

# The Central Christian 411

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## Genesis 25:21-34

<sup>21</sup> Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. <sup>22</sup> The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, “Why is this happening to me?” So, she went to inquire of the LORD.

<sup>23</sup> The LORD said to her,

“Two nations are in your womb,

and two peoples from within you will be separated;

one people will be stronger than the other,

and the older will serve the younger.”

<sup>24</sup> When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. <sup>25</sup> The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. <sup>26</sup> After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

<sup>27</sup> The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. <sup>28</sup> Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

<sup>29</sup> Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. <sup>30</sup> He said to Jacob, “Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I’m famished!” (That is why he was also called Edom.)

<sup>31</sup> Jacob replied, “First sell me your birthright.”

<sup>32</sup> “Look, I am about to die,” Esau said. “What good is the birthright to me?”

<sup>33</sup> But Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So, he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob.

<sup>34</sup> Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So, Esau despised his birthright.

While it is easy to see the culpability of Esau in despising his birthright, there is also much to be said in terms of culpability on the part of Jacob, who coveted his brother’s birthright. Where in this passage is the love and compassion, our Lord has taught us?

May we always honor that which God has given us.   Wes



ON JULY 16, AT 2 P.M.

WE WILL HAVE A

CLASS ON

HOW TO BUILD A BIRDHOUSE

THIS CLASS WILL BE HELD IN

DISCIPLE HALL

SO BE SURE TO COME AND

LEARN



## **PUTTING LIGHT ON AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT**

For several months now **we have found lights on** in the buildings when the building is not in use.

In particular, **we have found the lights on** in the parlor many times. It appears someone turns on the lights to look in the parlor but does not turn them off.

There have been lights on in hallways, upstairs and in the choir room in the Education Building.

Lights **have been found on** in the kitchen, pantry and closets in the Administration Building. And, at times, after one of the buildings has been in use, the **thermostats have been turned down, but not back up**. It is very important we be good stewards of that which we have been blessed to have. Please help us keep our utility bill down year-round.

**THANK YOU.**

\*\*\*\*\*CULTIVATION

OF

FUNDS\*\*\*\*\*

**VERY IMPORTANT**

**A MUST READ**

THE CULTIVATION OF FUNDS COMMITTEE HAS STARTED A PROJECT YOU NEED TO BE AWARE OF. THEY ARE SELLING ITEMS IN THE CHURCH, WE NO LONGER NEED. THESE ITEMS HAVE BEEN MARKED FOR SALE AND **ONLY** THE CULTIVATION OF FUNDS COMMITTEE CAN **AUTHORIZE** THE SALE OF THESE ITEMS. IF YOU, A FAMILY MEMBER, OR A FRIEND WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE AN ITEM, **PLEASE BE SURE TO CONTACT JERRY THOMAS** TO LET HIM KNOW. **IF YOU WISH TO DISCOUNT THE ITEM, PLEASE ASK JERRY FOR PERMISSION TO DO SO.**

**ONLY JERRY HAS THE AUTHORITY  
TO SELL OR REDUCE THE PRICE OF AN ITEM.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE  
ON THIS SALE!**



THE

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

WILL BE MEETING

**Saturday, JULY 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Community Room**

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



# Community Outreach

SUNDAY, JULY 23<sup>rd</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.'



# Board Meeting



THERE WILL BE A  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY

JULY 24<sup>th</sup>

AT 6 P.M.

IN

THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

ALL BOARD MEETINGS ARE IMPORTANT

SO ALL BOARD MEMBERS

ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE

PRESENT.

SEE YOU THERE!!



**Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Our Monthly 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**

**(Remember: Spaghetti Dinner  
the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each Month!)**



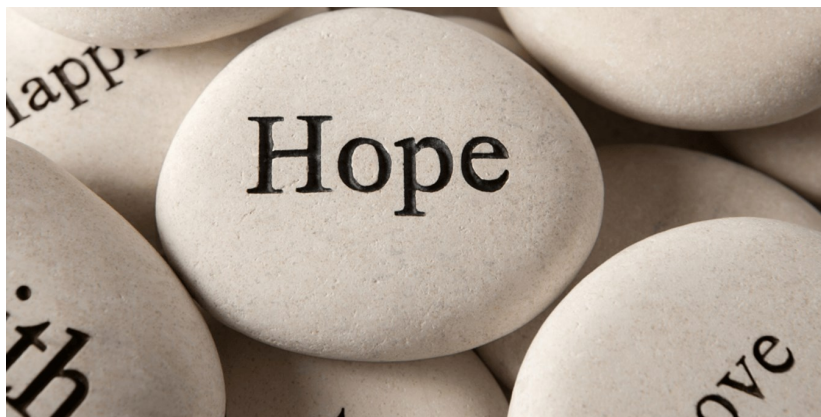


SUNDAY, JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>, IS OUR  
5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY BREAKFAST!

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



# HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, AUGUST 8<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.

**BINGO**

**AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**FAMILY BINGO**

**IN HeBREWS**

**FROM 1 to 3 PM**

**Y'ALL COME!!**



THE

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

WILL BE MEETING

**Saturday, AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Community Room**

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



SUNDAY, AUGUST 20<sup>th</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!



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# Community Outreach

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## **Matthew 25:40**

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**MONDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup>**

**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 & CWF.



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>July 12</b>	5:30pm	Choir
<b>July 13</b>	4pm	Church Growth/Evangelism Committee
<b>July 15</b>	9am	CMF
<b>July 16</b>	2pm	Making birdhouses
<b>July 19</b>	5:30pm	Choir
<b>July 23</b>	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
<b>July 23</b>	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
<b>July 24</b>	6pm	General Board Meeting
<b>July 26</b>	5:30pm	Choir
<b>July 28</b>	4:30pm	Community Wide Spaghetti Dinner
<b>July 30</b>	9:30am	5th Sunday breakfast
<b>August 2</b>	5:30pm	Choir
<b>August 8</b>	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
<b>August 9</b>	5:30pm	Choir
<b>August 12</b>	1pm	Family Bingo





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.

# July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 3pm-? 4th of July Celebration
2 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	3	4 Independence Day Office closed	5	6	7	8 10am Reimagining Church
9 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	10	11 6pm C of F Committee 6pm Hope Remains	12 5:30pm Choir	13 4pm Church Growth/ Evangelism	14	15 9am CWF
16 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 2pm Making a birdhouse	17	18	19 5:30pm Choir	20	21	22
23 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	24 6pm General Board Meeting	25	26 5:30pm Choir	27	28 4:30pm-6:30pm Spaghetti Dinner	29
30 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am 5th Sunday Breakfast 10:40am Worship Service	31					

## July Birthdays

Joe Cunningham	7-5
Betty Caudle	7-12
Mike Clinton	7-15
Mae Kidd	7-18
Beverly Folmar	7-21
Lee Nailling	7-24
Harold Taylor	7-24
Lois Moore	7-29
Tamara Campbell	7-29

## July Anniversaries

Jack & Patti Fisher	7-8
Jim & Connie Spears	7-11
Mike & Martha Clinton	7-21
Jack & Joan Carter	7-24



## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

### July 2, 2023

Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter  
Worship Leader: John Beeson  
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears  
Flower Elder: Connie Spears  
Deacons: Glenda Burkhart & Sheri Thomas

### July 9, 2023

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

### July 16, 2023

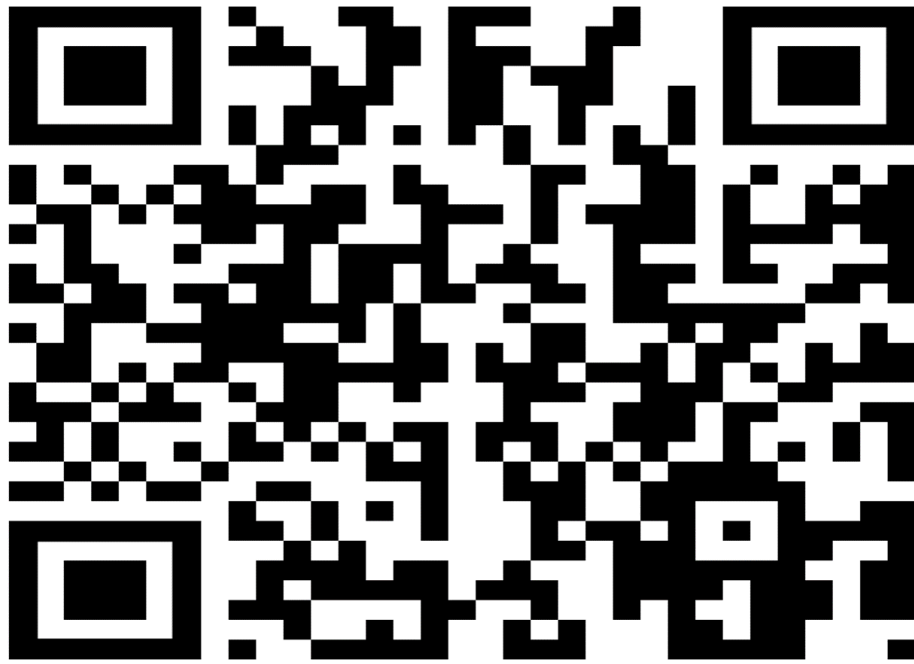
Greeters: Herb & Elaine Hamilton  
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman  
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.  
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter  
Deacons: Harold Taylor & Mae Kidd

### July 23, 2023

Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern  
Worship Leader: Teresa Crow  
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern  
Flower Elder: Alice Kern  
Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Jerry Thomas

### July 30, 2023

Greeters: Cowboy & Neldajo Mathison  
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell  
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter  
Flower Elder: Joan Carter  
Deacons: Randy King & Jerry Thomas



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

*SHOW*  
*FRIENDS AND FAMILY.*

# Weekly Info

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## Prayer Need

Our Church  
Wes Byas  
Cowboy Mathison  
B.J. Adams, Glenda Burkhardt's brother  
Roy Plhak, friend of Wes Byas  
Ron Chittenden, Mary Chittenden's son  
Elaine Hamilton  
Brittney Matthews, Jerry & Sheri Thomas' granddaughter  
Haley Dorn, Jerry & Sheri Thomas' niece  
Jeanette Chittenden, Mary Chittenden's daughter-in-law  
Jeane Duren, Beth Brine's aunt  
Mitch Anderson, friend of George & Julia Carpenter

## Ongoing Concerns

Pam Smotherman, Joan Carter's sister  
Ed Shilling, Judy Van Hooser Shilling's husband  
Bill Griffin, Glenda Burkhardt's son-in-law  
Aubrey Fulcher, Connie Spears' brother-in-law  
Gary Smith, friend of Lee Nailling  
Suzette Witty, friend of Randy King  
Laroy and Jane Thomas, friend of Jerry Thomas

## Homebound

Joe Frost, Sr., home  
Elizabeth Cooney, home  
Jane Watson  
Nancy Bair, home  
James Thompson, home  
Susie Howdeshell, home  
Bobbie Roberts, Pat Taylor's mom, The Villa room 411A  
Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life



**Serving this Sunday**  
**July 16, 2023**

**Greeters:** Herb & Elaine Hamilton  
**Worship Leader:** Alice Coleman  
**Hospital Elder:** George Carpenter, Jr.  
**Flower Elder:** Julia Carpenter  
**Deacons:** Harold Taylor & Mae Kidd

**July 9, 2023**

**Attendance:** 24  
**Offering:** \$ 2,370.54  
**Weekly Needs:** \$ 4,379.46  
**Difference:** \$ -2,008.92  
  
**YTD Collected:** \$ 94,592.78  
**YTD Needed:** \$ 122,624.88  
**Difference:** \$ -28,032.10

**This Sunday:**

***"Planted in the Word"***

**Scripture:**

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

**LECTIONARY FOR JULY 16, 2023**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Genesis 25:19-34**

**Psalms 119:105-112**

**Romans 8:1-11**

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**