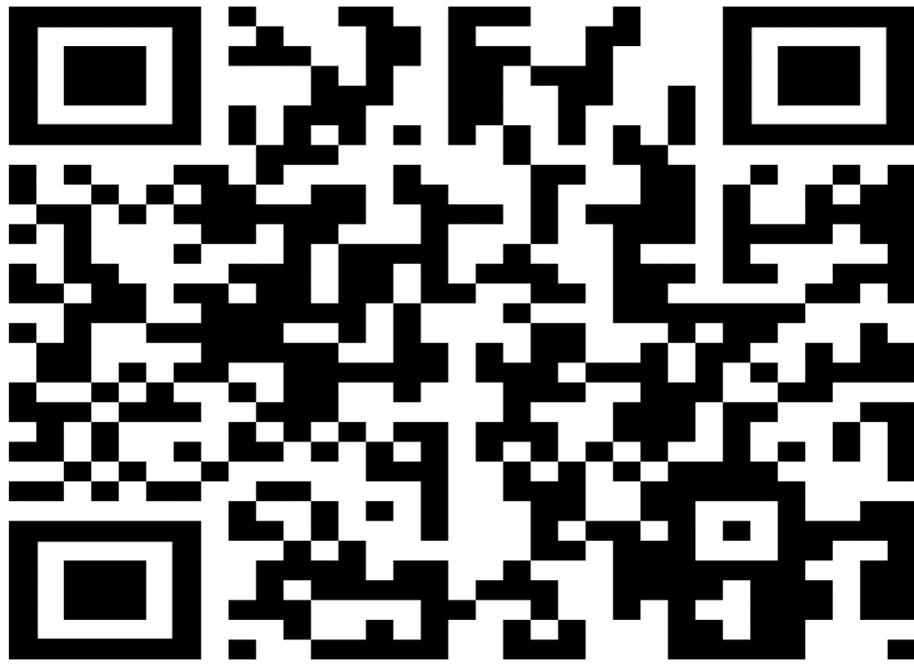
April 23, 2023

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





SCAN THIS
QR CODE
TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
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 Burkhardt's son-in-law

Ongoing Concerns

Robbin Ridgell, friend of the Mathison's
David Allard, Glenda Burkhardt'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 9, 2023

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

April 2, 2023

Attendance: 43
Offering: \$ 2,722.54
Weekly Needs: \$ 4,379.46
Difference: \$ -1,656.92

YTD Collected: \$ 50,288.98
YTD Needed: \$ 61,312.44
Difference: \$ -11,023.46

This Sunday:

"Just In Time!"

Scripture:

Matthew 28:1-10

LECTIONARY FOR APRIL 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10