

The Central Christian 411

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Matthew 22:34-46

³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

³⁷ Jesus replied: ““Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?”

“The son of David,” they replied.

⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says,

⁴⁴ “‘The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand

until I put your enemies

under your feet.””

⁴⁵ If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶ No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Jesus was a master at calling people out on non sequiturs. Oftentimes we say things that simply make no sense; that don’t logically follow from the previous statement. When Jesus would point such things out to the Pharisees, they would typically walkaway or simply not speak. A non sequitur for many Christians would be, “I believe in Jesus and his teachings, but I do not wish to follow his teachings. Is this a non sequitur for you?”

May the God of love and mercy abide in you, Wes



Our CMF has turned a corner! Having changed the day and location of our meetings to the third Friday of each month and meeting at Old Tyme Burger at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship, we doubled our attendance. We would like to see it triple, quadruple and on and on!

Another change we have made is rather than a meditation from the Secret Place booklet, we will be assigning a scripture passage of your choice, (to those who wish to participate), and when we meet, we will discuss that passage. This means any scripture that has been weighing on your heart can be up for discussion! To involve the participants is a big and necessary step.

If you haven't attended a CMF meeting or it has been a long time since you have attended, please join us on Friday, November 17th, at Old Tyme Burger, located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd. We guarantee you will get out of it what you put into it. If you're looking for Biblical knowledge, Spiritual uplift, or just a good time being in fellowship with your brothers in Christ, this will be the place to come and experience what you are looking for.

Jim Spears has led this group for many years and is constantly seeking ways to get the men of Central Christian Church involved. As he leads us down a new path, please join us, that he may see the fruits of his labor.



Friday, October 27th

**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 4th Friday of each Month!)**



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 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



OCTOBER 29th

WILL BE

ALL SAINTS

SUNDAY

COME CELEBRATE

THE SAINTS OF

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH



The word *Halloween* or *Hallowe'en* ("Saints' evening") is of **Christian origin**; a term equivalent to "All Hallows Eve" is attested in Old English. The word *hallowe[']en* comes from the Scottish form of *All Hallows' Eve* (the evening before All Hallows' Day): *even* is the Scots term for "eve" or "evening", and is contracted to *e'en* or *een*; (*All*) *Hallow(s) E(v)en* became *Hallowe'en*.

Halloween or Hallowe'en (less commonly known as Allhalloween, All Hallows' Eve, or All Saints' Eve) is a celebration observed in many countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western **Christian** feast of All Saints' Day. It begins the observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints (hallows), martyrs, and all the faithful departed.

One theory holds that many Halloween traditions were influenced by Celtic harvest festivals, particularly the Gaelic festival Samhain, which are believed to have pagan roots. Some go further and suggest Samhain may have been **Christianized** as All Hallows' Day, along with its eve, by the early Church. Other academics believe Halloween began solely as a **Christian** holiday, being the vigil of All Hallows' Day. Celebrated in Ireland and Scotland for centuries, Irish and Scottish immigrants took many Halloween customs to North America in the 19th century, and then through American influence Halloween had spread to other countries by the late 20th and early 21st century.

Popular Halloween activities include trick-or-treating (or the related guising and souling), attending Halloween costume parties, carving pumpkins or turnips into jack-o'-lanterns, lighting bonfires, apple bobbing, divination games, playing pranks, visiting haunted attractions, telling scary stories, and watching horror or Halloween-themed films.

*Some people practice the **Christian** religious observances of All Hallows' Eve, including attending church services and lighting candles on the graves of the dead, although it is a secular celebration for others. Some **Christians** historically abstained from meat on All Hallows' Eve, a tradition reflected in the eating of certain vegetarian foods on this vigil day, including apples, potato pancakes, and soul cakes.*



All Saints Day

All Saints' Day, also known as **All Hallows' Day**, the **Feast of All Saints**, the **Feast of All Hallows**, the **Solemnity of All Saints**, and **Hallowmas**, is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honor of all the saints of the church, whether they are known or unknown.

From the 4th century, feasts commemorating all Christian martyrs were held in various places, on various dates near Easter and Pentecost. In the 9th century, some churches in the British Isles began holding the commemoration of all saints on 1 November, and in the 9th century this was extended to the whole Catholic Church by Pope Gregory IV.

In Western Christianity, it is **still celebrated on 1 November** by the Roman Catholic Church as well as many Protestant churches, as the Christian Church (DoC) & Anglican traditions. The Eastern Orthodox Church and associated Eastern Catholic and Eastern Lutheran churches celebrate it on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The Syro-Malabar Church and the Chaldean Catholic Church, both of whom are in communion with Rome, as well as the Church of the East celebrate All Saints' Day on the first Friday after Easter Sunday. In the Coptic Orthodox tradition, All Saints' Day is on Nayrouz, celebrated on 11 September. The day is both the start of the Coptic new year and its first month, Thout.



THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 2ND
HAS BEEN DECLARED A
WORKDAY
FOR CCC.

**WORK BEGINS AT
1 P.M.**

IN THE SANCTUARY
AND

ALL ARE INVITED
TO COME JOIN IN!

BINGO

NOVEMBER 4TH

FAMILY BINGO

IN HeBREWS

PRIZES!  **PRIZES!**  **PRIZES!**

FROM 1 to 3 PM

Fun4theBrain

Y'ALL COME!!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

PLEASE BE SURE TO TURN YOUR

CLOCKS & WATCHES

BACK "1" HOUR

BEFORE YOU GO TO BED

SATURDAY NIGHT, NOV. 4TH



ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

VETERANS DAY WEEKEND

WE WILL CELEBRATE OUR

VETERANS DURING OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE

IF YOU HAVE PHOTOS OF

VETERANS IN YOUR FAMILY

PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE

CHURCH OFFICE BY

NOVEMBER 1ST FOR THIS

IMPORTANT CELEBRATION!

WILEY COLLEGE

THE CHOIR OF
WILEY COLLEGE
WILL BE PERFORMING
HERE AT
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
ON SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 5TH
AT 3 P.M.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
TO ENSURE
YOUR ATTENDANCE AT
THIS BEAUTIFUL PERFORMANCE
BY THE
WILEY COLLEGE CHOIR!



Veterans Day (originally known as **Armistice Day**) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on **November 11**, for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces (who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable). It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial Day, a U.S. public holiday in May. **Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans**, while **Memorial Day honors those who had *died*** while in military service. Another military holiday that also occurs in May, Armed Forces Day, honors those *currently serving* in the U.S. military.

Additionally, Women Veterans Day is recognized by a growing number of U.S. states that specifically honor women who have served in the U.S. military.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12th

WE HAVE OUR
THANKSGIVING
POTLUCK LUNCHEON
AND BAKE SALE

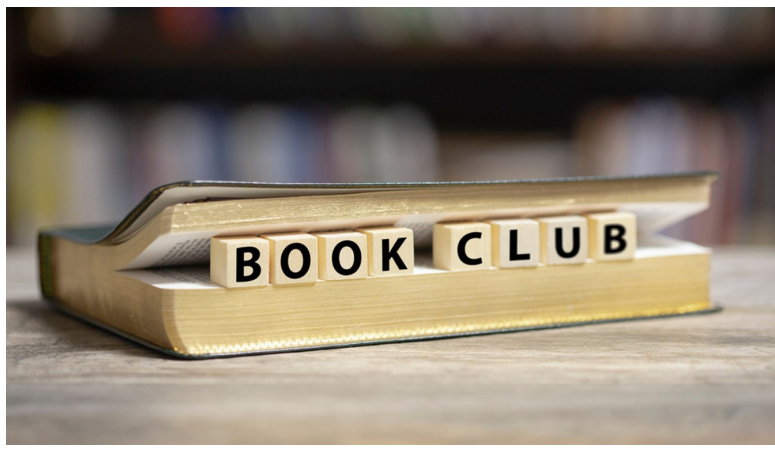
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
OUR
WORSHIP SERVICE

Thanksgiving Meat Provided

Bring your favorite Thanksgiving Side Dish

Or Dessert

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



ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, CHURCH GROWTH AND EVANGELISM WILL HAVE THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CCC BOOK CLUB AT 1 P.M. IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

UP FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE “UNDAUNTED COURAGE,” BY STEPHEN E. AMBROSE

Undaunted Courage is the story of a heroic and legendary man, and the saga of a great nation creating itself. In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson chose Captain Meriwether Lewis to lead the first government- backed exploration of the vast and unknown western territory of what would become part of the United States.

Undaunted Courage reads like an adventure novel filled with high drama, suspense, and personal tragedy. It brings to life the times and circumstances of Meriwether Lewis and his unprecedented expedition and renews our wonder of the vastness of our country and the heroics of our forefathers.

This Book Club is for Men AND Women, and we hope both will read this book and join the discussion.



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 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 ***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.



SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 18, 2023

FROM 10 A.M. TO 12 P.M.

WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER FOLLOW-UP

SEMINAR

ON

REIMAGINING CHURCH

**ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO
ATTEND. IMPORTANT DECISIONS WILL
BE MADE TO RECOMMEND TO OUR
BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION,
CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF OUR
CHURCH.**



The Journey Sunday School Class
will continue our study of
1 & 2 Thessalonians

We hope you will join us.

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

The First Epistle to the Thessalonians is a Pauline epistle of the New Testament of the Christian Bible. The epistle is attributed to Paul the Apostle, and is addressed to the church in Thessalonica, in modern-day Greece. It is likely among the first of Paul's letters, probably written by the end of AD 52, though some scholars believe the Epistle to the Galatians may have been written by AD 48.

Thessalonica is a city on the Thermaic Gulf, which at the time of Paul was within the Roman Empire. Paul visited Thessalonica and preached to the local population, winning converts who became a Christian community. There is debate as to whether or not Paul's converts were originally Jewish. The Acts of the Apostles describes Paul preaching in a Jewish synagogue and persuaded people who were already Jewish that Jesus was the Messiah, but in 1 Thessalonians itself Paul says the converts had turned from idols, suggesting they were not Jewish before Paul arrived.

The Second Epistle to the Thessalonians is a book from the New Testament of the Christian Bible. It is traditionally attributed to Paul the Apostle, with Timothy as a co-author. Modern biblical scholarship is divided on whether the epistle was written by Paul; some scholars believe Paul wrote this epistle, but others reject its authenticity based on what they see as differences in style and theology between this and the First Epistle to the Thessalonians.

Scholars who support its authenticity view it as having been written around 51–52 AD, shortly after the First Epistle. Those who see it as a later composition assign a date of around 80–115 AD. The original text was written in Koine Greek.



The **TNT** Sunday School Class
is continuing its study of

TBD

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

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.



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



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

October 25	5:30pm	Choir
October 27	4:30pm-6:30pm	Spaghetti Dinner
October 29	9:30am	5th Sunday Breakfast
October 29	10:40am	All Saints Service
October 31	all day	Halloween
November 1	4:00pm	Deadline to have Veteran pictures into office
November 1	5:30pm	Choir
November 2	1:00pm	Work day in the sanctuary
November 4	1:00pm	Family Bingo
November 5		Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 5	3:00pm	Wiley College Concert
November 8	5:30pm	Choir
November 11	all day	Veterans Day
November 12	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon and Bake Sale
November 13	1pm	Book Club
November 14	11:30am	CWF Day 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.

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Potluck Luncheon: Meat will be provided Bring your favorite holiday dish			1 4pm Deadline to turn in Veterans pictures 5:30pm Choir	2 1pm Work Day	3	4 1pm-3pm Family Bingo
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 3pm Wiley College Concert	6	7	8 5:30pm Choir	9	10	11 Veterans Day
12 Thanksgiving offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 11:45am Potluck Luncheon w/Bake Sale	13 1pm Book Club	14 11:30am CWF 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	15 5:30pm Choir	16 4pm Church Growth/ Evangelism	17 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	18 10am-12pm Reimagine Church
19 Thanksgiving offering 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship	20 10am Worship Committee	21	22	23 Office closed	24 Office closed	25
26 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Traditional Worship 4pm Randy Sams prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	27 6pm General Board Meeting	28	29 5:30pm Choir	30		

November Birthdays

Donna Nash	11-7
Sarah Carpenter	11-9
Carol Ann Tallent	11-18
Teri Stover	11-19
Margie Beeson	11-22
Chad Bennett	11-30
Justin Fowler	11-30

November Anniversaries

Herb & Elaine Hamilton	11-4
Bob & Lynn Wilmoth	11-13
Nick & Neldajo Mathison	11-27



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

November 5, 2023

Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhardt
Worship Leader: Jim Spears
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Glenda Burkhardt & Sheri Thomas

November 12, 2023

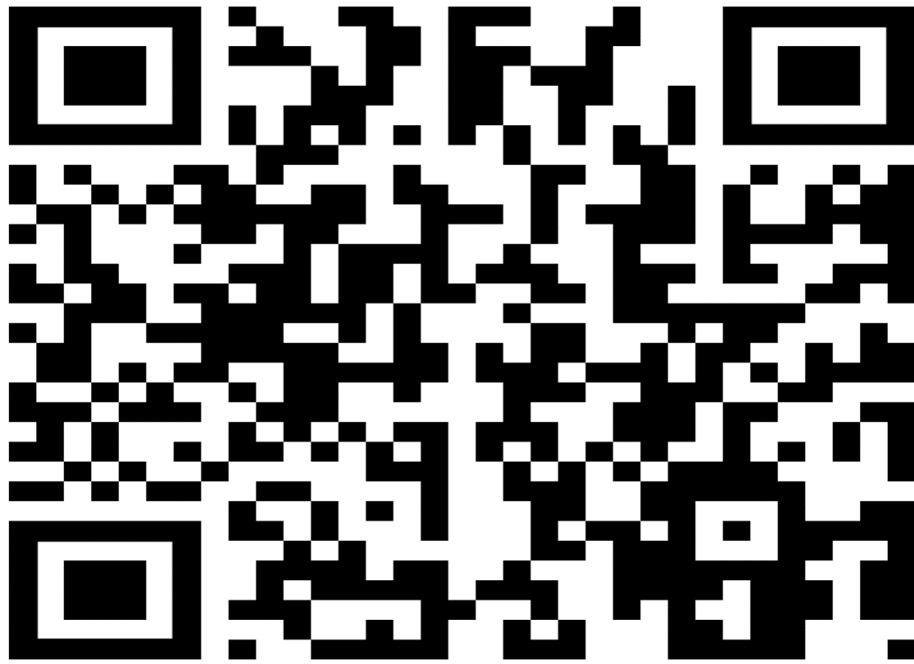
Greeters: Betty Caudle & Mae Kidd
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: Teresa Crow
Flower Elder: Tom Crow
Deacons: Mae Kidd & Ethan Cole

November 19, 2023

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Lee Nailling
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Harold Taylor & Lois Moore

November 26, 2023

Greeters: Lois Moore & Mike Lamb
Worship Leader: Jerry Thomas
Hospital Elder: Mike Martin
Flower Elder: John Beeson
Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Jerry Thomas



SCAN THIS
QR CODE
TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Kelley Folmar
Mark Brine, Beth's brother
Blaire Hamilton, Jerry & Sheri Thomas' granddaughter
Judy Mason, Sheri Thomas' sister
B.J. Adams, Glenda Burkhart's brother
Brittney Matthews, Jerry & Sheri Thomas' granddaughter
Haley Dorn, Jerry & Sheri Thomas' niece
Mitch Anderson, friend of George & Julia Carpenter

Ongoing Concerns

Elaine Hamilton
Gary Smith, friend of Lee Nailling
Ed Shilling, Judy Van Hooser Shilling's husband
Kathy Bearden, friend of Julia Carpenter
Bill Griffin, Glenda Burkhart's son-in-law
Aubrey Fulcher, Connie Spears' brother-in-law
Jeane Duren, Beth Brine's aunt

Homebound

Joe Frost, Sr., home
Herb & Elaine Hamilton, The Oaks room 34
Elizabeth Cooney, home
Jane Watson
Nancy Bair, home
James Thompson, home
Susie Howdeshell, home
Bobbie Roberts, Pat Taylor's mom, The Villa room 302B
Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life

Memorials

Evie Carter Mike & Kathleen Martin



Serving this Sunday
October 29, 2023

Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons: Harold Taylor & Jerry Thomas

October 22, 2023

Attendance: 43
Offering: \$ 7,656.54
Weekly Needs: \$ 4,379.46
Difference: \$ 3,277.08

YTD Collected: \$136,892.61
YTD Needed: \$188,316.78
Difference: \$-51,424.17

This Sunday:

"Second Coming"

Scripture:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER 29, 2023
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46