

# The Central Christian 411

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*Thank You!*

We feel wonderfully blessed to  
serve the great congregation of

Central Christian Church!

Thank you for our Christmas

Bonuses

And

For being so amazing!

*Beth*

*Ariel*

*Tonya*

*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*



**SATURDAY**

**JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**AT 10:30 A.M.**

**WE WILL BE**

**TAKING DOWN**

**OUR**

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

**DECORATIONS**

**IN THE SANCTUARY.**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO HELP.**

**BINGO**

**JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**FAMILY BINGO**

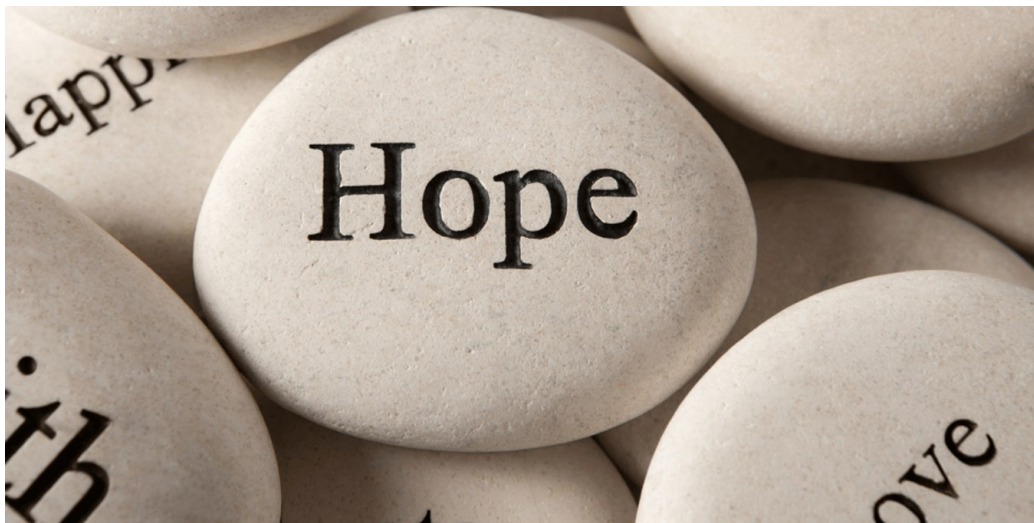
**IN HeBREWS**

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

**FROM 1 to 3 PM**

**Fun4theBrain**

**Y'ALL COME!!**



## HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, JANUARY 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](tel:9032804130).



THURSDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, WILL BE

## NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day on January 11 raises awareness of the persistent issue of human trafficking. Though the entire month of January has already been recognized as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, this day is specifically dedicated to awareness and prevention of the illegal practice. This holiday is also separate from the World Day Against Trafficking Persons, as established by the United Nations. Since the Senate established this day of observance in 2007, it has drawn massive public support from individual donations to government-organized events. The horrific injustice of human trafficking can affect people of any race and background, and on this day we are all called to fight [human trafficking](#) wherever it exists.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, WILL BE

## LAITY SUNDAY

ONE OF OUR OWN MEMBERS

**GLEN HUDSPETH**

WILL BE

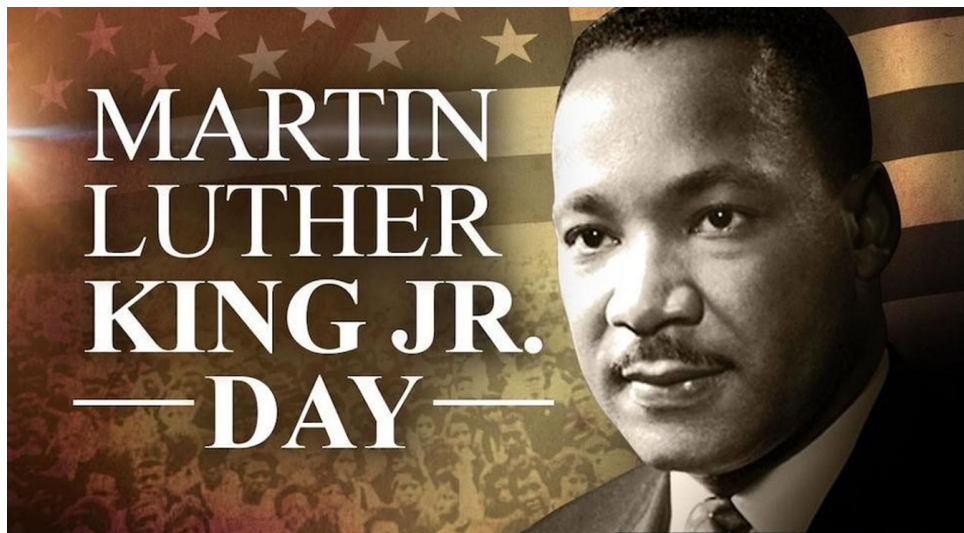
BRINGING THE MESSAGE

SO PLEASE

COME AND SUPPORT A

MEMBER OF OUR

CHURCH FAMILY



**MONDAY**

**JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**IS**

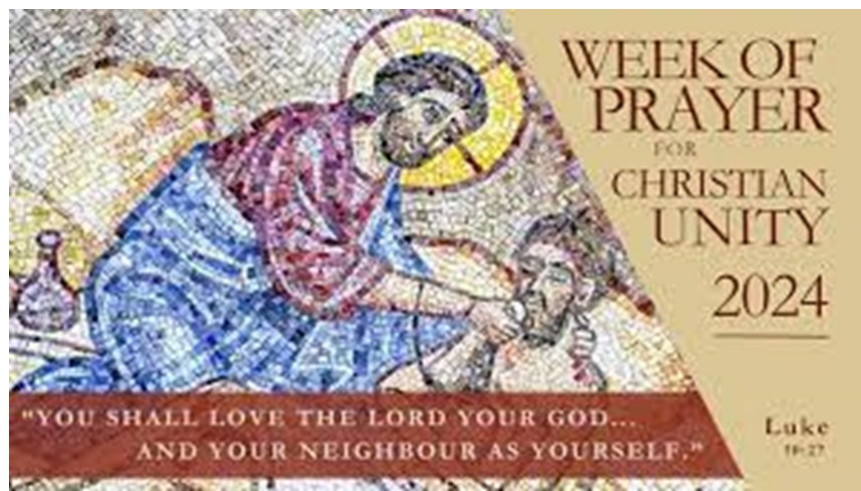
**M.L.K. Jr. DAY.**

**His dream was for a nation,  
a world, unified regardless of  
race. This is what our Lord  
taught, as well.**

**Let us celebrate the DREAM  
and**

**MAKE IT HAPPEN!**





## Luke 10:17-28

<sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup> He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

<sup>21</sup> At that very hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>22</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

<sup>23</sup> Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! <sup>24</sup> For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see but did not see it and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.”

<sup>25</sup> An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” <sup>27</sup> He answered, “**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.**” <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

***JANUARY 18-25***



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

WILL BE MEETING

**Friday, JAN. 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**at 7:30 A.M. at**

*Old Tyme Burger Shoppe*

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



**SUNDAY, JAN. 21<sup>ST</sup>,**

**WE WILL HAVE**

**ONE OF OUR**

**FAMOUS**

**BAKED POTATO**

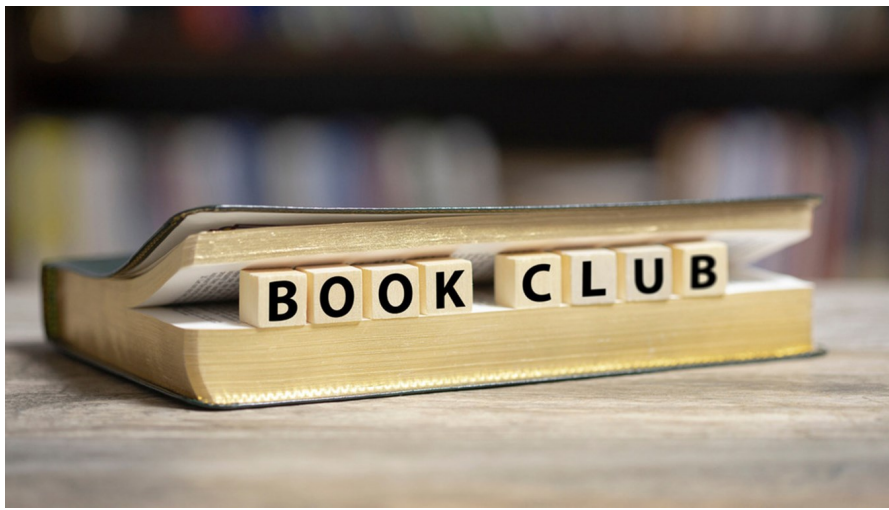
**LUNCHEONS**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING**

**OUR**

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**(DONATIONS ARE REQUESTED FOR THIS LUNCHEON)**



**ON MONDAY, JANUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.**

**IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.**

**TO DISCUSS**

**“GHOSTS OF HONOLULU,”**

**BY**

**MARK HARMON**

**A U.S. naval counterintelligence officer working to safeguard Pearl Harbor; a Japanese spy ordered to Hawaii to gather information on the American fleet. On December 7, 1941, their hidden stories are exposed by a morning of bloodshed that would change the world forever. Scrutinizing long-buried historical documents, NCIS star Mark Harmon and co-author Leon Carroll, a former NCIS Special Agent, have brought forth a true-life NCIS story of deception, discovery, and danger.**

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

# Board Meeting



THERE WILL BE A  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY

JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>

AT 6 P.M.

IN

THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

ALL BOARD MEETINGS ARE VERY

IMPORTANT SO ALL

BOARD MEMBERS

ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE

PRESENT.



# **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**Our Monthly Community Wide**

**Spaghetti Dinner**

**will be**

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

**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**

TRAINING



## Officer & Committee Chair Training

will occur on

**Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>,**

**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.**



SUNDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>th</sup>

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 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.'



# ***The Journey Sunday School Class will begin 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.



**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**

January 6	10:30am	Undecorating sanctuary
January 6	1pm	Bingo
January 7	11:45am	Property Committee
January 9	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
January 10	5pm	Choir
January 11	all day	Human Trafficking Day
January 14	10:40am	Laity Sunday w/Glen Hudspeth preaching
January 14	11:45am	Fellowship Committee Meeting
January 15	all day	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 15	all day	office closed
January 16	11:30am	CWF Day Group
January 17	5pm	Choir
January 18-25	all day	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 19	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
January 21	11:45am	Baked Potato Luncheon
January 22	1pm	Book Club



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.

# January 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Vegetable or salad I-Z: Meat	1 Office closed	2	3 5pm Choir	4	5	6 10:30am Undecorating sanctuary 1pm Bingo
9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Property Comm.	8	9 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	10 5pm Choir	11 Human Trafficking Day	12	13
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9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Baked Potato Luncheon	22 1pm Book Club 6pm General Board Meeting	23	24 5pm Choir	25	26 4:30pm-6:30pm Spaghetti Dinner	27 10am Chair Training
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28						



## January Birthdays

Jim Spears 1-1  
Mary Cobb 1-4  
Seth Byas 1-4  
Laura Byas 1-10  
Glenda Burkhart 1-15  
Rusty Minx 1-15  
Glen Hudspeth 1-16  
Jerry Thomas 1-18  
Sydney Fowler 1-27  
Janet Bennett 1-28  
Hayden Stover 1-31

## January Anniversaries

Mike & Glenda Worley 1-2  
Justin & Cara Fowler 1-16



## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

### January 7, 2024

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth  
Worship Leader: Jim Spears  
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter  
Flower Elder: Joan Carter  
Deacons: Mae Kidd & Ethan Cole

### January 14, 2024

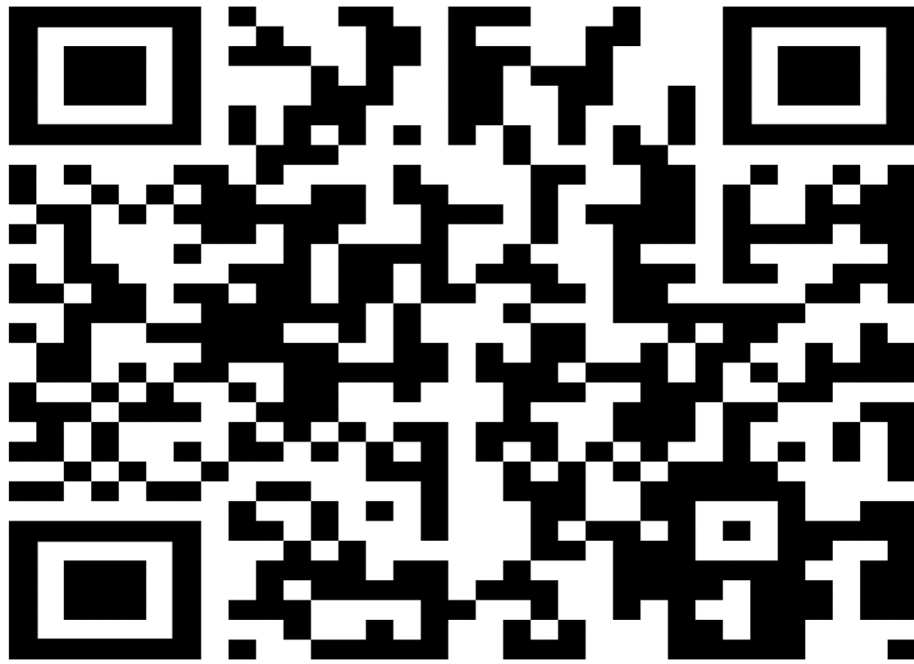
Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter  
Worship Leader: Lee Nailling  
Hospital Elder: Tom Crow  
Flower Elder: Teresa Crow  
Deacons: Glenda Burkhart & Sheri Thomas

### January 21, 2024

Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhart  
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell  
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.  
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter  
Deacons: Lois Moore, Randy King

### January 28, 2024

Greeters: John & Margie Beeson  
Worship Leader: Teresa Crow  
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  
Roy Plhak, friend of Wes Byas  
Kelley Folmar  
Lee Mays, friend of Tom & Teresa Crow  
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 Burkhardt's brother  
Brittney Matthews, Jerry & Sheri Thomas' granddaughter  
Haley Dorn, Jerry & Sheri Thomas' niece  
Mitch Anderson, friend of George & Julia Carpenter

## Ongoing Concerns

Ed Shilling, Judy Van Hooser Shilling's husband  
Keith Williams, friend of Tom Crow  
Elizabeth Lea, friend of Lee Nailing  
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**  
**January 7, 2024**

**Greeters:** Bob & Lynn Wilmoth  
**Worship Leader:** Jim Spears  
**Hospital Elder:** Jack Carter  
**Flower Elder:** Joan Carter  
**Deacons:** Mae Kidd & Ethan Cole

## December 31, 2023

**Attendance:** 34  
**Offering:** \$ 12,449.54  
**Weekly Needs:** \$ 4,379.46  
**Difference:** \$ 8,070.08  
  
**YTD Collected:** \$181,820.35  
**YTD Needed:** \$227,732.00  
**Difference:** \$-45,911.65

## This Sunday:

*"The First Day"*

## Scripture:

**Genesis 1:1-5**

**LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 7, 2024**

**Baptism of the Lord**

**Genesis 1:1-5**

**Psalm 29**

**Acts 19:1-7**

**Mark 1:4-11**