

# The Central Christian 411

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## 1 Peter 2:2-10

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup> and

“A stone that makes them stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

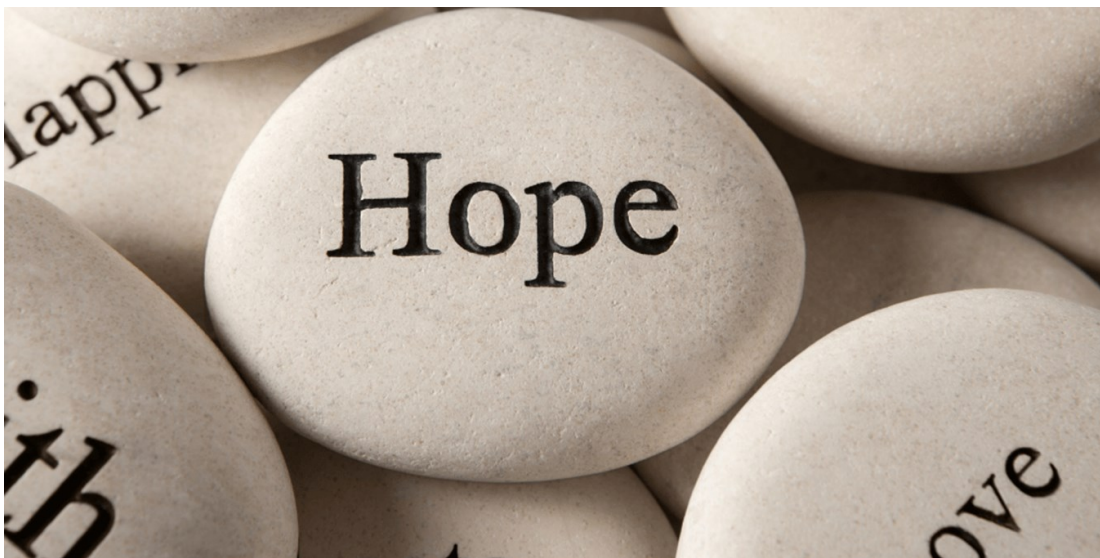
They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

Spiritual milk is something not only Peter, but Paul speaks about several times. Both speak of its importance, yet Paul goes one step further to point out we need to leave the spiritual milk and grow into having the meat of the Gospel. Unfortunately, even today many Christians only want the milk, apparently believing the meat will be too hard to chew and swallow. And even more unfortunate is the case of so many Christians not even being able to swallow the milk. Jesus taught peace and love, which is the basic ingredient of the milk. Yet so many Christians choose to be violent and haters. Let us progress to the meat!

The Love of Christ abide in you always, Wes



## HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>, IN HeBREWS

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 ***2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



# CHRISTIAN FAMILY WEEK

IS

MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup>

We will have a special service,  
along with a Potluck Luncheon  
to celebrate

Christian Family Week

on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>!



SUNDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, WE WILL BE  
CELEBRATING

MOTHER'S DAY

HERE AT  
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BRING YOUR MOTHER TO  
CHURCH ON THIS SPECIAL DAY!



THE

*CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP*  
*(CMF)*

WILL BE MEETING

**Saturday, MAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Community Room**

We encourage all of our men to be  
present.



SUNDAY, MAY 21<sup>st</sup>,

WE HAVE OUR

MONTHLY

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE

A-H Salad or Vegetable

I-Z Meat

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY

SPECIAL MEAL TO CELEBRATE

GOD'S BLESSINGS!

# Board Meeting



THERE WILL BE A  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY

MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

AT 6 P.M.

IN

THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

ALL BOARD MEETING ARE VERY

SO ALL BOARD MEMBERS

ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE

PRESENT.

SEE YOU THERE!!



**Continuing**

**Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Our Community wide**

**Spaghetti Dinner**

**in Disciple Hall.**

**Tickets for the dinner will be  
\$15 for adults/\$7.50 for children  
12 and under.**

**Dinner includes: Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, & Drink  
(Drink not included with takeout.)**

**If you would like tickets  
please contact our Admin. Asst.**

**Tonya**

**at**

**903-792-1915**





**MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**IS**

**PENTECOST  
SUNDAY!**

**BE SURE TO WEAR RED**

**FOR THIS CELEBRATION OF  
THE  
HOLY SPIRIT.**



# Community Outreach

SUNDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>

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.'



*MAY 29<sup>th</sup> IS MEMORIAL DAY*

The Civil War ended in the spring of 1865 when Robert E. Lee surrendered the last major Confederate army to Ulysses S. Grant at the Appomattox Court House on April 9. Over 620,000 soldiers died in the four-year conflict. General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic (an organization of Union veterans) would eventually select May 30, 1868, as a day to pay tribute to the fallen:

“The 30th of May 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land...”

Logan apparently chose May 30 because flowers would be in bloom all over the country. By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. States passed proclamations, and the Army and Navy adopted rules for proper observance at their facilities.

The crowd attending the first Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery was approximately the same size as those attending today’s observance — about 5,000 people. Small American flags were placed on each grave — a tradition still followed at many national cemeteries today. In recent years, the custom has grown in many families to decorate the graves of all departed loved ones.

By 1890, each Northern state had made Decoration Day an official holiday. But this was not the case in the South, where states continued to honor their dead, on separate days until after the First World War.

The May 30<sup>th</sup> date held for decades. But, in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change took place in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.



**THE CHURCH OFFICE**

**WILL BE CLOSED**

**MONDAY, MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**FOR**

**MEMORIAL DAY**

**AND**

**WILL REOPEN ON**

**TUESDAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**HAVE A BLESSED**

**MEMORIAL DAY!!!**



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  
EZEKIEL**

We study various books of the Bible  
and recently completed the  
**BOOK OF ACTS.**

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**

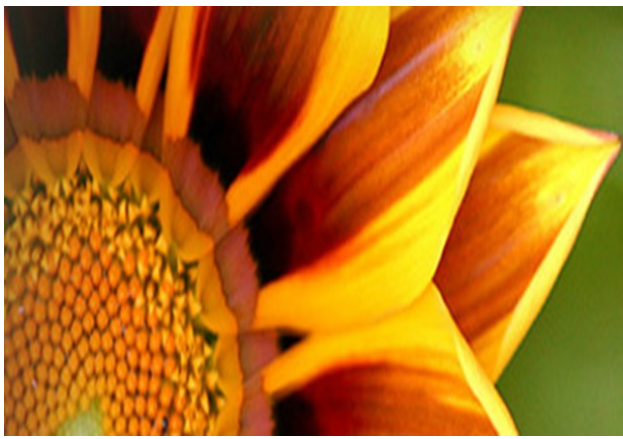
**We have communion juice and wafers for all. If you would like to come by the Church Office to get a cup with wafer, just let us know when you're coming.**

**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, please email or call the church office at (903) 792-1915 and let Tonya know.

**Upcoming Events & Services**

<b>May 3</b>	5:30pm	Choir
<b>May 8</b>	10:30am	Worship Committee
<b>May 9</b>	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
<b>May 10</b>	5:30pm	Choir
<b>May 14</b>	all day	Mother's Day
<b>May 14-20</b>	all week	Christian Family Week
<b>May 16</b>	11:30am	CWF Day Group
<b>May 17</b>	5:30pm	Choir
<b>May 20</b>	9am	CMF
<b>May 21</b>	10:40am	Pentecost offering
<b>May 21</b>	11:45am	Monthly potluck
<b>May 22</b>	6pm	General Board Meeting
<b>May 24</b>	5:30pm	Choir
<b>May 26</b>	4:30pm-6:30pm	Spaghetti Dinner
<b>May 28</b>	all day	Pentecost
<b>May 28</b>	10:40am	Pentecost offering



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

By visiting

[www.ccctxk.com](http://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.

# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Monthly potluck Last name beginning with: A-H: Vegetable or salad I-Z: Meat	1	2	3 5:30pm Choir	4	5	6
7 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	8 10:30am Worship Committee	9 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	10 5:30pm Choir	11	12	13
14 <b>Mother's Day</b> Christian Family Week Begins 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	15	16 11:30am CWF Day Group	17 5:30pm Choir	18	19	20 9am CWF
21 Pentecost offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 11:45am Potluck Luncheon	22 6pm General Board Meeting	23	24 5:30pm Choir	25	26 4:30pm-6:30pm Spaghetti Dinner	27
28 <b>Pentecost</b> Pentecost offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pm Randy Sams prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	29 Office closed	30	31			

## May Birthdays

Bob Wilmoth	05-09
Richard Martin	05-13
Isabelle Fowler	05-13
Gabriel Fowler	05-16
Richard Burkhart	05-17
Diane Pope-King	05-20
Nick (Cowboy) Mathison	05-23
Aaron Dobby	05-24
Midge Cooney	05-28
Wes Byas	05-28
John Beeson	05-29

## May Anniversaries

Richard & Glenda Burkhart	05-03
Tim & Donna Nash	05-21



## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

### May 7, 2023

Greeters: Harold & Pat Taylor  
Worship Leader: Mike Martin  
Hospital Elder: Tom Crow  
Flower Elder: Teresa Crow  
Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Ethan Cole

### May 14, 2023

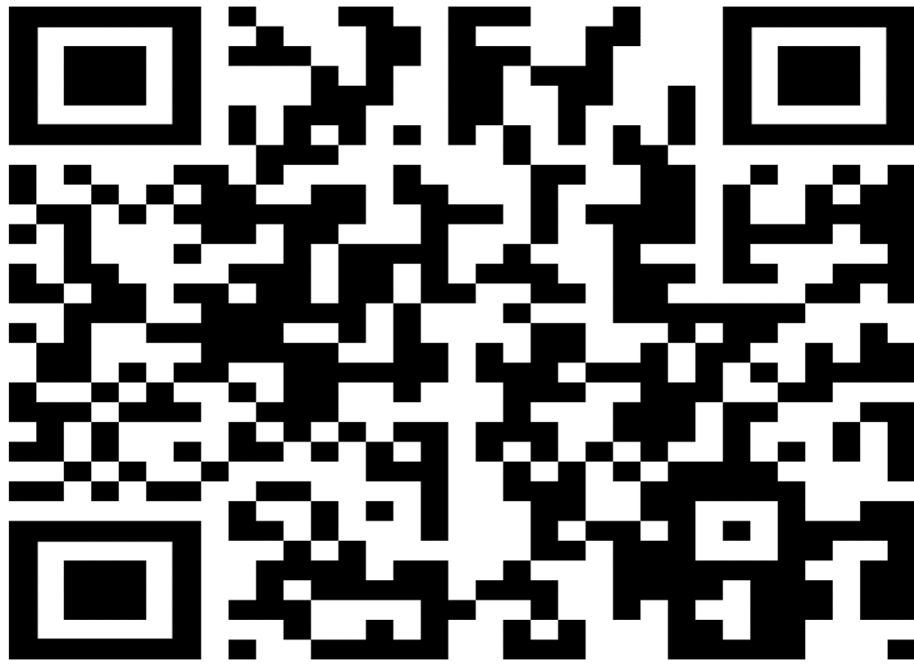
Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas  
Worship Leader: Lee Nailling  
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears  
Flower Elder: Connie Spears  
Deacons: Lois Moore & Mae Kidd

### May 21, 2023

Greeters: Ethan Cole & Alice Coleman  
Worship Leader: John Beeson  
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.  
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter  
Deacons: Glenda Burkhart & Sheri Thomas

### May 28, 2023

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth  
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman  
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter  
Flower Elder: Joan Carter  
Deacons: Harold Taylor & Jerry Thomas



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***TO SEE***  
***OUR***  
***CHURCH VIDEO!***

***SHOW***  
***FRIENDS AND FAMILY.***

# Weekly Info

## Prayer Need

Our Church  
Wes Byas  
George Carpenter, Sr.  
Glen Hudspeth  
Jan Hamilton, friend of Teresa Crow  
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

Aubrey Fulcher, Connie Spears' brother-in-law  
Pam Smotherman, Joan Carter's sister  
Gary Smith, friend of Lee Nailling  
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

## 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**  
**May 7, 2023**

**Greeters:** Harold & Pat Taylor  
**Worship Leader:** Mike Martin  
**Hospital Elder:** Tom Crow  
**Flower Elder:** Teresa Crow  
**Deacons:** Sondra Bedwell & Ethan Cole

**April 30, 2023**

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Offering:</b>	\$ 4,792.54
<b>Weekly Needs:</b>	<u>\$ 4,379.46</u>
<b>Difference:</b>	\$ 413.08
<b>YTD Collected:</b>	\$ 61,835.14
<b>YTD Needed:</b>	<u>\$ 78,830.28</u>
<b>Difference:</b>	\$ -16,995.14

**This Sunday:**

***"Is There a Standard of Right and Wrong?"***

**Scripture:**

**Matthew 5:17-18**

**LECTIONARY FOR MAY 7, 2023**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 7:55-60**  
**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**  
**1 Peter 2:2-10**  
**John 14:1-14**