

# The Central Christian 411

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## 2 Samuel 18:5-9

The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

<sup>6</sup> So the army went out into the field against Israel, and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. <sup>7</sup> The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. <sup>8</sup> The battle spread over the face of all the country, and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

<sup>9</sup> Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

<sup>15</sup> And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him and killed him.

<sup>31</sup> Then the Cushite came, and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the LORD has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." <sup>32</sup> The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up to do you harm be like that young man."

<sup>33</sup> The king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept, and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

The story of Absalom leaves many in a quandary. Was it good Absalom was killed to protect King David and David's kingdom? Was it horrible David lost his son in spite of Absalom's taking up arms against his father? Was it a good day or bad day? Can it be both? Was it both? Perhaps there are some of us who have had such a day wherein it was our best day and our worst on the same day. I believe we must say for David, personally, it was his worst day. For David's kingdom it was a good day.

This story is truly about living in the gray area. Jesus talks a great deal about living in the gray area of life and encourages us to keep the faith when we have days like David's.

May the God of encouragement and faith abide in you always, Wes



Friday and Saturday our floors in Disciple Hall and the Hallway in the Admin Building will be stripped and waxed.

***NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ADMIN BUILDING on Friday and Saturday as the process is taking place.***

Our Worship service will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday.

The TNT Sunday school class may enter the Community Room for class but will not be allowed into the rest of the building as the wax is curing. Be sure to use the restroom in the Community Room.

The Journey Sunday school class will meet in HeBrews.

Please observe the signs that will be posted around the Admin. Bldg.

Thank You for helping us beautify our facility.



For one Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, we will move our worship service back to the Sanctuary due to the floor being waxed in Disciple Hall.

**This is a TEMPORARY change** for only one Sunday, then we will resume having our Worship service in Disciple Hall through September. **Thank you** for understanding and remaining faithful in your attendance.

*Thank You!*

A BIG THANK YOU TO

DON BOBO

FOR HIS CRAFTSMANSHIP IN

RESTORING OUR PODIUM

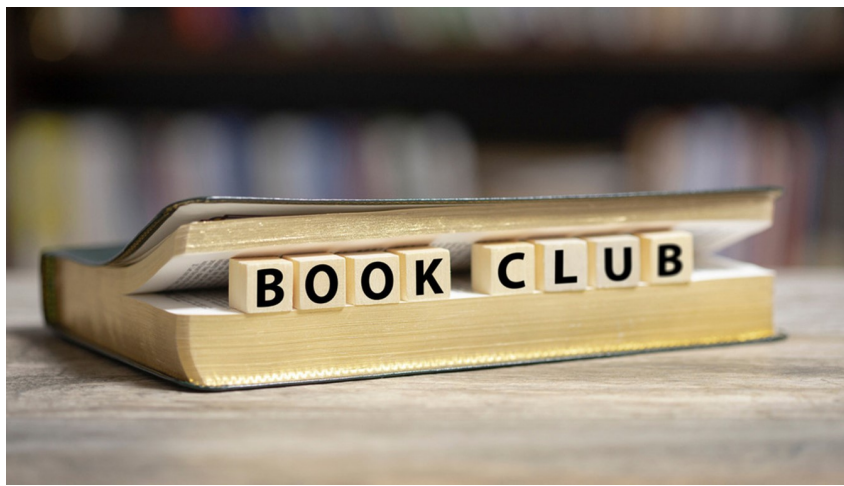
FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICES!

HE DID SUCH A WONDERFUL JOB AND

WE ARE SO THANKFUL!

THANK YOU

MR. BOBO!!!



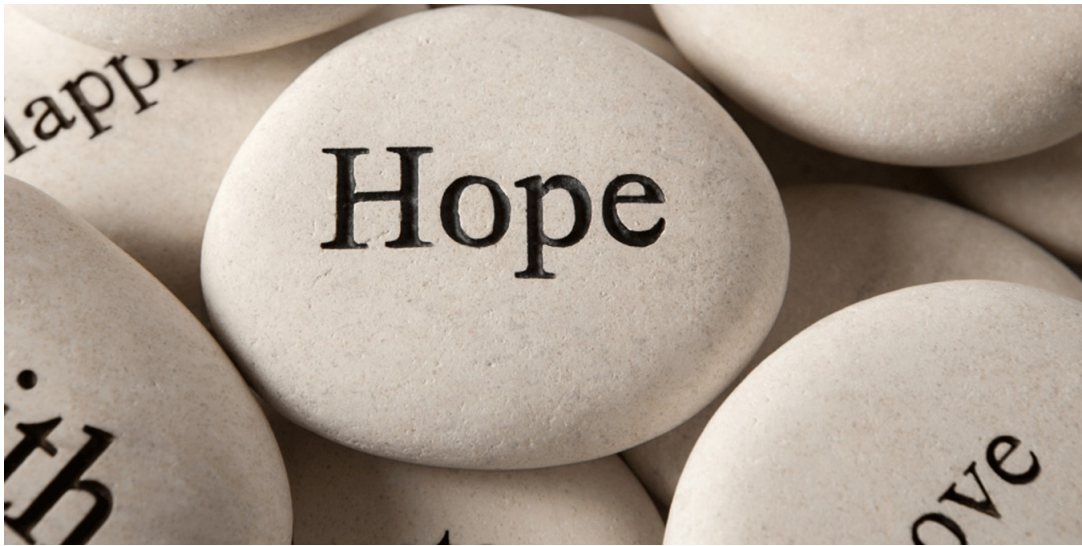
ON MONDAY, AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>  
THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.  
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.  
TO DISCUSS  
**THE WOMEN**  
BY  
**KRISTIN HANNAH**

*Women can be heroes.* When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path.

As green and inexperienced as the men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is over-whelmed by the chaos and destruction of war. Each day is a gamble of life and death, hope and betrayal; friendships run deep and can be shattered in an instant. In war, she meets—and becomes one of—the lucky, the brave, the broken, and the lost.

But war is just the beginning for Frankie and her veteran friends. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protesters, and to a country that wants to forget Vietnam.

***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,  
AUGUST 13<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.



THE

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

WILL BE MEETING

**Friday, AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

***Old Tyme Burger Shoppe***

**Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.**

**Come join us!**



SUNDAY, AUGUST 18<sup>th</sup>

WE HAVE OUR

MONTHLY

# POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE

A-H Meat

I-Z Vegetable or salad

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY

SPECIAL MEAL TO CELEBRATE

GOD'S BLESSINGS!

**\*\*Please bring school supplies to donate\*\***





## Senior Citizen's Day

is celebrated on **21 August each year.**

The celebration took place for the first time in 1991. The day is intended to increase awareness of the factors and issues that affect older adults, such as health deterioration and elder abuse. It is also a day to recognize and acknowledge the contributions of older people to society.

**Senior Citizen's Day** is an opportunity to celebrate and appreciate senior citizens for their services, accomplishments, and dedication



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25<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.'**

# Cabinet Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 26<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.



# MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, IS LABOR DAY

To work is to pray is the motto the Order of St. Benedict adopted.

St. Benedict, the founder of the order, recognized the sacred value of hard work, the notion that through the sweat of our brows and the strength of our arms and backs, we can worship the Creator.

Each of us works, whether with our hands or with our minds. Whether we are builders and teachers, executives or students, all of us spend a good portion of our lives at work. How we do that work and how we treat those who labor to make our world what it is says a lot about how we see the world spiritually.

Let us come together to pray for our  
workforce on this special day!



OUR CHURCH OFFICE

WILL BE CLOSED

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

FOR THE

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

AND

WILL REOPEN ON

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

HAVE A VERY RELAXING

LABOR DAY

HOLIDAY!!!



# NATIONAL WILDLIFE DAY IS WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

America marks National Wildlife Day on September 4. It's an opportunity for everyone to step back, take a deep breath and think about all that surrounds us. It's inspiring to consider preservation and conservation efforts that work to improve the natural world. There remains so much to learn. As Henry David Thoreau once wrote, "In wildness is the preservation of the world." We couldn't agree more. So, let's take a closer look at this special day.



# ***The Journey Sunday School Class will be studying***

## **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter**

We hope you will join us  
for this important study.

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

The authorship of 1 Peter has traditionally been attributed to the Apostle Peter because it bears his name and identifies him as its author (1:1). Although the text identifies Peter as its author, the language, dating, style, and structure of this letter have led most scholars to conclude that it is pseudonymous. Many scholars argue that Peter was not the author of the letter because its writer appears to have had a formal education in rhetoric and philosophy, and an advanced knowledge of the Greek language, none of which would be usual for a Galilean fisherman.

2 Peter, also known as the Second Epistle of Peter and abbreviated as 2 Pet., is an epistle of the New Testament written in Koine Greek. It identifies the author as "Simon Peter (in some translations, 'Simeon' or 'Shimon'), a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:1). The epistle is traditionally attributed to Peter the Apostle, but most scholars consider the epistle pseudepigraphical (i.e., authored by someone one or more of Peter's followers, using Peter as a pseudonym) Scholars estimate the date of authorship anywhere from AD 60 to 150.



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 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/)**



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

CHURCH

OFFICE HOURS

ARE

8 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

MONDAY

THROUGH

FRIDAY

(Lunch 11 am – 12 pm)



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>August 12</b>	1pm	Book Club
<b>August 12</b>	4pm	Events Committee
<b>August 13</b>	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
<b>August 14</b>	6pm	Elders Meeting
<b>August 16</b>	7:30am	CMF
<b>August 18</b>	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
<b>August 21</b>	all day	Senior Citizen's Day
<b>August 25</b>	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
<b>August 25</b>	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
<b>August 26</b>	6pm	Cabinet Meeting
<b>September 2</b>	all day	office closed
<b>September 4</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>September 7</b>	3pm	Bingo
<b>September 9</b>	1pm	Book Club
<b>September 10</b>	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
<b>September 11</b>	5pm	Choir



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 Requests



## IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT PRAYER LIST

In recent discussions with the Southwest Region, it has come to our attention that “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.**

# August 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Potluck Luncheon Last name beginning with: A-H: Meat I-Z: Vegetable or salad						10am-4pm HeBrews reserved
4 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Fellowship Comm.	5 1pm Book Club 4pm Events Committee	6 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	7 6pm Elders Meeting	8 6pm Elders Meeting	9 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	10
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## August Birthdays

Claudine Brown	8-2
Joan Carter	8-7
Randy King	8-8
Michelle Cherry	8-9
James Thompson	8-14
Tom Crow	8-15
Bobbie Atkinson	8-18
Herb Hamilton	8-26
Jamie Bennett	8-31

## August Anniversaries

Rusty & Sharon Minx	8-3
Tom & Teresa Crow	8-7
Glen & Tami Hudspeth	8-9
Harold & Pat Taylor	8-12



## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

### August 4, 2024

Greeters: Cowboy & Neldajo Mathison  
Worship Leader: Sheri Thomas  
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern  
Flower Elder: Alice Kern  
Deacons: Lois Moore & Judy Shilling

### August 11, 2024

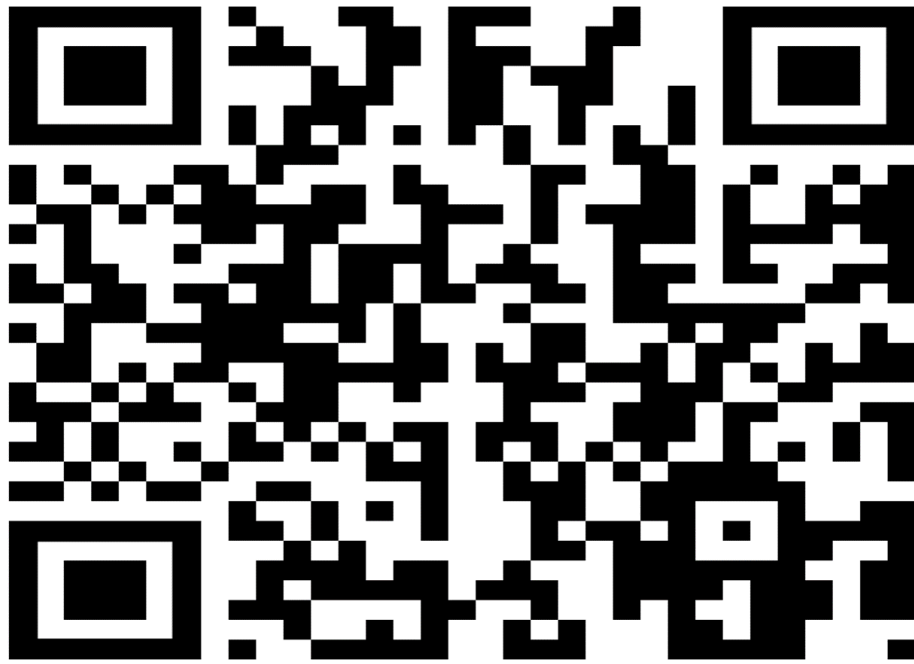
Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter  
Worship Leader: Jim Spears  
Hospital Elder: Tom Crow  
Flower Elder: Teresa Crow  
Deacons: Lynn Wilmoth & Glen Hudspeth

### August 18, 2024

Greeters: Randy & Diane King  
Worship Leader: John Beeson  
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.  
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter  
Deacons: Jamie Bennett & Sheri Thomas

### August 25, 2024

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



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***OUR***  
***CHURCH VIDEO!***

***SHOW***  
***FRIENDS AND FAMILY.***

## Prayer Need

Our Church  
Wes Byas  
Glenda Burkhart  
Connie Spears  
Margie Beeson  
Don Bobo  
Steve Brine, Beth Brine's brother  
Mary Chittenden  
Ellen Allard, Glenda Burkhart's sister-in-law  
Jeanne Phillips, Sheri Thomas' sister  
Shannon Brown, friend of Cara Fowler  
Monica Harper, friend of Cara Fowler  
Bryson Caler, Judy Shilling's nephew  
Shelly Labriola, Jerry & Sheri Thomas' niece  
B.J. Adams, Glenda Burkhart's brother  
Mitch Anderson, friend of George & Julia Carpenter

## Ongoing Concerns

Beth Brine  
Carolyn Walker  
Carolyn Hudspeth  
Anthony Johnson  
Ed Shilling, Judy Shilling's husband  
Bill Griffin, Glenda Burkhart's son-in-law  
Jeane Duren, Beth Brine's aunt

## Homebound

Joe Frost, Sr., home  
Elizabeth Cooney, home  
Herb Hamilton, The Oaks room 34  
Elaine Hamilton, Little River Nursing Home Room 401  
Jane Watson, home  
James Thompson, home  
Susie Howdeshell, home  
Bobbie Roberts, Pat Taylor's mom, The Villa room 207  
Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life



**Serving this Sunday**  
**August 11, 2024**

**Greeters:** Jack & Joan Carter  
**Worship Leader:** Jim Spears  
**Hospital Elder:** Tom Crow  
**Flower Elder:** Teresa Crow  
**Deacons:** Lynn Wilmoth & Glen Hudspeth

**August 4, 2024**

**Attendance:** 36  
**Offering:** \$4,335.54

**This Sunday:**

***"The Life We Live is the Lesson We Teach"***

**Scripture:**

**Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

**LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST 4, 2024**

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a**

**Psalms 51:1-12**

**Ephesians 4:1-16**

**John 6:24-35**

## Memorials

*Nancy Bair*

*Mike & Martha Clinton  
Rob & Camille McGinnis*