

The Central Christian 411

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Mark 13:24-37

²⁴“But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶“Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Throughout the ministry of our Lord, he taught preparedness. He was not one to preach procrastination or last-minute works. Why? Verse 33 says it all: “Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come.” So many of us want to put off what can be done today until another time, but Jesus says, “Don’t do that because the time will come when you least expect it. So be prepared!”

Are you prepared? Do you live each day as an opportunity?

May the God of Preparedness be in your hearts and minds, Wes



November 29, 2023

Dear Church Family,

We are reaching out to you to remind you our church is alive and well but remains in need of your support. We realize these are difficult days but the ministry of our church presses on. In the past few months we have had the ice maker go out in Disciple Hall Kitchen, an air conditioning unit for the sanctuary needing service, large monetary increase in our Insurance for the buildings, and an issue with our a/c unit for HeBrews. As you know, prices are up and we are in need of your support to repair and/or replace the items needed to be repaired or replaced, as well as pay the increase in our insurance.

As a reminder, there are a number of ways in which you may send the needed support:

1. Mail your check via USPS.
2. Online banking, if you use it.
3. Go to the church with money or check in an envelope and drop it in the mail slot located by the entrance to the Admin. Offices.
4. Use Givelify. If you use this method, please be sure to find Central Christian Church, **Texarkana**.

We hope you and your family are well. Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting our church and God bless.

The Stewardship Committee



CHRISTMAS BONUSES

Dear Church Family,

It's that time of year again to think of our wonderful staff, Wes, Tonya, Beth and Ariel.

If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Bonuses, please place a check to the church in a separate envelope with my name on it.

I need the checks by December 22nd.

Thank you!

Connie Spears



SATURDAY

December 2nd

AT 10 A.M.

WE WILL BE

DECORATING

OUR

SANCTUARY

FOR

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO HELP.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

WE WILL HAVE OUR

ANNUAL

ADVENT

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE.

COME JOIN IN!

A-H MEAT

I-Z VEGETABLES

SALAD or DESSERT

TEXARKANA REGIONAL CHORALE & ORCHESTRA PRESENTS

Magnificat!

Featuring the world premiere of
Marc-André Bougie's *Magnificat*
& Mozart's *Coronation Mass*

Also featuring
Huntington High School Choir, Shreveport, LA
- Ms. Arnese Brass, Director
Liberty Eylau High School Choir, Texarkana, TX
- Ms. Sherri Pickering, Director
Shorter College Choir, Little Rock, AR
- Rev. Henry Parker, Director



MARC-ANDRÉ BOUGIE

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 - 7:00pm

LOCATION: Sacred Heart Catholic Church
4505 Elizabeth Street, Texarkana, TX



CANDACE TAYLOR
SOLO SOPRANO



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SOLO TENOR



ERIN THOMAS
SOLO MEZZO-SOPRANO



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Texarkana Regional Chorale



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th

IS

HANGING **OF THE** GREENS!

THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL SERVICE

WHERE

WE DECORATE OUR

SANCTUARY FOR

CHRISTMAS

PLEASE COME JOIN IN

ON THIS FESTIVE OCCASION

AT THE 10:40 SERVICE.



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.

Tuesday, December 12, 2023, Hope Remains will have a Candlelight Memorial Service in the Parlor of Central Christian church and invite you to be a part of this special time if you have lost a child you wish to honor and memorialize.

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

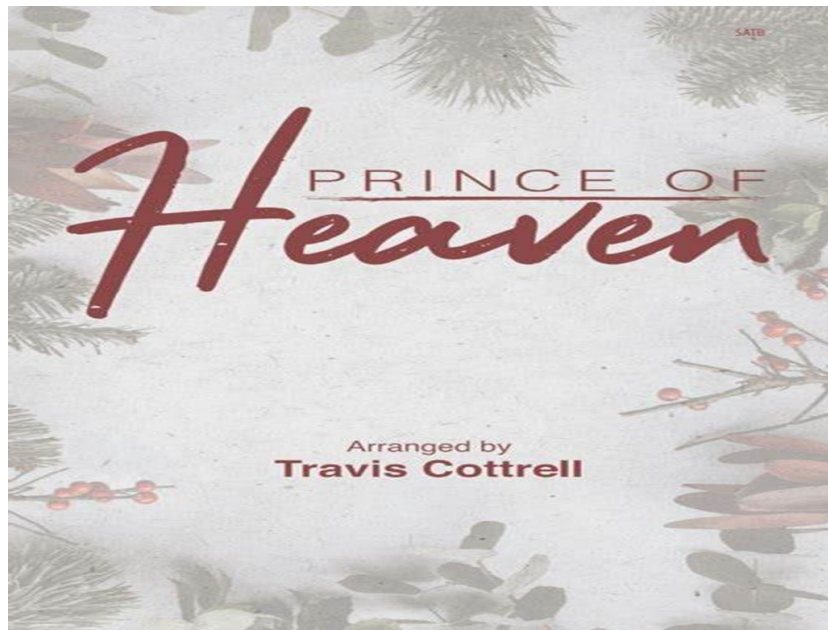
Friday, DEC. 15TH

at 7:30 A.M. at

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



SUNDAY
DECEMBER 17TH
OUR ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS CANTATA
WILL BE PRESENTED BY OUR
CHANCEL CHOIR
IN OUR 10:40 A.M. SERVICE!
COME JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR
IN SONG!



OUR CHURCH OFFICE

WILL CLOSE AT NOON

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

FOR THE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

AND

WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH.

HAVE A VERY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND GOD BLESS!!!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH,

JOIN US FOR OUR

CHRISTMAS EVE

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE.

SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT

5 P.M.

IN THE SANCTUARY.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS

CELEBRATION

OF OUR LORD'S BIRTH.



ON THIS CHRISTMAS DAY 2023

God's greatest gift was sent to all
He was born in a lowly manger stall
The gift of Jesus to those who believe
Is a gift of love and life for all.

God's love was shown in his Son
He came that we may live as one
Our thanks and praise cannot express
Our love for God that brings happiness.

So at this Christmas time rejoice
Praise the Lord with your voice
The miracle of that special birth
Shows how much God thinks you're worth.



The membership of Central Christian Church will be providing a Christmas lunch from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (or until the food is gone) on Christmas day.

The meal will consist of turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, cake and pie for dessert.

The Church will provide the turkey, green beans, potatoes, gravy, and rolls with the dressing, with the pie and cake being provided by our membership or vendors.

We will be needing help to prepare meals. We plan to begin preparing the meal on the 23rd and 24th.

If you can volunteer some time to help prepare and serve, I will have a sign-up sheet in the foyer of the Sanctuary this Sunday. If you prefer, you can call the Church Office to let Tonya know you would like to volunteer.

Many thanks to all, Jim Spears



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, IS

NEW YEAR'S EVE!

LET US RENEW

OUR

COMMITMENT TO GOD,

SET NEW

GOALS FOR SERVING HIM

AND FOR SERVING

OUR

NEIGHBOR (COMMUNITY).

HAVE A

BLESSED & PROSPEROUS

2024!!



2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ **So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!** ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**MAY 2024 NOT ONLY BE A NEW YEAR,
BUT A NEW LIFE FOR US ALL!**



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

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

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

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.



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AND

T-SHIRT

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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

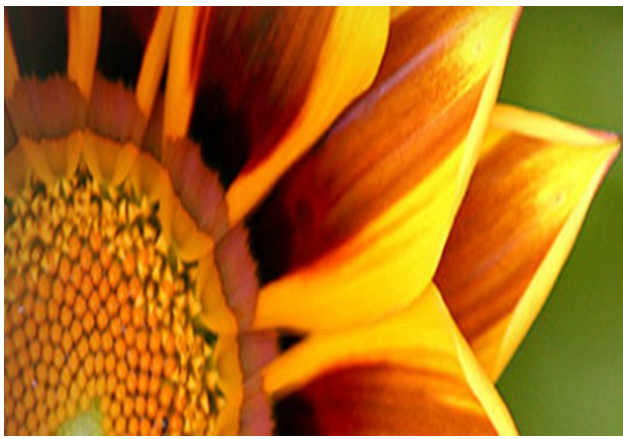
We have communion juice and wafers for all. If you would like to come by the Church Office to get a cup with wafer, just let us know when you're coming.

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

November 29	5pm	Choir
December 2	10am	Decorating sanctuary
December 3	all day	1st Sunday of Advent
December 3	11:45am	Advent potluck
December 6	5pm	Choir
December 10	all day	2nd Sunday of Advent
December 10	10:40am	Hanging of the Greens service
December 10	10:40am	Christmas offering
December 11	1pm	Book Club
December 12	6pm	Hope Remains Candlelight Service
December 13	5pm	Choir
December 14	4pm	Church Growth/Evangelism
December 15	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
December 16	11:30am	CWF General Meeting
December 17	10:40am	Christmas offering
December 17	10:40am	Parade of Poinsettias



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.

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10am Decorating the sanctuary
3 1st Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Advent potluck	4	5	6 12pm-3pm Southern Caregivers using Disciple Hall 5pm Choir	7	8	9
10 Christmas offering 2nd Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service w/ Hanging of the Greens	11 1pm Book Club	12 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	13 5pm Choir	14 4pm Church Growth/ Evangelism	15 7:30am CWF @ Old Tyme Burger	16 11:30am CWF General Meeting 5pm Cantata Rehearsal
17 Christmas offering 3rd Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Christmas Cantata w/Parade of Poinsettias	18	19	20 5pm Choir	21	22 Office closes at noon	23
24 4th Sunday of Advent 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 5pm Candlelight Service	25 Office closed 11am Christmas Dinner for the Homeless and Needy	26	27	28	29	30
31 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am 5th Sunday Breakfast 10:40am Worship Service						Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Meat I-Z: Vegetable or salad

December Birthdays

Pat Brummal	12-1
Kayden Bennett	12-5
Martha Clinton	12-6
Mike Lamb	12-9
Sheri Thomas	12-14
Neldajo Mathison	12-15

December Anniversaries

John & Margie Beeson	12-11
Philip & Teri Stover	12-19
Mike & Sondra Crain	12-21



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

December 3, 2023

Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern
Worship Leader: Lee Nailling
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons: Harold Taylor & Jerry Thomas

December 10, 2023

Greeters: Cowboy & Neldajo Mathison
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: Tom Crow
Flower Elder: Teresa Crow
Deacons: Mae Kidd & Lois Moore

December 17, 2023

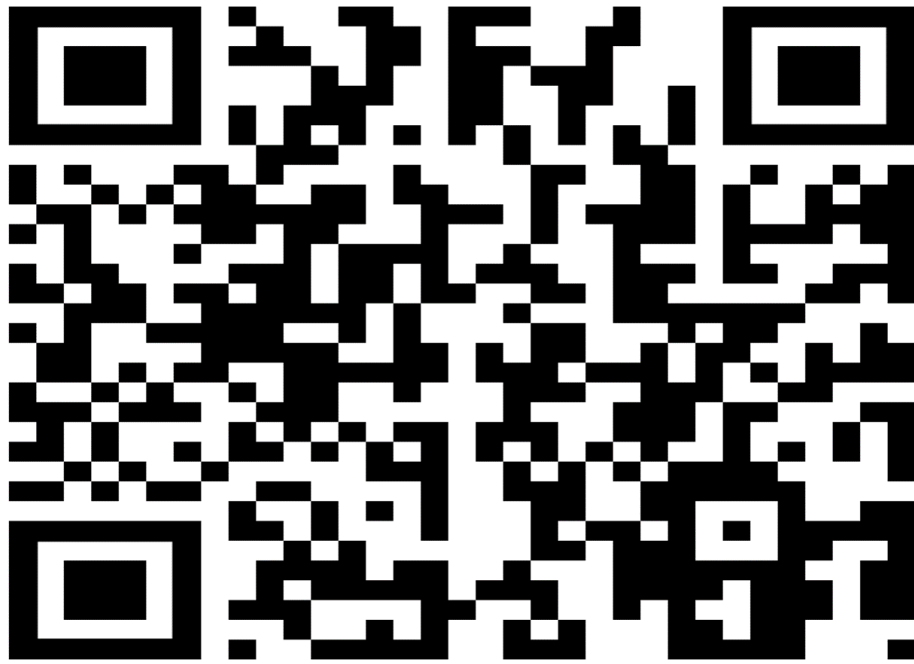
Greeters: Harold & Pat Taylor
Worship Leader: Jerry Thomas
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Glenda Burkhart & Sondra Bedwell

December 24, 2023

Greeters: Ethan Cole & Alice Coleman
Worship Leader: Jim Spears
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Sheri Thomas & Jerry Thomas

December 31, 2023

Greeters: Jerry & Sher Thomas
Worship Leader: Mike Martin
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Ethan Cole & Harold Taylor



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QR CODE
TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Family of David Allard, Glenda Burkhardt's brother-in-law
Kelley Folmar
Blaire Hamilton, Jerry & Sheri Thomas' granddaughter
Judy Mason, Sheri Thomas' sister
B.J. Adams, Glenda Burkhardt'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
Ed Shilling, Judy Van Hooser Shilling's husband
Kathy Bearden, friend of Julia Carpenter
Bill Griffin, Glenda Burkhardt's son-in-law
Aubrey Fulcher, Connie Spears' brother-in-law
Jeane Duren, Beth Brine's aunt

Homebound

Joe Frost, Sr., home
Herb Hamilton, The Oaks room 34
Elaine Hamilton, son's home
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



Serving this Sunday
December 3, 2023

Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern
Worship Leader: Lee Nailling
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons: Harold Taylor & Jerry Thomas

November 26, 2023

Attendance:	40
Offering:	\$ 4,137.36
Weekly Needs:	\$ <u>4,379.46</u>
Difference:	\$ -242.10
YTD Collected:	\$152,927.92
YTD Needed:	\$<u>210,214.08</u>
Difference:	\$-57,286.16

This Sunday:

"Beginning Afresh"

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

LECTIONARY FOR DECEMBER 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37