

The Central Christian 411

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1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ² Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge, ³ but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴ Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know “no idol in the world really exists” and “there is no God but one.” ⁵ Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷ It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹ So by your knowledge the weak brother or sister for whom Christ died is destroyed. ¹² But when you thus sin against brothers and sisters and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never again eat meat, so I may not cause one of them to fall.

So often it is important to scale down Paul’s writings. To try to address them as a whole leads to confusion and misunderstanding. So, let’s take this to its simplest form. Paul tells us there is no God but God. “yet for us there is one God...” And he says the reader of his words needs to understand we are not “all knowing,” and should not claim to be so. “Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge.” Paul says, “Knowledge puffs up.” “BUT, love builds up.” Bottom line? There is one God. We are not omniscient. We should be about love, as was our Lord & Savior.

May the all-knowing God of love be with you always, 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



SPAGHETTI DINNER

Our Monthly Community Wide

Spaghetti Dinner

will be

Friday, January 26th

in Disciple Hall.

Tickets for the dinner are

\$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



SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th

WE HAVE OUR

MONTHLY

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE

A-H Vegetable or Salad

I-Z Meat

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY

SPECIAL MEAL TO CELEBRATE

GOD'S BLESSINGS!



SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th

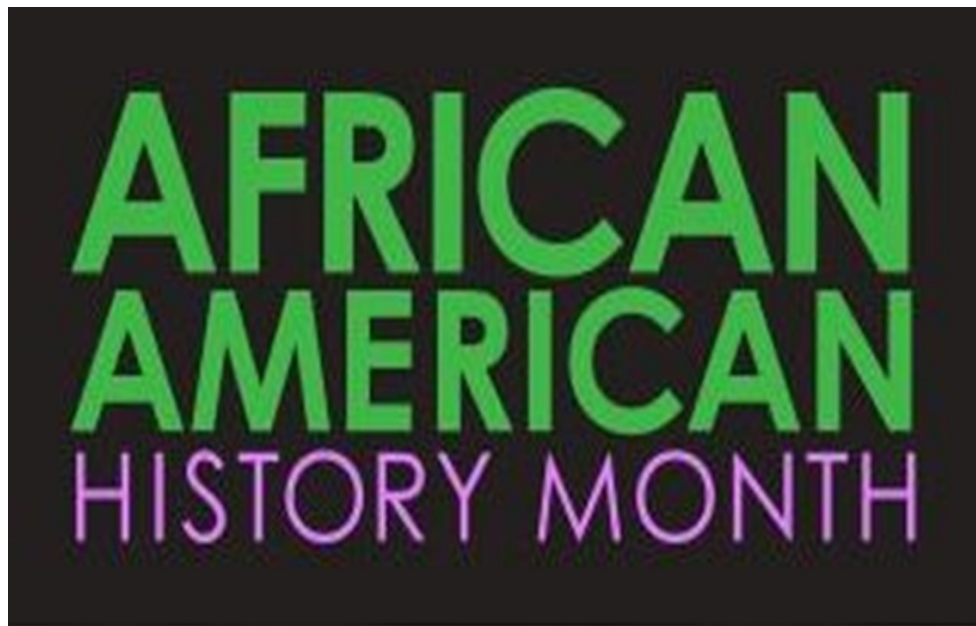
WE WILL BE SERVING OUR LOCAL
RANDY SAM'S SHELTER

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.'



African American History Month is an annual observance originating in the United States, where it is also known as African-American History Month.

It has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada, and more recently has been observed in Ireland, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. *It began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora.*

It is celebrated in February in the United States and Canada.

TRAINING



Officer & Committee Chair Training

will occur on

Saturday, February 10th,

10:00 a.m.

in the Community Room

Current **AND** New Officers & Chairs
are **required** to attend.

*If leaving an Officer post or Chair, you will need to pass
your binder & key to the Church to your successor.*

This is *required training*
whether you have Chaired
a committee in 2023 or will be in the upcoming year.



**The Beginning of our
Lenten**

Soup & Scripture

is

Sunday

February 11th

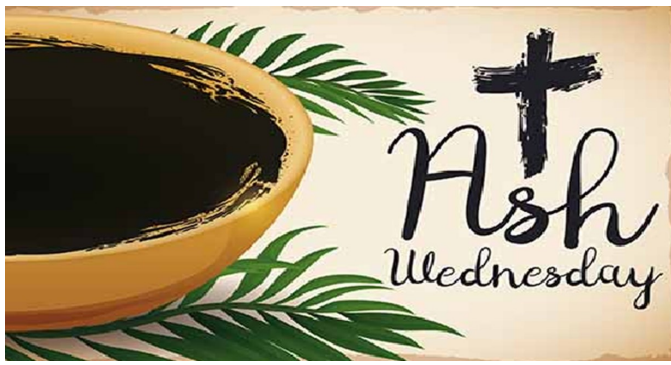
in HeBrews

at 5:00 p.m.

**This is our first Sunday
in a four Sunday Study**

Please read Chapters 1 & 2

In the Book of Acts



February 14th

OUR

ASH WEDNESDAY

SERVICE

WILL BE HELD

AT

6:00 P.M.

IN THE SANCTUARY

**LET US BEGIN *LENT* BY BRINGING
FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

TO

THIS VERY SPECIAL *LENTEN* SERVICE



DON'T FORGET THOSE YOU LOVE

ON

VALENTINES DAY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

WE WILL HAVE A

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

ON SUNDAY, FEB. 11TH

SO, BRING YOUR VALENTINE(S)

AND JOIN US FOR THIS

TIME HONORED TRADITION.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

THROUGH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

IS

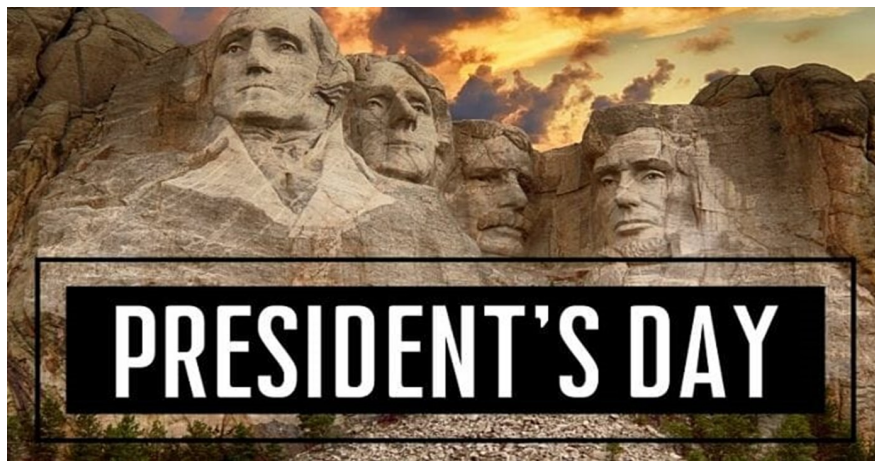
WEEK OF COMPASSION

We will be taking our Week of Compassion Special Offering
on these two Sundays.

As the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),

Week of Compassion

works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the
world.



This year, Presidents' Day is Monday, February 19th! Which presidents do we celebrate on Presidents' Day? And why do we commonly call it "Presidents' Day" when the observed federal holiday is officially called "Washington's Birthday"?

Although the holiday is most often referred to as "Presidents' Day," the observed federal holiday is officially called "**Washington's Birthday.**"

Neither Congress nor the President has ever stipulated that the name of the holiday observed as Washington's Birthday be changed to Presidents' Day. Additionally, Congress has never declared a national holiday that is binding in all states; each state has the freedom to determine its own legal holidays. This is why there are some calendar discrepancies when it comes to this holiday's date.

In a sense, calling the holiday Presidents' Day helps us to reflect on not just the first president, but also the founding of our nation, its values, and what Washington calls in his Farewell Address the "beloved Constitution and union, as received from the Founders." Additionally, Abraham Lincoln's birthday is in February (on the 12th), so by calling the holiday "Presidents' Day," we can include another remarkable president in our celebrations as well.

Today, many calendars list the third Monday of February as Presidents' Day, just as quite a few U.S. states do, too. Of course, all of the 3-day retail store sales are called "Presidents' Day" sales and this vernacular has also been influential in how we reference the holiday.



February 29 is a *leap day* (or "leap year day"), an intercalary date added periodically to leap years in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. It is the 60th day of a leap year in both calendars, and 306 days remain until the end of the leap year. It is also the last day of February in leap years with the exception of 1712 in Sweden. It is also the last day of meteorological winter in the Northern Hemisphere and the last day of meteorological summer in the Southern Hemisphere in leap years.

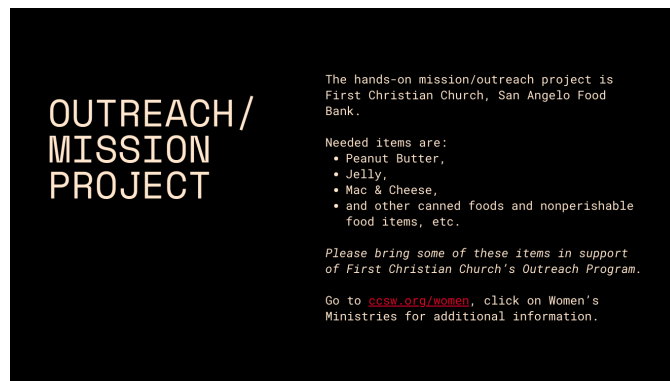
In the Gregorian calendar (the standard civil calendar used in most of the world), February 29 is added in each year that is an integer multiple of four (except for years evenly divisible by 100, but not by 400). The Julian calendar — since 1923 a liturgical calendar — has a February 29 every fourth year without exception.

(Consequently, February 29 in the Julian calendar falls 13 days later than February 29 in the Gregorian, until the year 2100.)

CCSW WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP EVENT MARCH 1-2, 2024



Location: First Christian Church, San Angelo, TX, 2999 N Oaks St., San Angelo, TX 76903



Best Western North Bryant Inn

1418 N. Bryant Blvd.

San Angelo, TX 76903-5248

Phone: 325-617-7990

Hotel Information?

Make Reservations before February 1, 2024

Call 1-325-617-7990; ask for CCSW Rooming Block March 1-2, 2024

- Rooms with two Queen Beds [2 per room]: \$112 + tax per Night (13%)
- Extras in room may be charged \$10 each

SILENT AUCTION

A silent auction will be held with the proceeds going to the CCSW Disciples Women's Operation Fund to help pay the IDWM dues and planning of events for women. Please, bring one or more items to donate from the Disciples Women of your congregation.



The Journey Sunday School Class will continue our study of

1 Timothy

We hope you will join us.

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

The First Epistle to Timothy is one of three letters in the New Testament of the Bible often grouped together as the pastoral epistles, along with Second Timothy and Titus. The letter, traditionally attributed to the Apostle Paul, consists mainly of counsels to his younger colleague and delegate Timothy regarding his ministry in Ephesus (1:3). These counsels include instructions on the organization of the Church and the responsibilities resting on certain groups of leaders therein as well as exhortations to faithfulness in maintaining the truth amid surrounding errors.

Most modern scholars consider the pastoral epistles to have been written after Paul's death, although "a small and declining number of scholars still argue for Pauline authorship".



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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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.

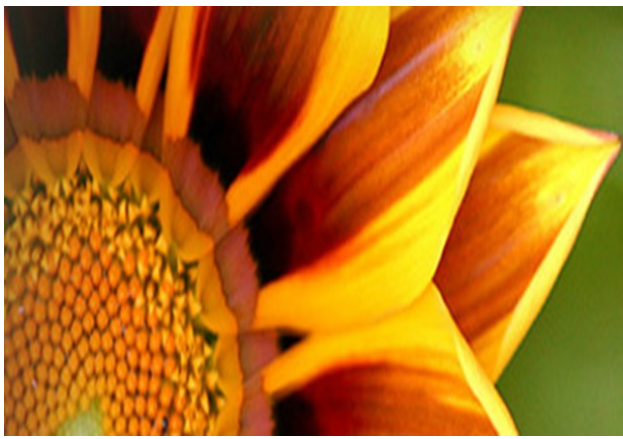
REMEMBER:

WATCH WORSHIP ON MONDAYS **AT 4:00 P.M.**

ON

OUR CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CCCTXK/](https://www.facebook.com/ccctxk/)



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

January 24	5pm	Choir
January 26	4:30pm	Spaghetti Dinner
January 28	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
January 28	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
January 28	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
January 31	5pm	Choir
February 4	11:45am	Fellowship Committee
February 7	5pm	Choir
February 10	10am	Chair Training
February 11	5pm	Soup & Scripture
February 13	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
February 14	5pm	Choir
February 14	6pm	Ash Wednesday service
February 16	7:30am	CMF
February 18	10:40am	Week of Compassion offering
February 18	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon



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.

February 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Meat I-Z: Vegetable or salad	February is African-American History Month			1	2	3
4 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Fellowship Comm.	5	6	7 5pm Choir	8	9	10 10am Chair Training
11 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 5pm Soup & Scripture	12	13 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	14 5pm Choir 6pm Ash Wednesday Service	15	16 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	17
18 Week of Compassion off 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon 5pm Soup & Scripture	19 Presidents Day	20	21 5pm Choir	22	23 4:30pm-6:30pm Spaghetti Dinner	24
25 Week of Compassion off 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off 5pm Soup & Scripture	26 6pm Cabinet Meeting	27	28 5pm Choir	29		

February Birthdays

Elaine Hamilton	2-2
Joe Frost, Sr.	2-8
Susie Howdeshell	2-8
Cameron Lumpkin	2-9
Connie Spears	2-13
Cara Fowler	2-20
George Carpenter, Sr.	2-24
Troy Kern	2-26
Joe Alves	2-28

February Anniversaries

Joe & Dorothy Alves 2-10

Servers for the Weeks Ahead

February 4, 2024

Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman
Hospital Elder: John Beeson
Flower Elder: Mike Martin
Deacons: Glenda Burkhardt & Sheri Thomas

February 11, 2024

Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter
Worship Leader: Lee Nailling
Hospital Elder: Tom Crow
Flower Elder: Teresa Crow
Deacons: Lois Moore & Mae Kidd

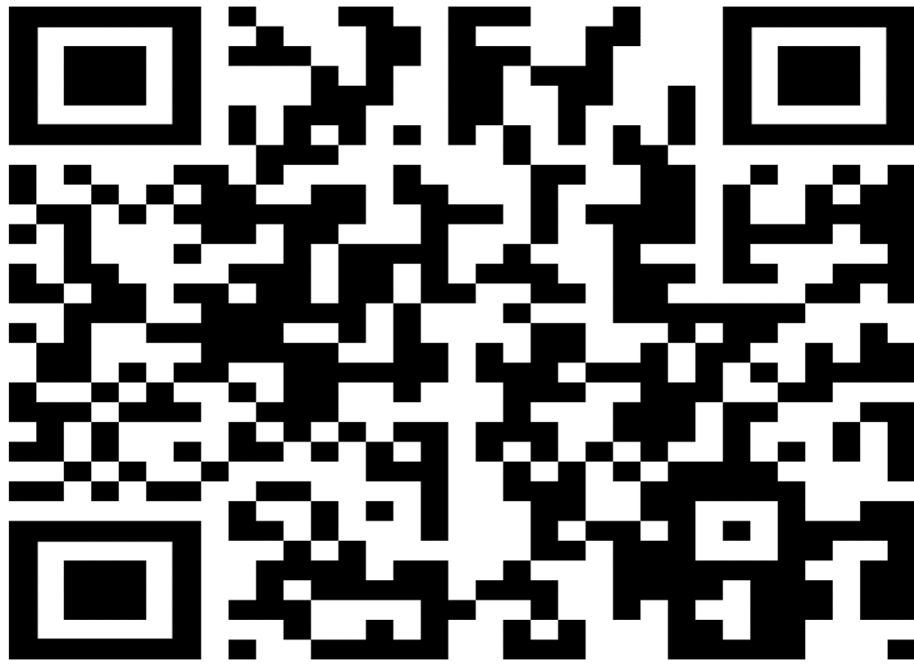
February 18, 2024

Greeters: Mike & Martha Clinton
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Ethan Cole

February 25, 2024

Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore
Worship Leader: Jim Spears
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Harold Taylor & Jerry Thomas





SCAN THIS
QR CODE
TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Betsy Spencer
Amy Smith
Kelley Folmar
Lynn Groening, Julia Carpenter's cousin
Bill Sellke, Sheri Thomas' brother-in-law
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

Carolyn Walker
Anthony Johnson
Ed Shilling, Judy Van Hooser Shilling's husband
Pam Smothermon, Joan Carter's sister
Roy Plhak, friend of Wes Byas
Lee Mays, friend of Teresa Crow
Keith Williams, friend of Tom Crow
Elizabeth Lea, friend of Lee Nailling
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
Elizabeth Cooney, home
Herb Hamilton, The Oaks room 34
Elaine Hamilton, son's home
Jane Watson
Nancy Bair, home
James Thompson, home
Susie Howdeshell, home
Bobbie Roberts, Pat Taylor's mom, The Villa room 300A
Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life



Serving this Sunday
January 28, 2024

Greeters: John & Margie Beeson
Worship Leader: Teresa Crow
Hospital Elder: Mike Martin
Flower Elder: John Beeson
Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Jerry Thomas

January 21, 2024

Attendance: 28
Offering: \$ 4,474.54

This Sunday:

"Negativity"

Scripture:

John 1:43-51

LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalms 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28