

The Central Christian 411



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Genesis 45:3-11

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so you and your household and all you have will not come to poverty.'

The story of Joseph has so many dimensions to it, so many lessons. For example, there is the story of forgiveness. Joseph, betrayed by his jealous brothers, forgave them before he ever saw them because Joseph realized the betrayal by his brothers led him on God's path for him.

There is the story of Joseph's love for his father, immediately asking if his father was still alive.

There is the story of shame when the brothers saw Joseph, whom they betrayed, and how they were so dismayed.

And there is the story of God's love for, compassion for, and mercy for Joseph whom He protected and blessed.

I wonder how many of us have reviewed our lives and seen where God worked for us, to help us through difficult times, to lift us up and sing our praises when we have done well?

May our Compassionate, Loving God abide with you always, Wes



THERE WILL BE AN
ELDERS MEETING

ON THURSDAY,

FEBRUARY 20TH

AT 6 PM

IN THE

COMMUNITY ROOM.

WE WOULD LIKE

ALL ELDERS

TO BE PRESENT.



THE
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, FEB. 21ST

at 7:30 A.M. at

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

**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, FEBRUARY 24th

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,
Board Secretary, Treasurer, and
Assistant Treasurer. The Chair of each
Committee, President of CMF & CWF.



March 5th

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



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER USA

Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action

HISTORY OF WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

In the 19th century, Christian women of the U.S. and Canada began engaging in cooperative activities to support women's involvement in missions across the world. In 1887, Presbyterian women called for a day of prayer for home missions which the Methodist women joined from 1892 to 1894 after calling for a week of prayer. The Baptist started a day of prayer for foreign missions in 1891.

Forming a committee in 1897, women from six denominations would eventually start a united day of prayer for home missions. These women took turns in the other participating denominations and organized the common worship service. In 1912, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions decided that there should be a united day of prayer for foreign missions that would be observed in different parts of the world.

After the success of the Ecumenical Missionary Conference in New York City in 1900, a group of laywomen organized an interdenominational Central Committee for United Study that prepared publications, summer conferences, study days, and courses so that women could be up-to-date about the lives of women in other parts of the world. These courses also enabled them to study biblical foundations and important issues related to mission work. Women took initiatives to organize interdenominational structures that were effective and cooperative in home and foreign missions. In 1908, the women founded the Council of Women for Home Missions that assumed responsibility for the rehabilitation of immigrants and other social issues, and for the preparation of the joint day of prayer. •

MARCH 7, 2025



In a world facing multiple crises that are putting immense pressure on communities, achieving **gender equality** is more vital than ever. Ensuring women's and girls' rights across all aspects of life is the only way to secure prosperous and just economies, and a healthy planet for future generations.

One of the key challenges in achieving **gender equality** by 2030 is an alarming lack of financing with a staggering USD 360 billion annual deficit in spending on **gender-equality** measures.





SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH

WE BEGIN

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

PLEASE BE SURE TO TURN YOUR

CLOCKS & WATCHES

FORWARD 1 HOUR

BEFORE YOU GO TO BED

SATURDAY NIGHT, THE 8TH.



LET'S TALK ABOUT LENT

What is Lent?

Lent is a period of 40 days during which Christians remember the events leading up to and including the death of Jesus Christ, whose life and teachings are the foundation of Christianity.

The 40-day period is called Lent after an old English word meaning 'lengthen'.

This is because of the time of year when it happens, as this is when the days start to get longer, as we approach Summer.

It is a time of reflection and of asking for forgiveness, and when Christians prepare to celebrate Jesus's resurrection at the feast of Easter, which comes at the very end of Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, churches hold special services, at which worshippers are marked with ash.

This is a symbol of death and remembering bad things we have done and is where the day gets its name from.

Typically, the ash is made from burning special crosses made out of palm leaves, which were used in church services on the previous year's Palm Sunday. It is sometimes mixed with special oil.

Why do people give things up until Easter?

Millions of people do this during Lent as a sign of sacrifice and to test their self-discipline.

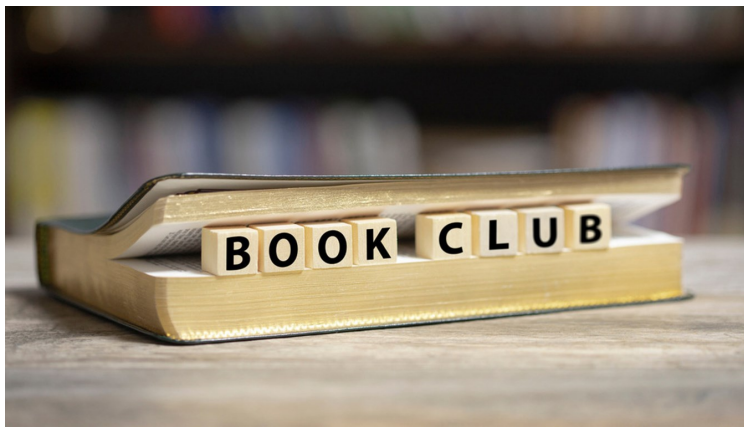
Christians believe this is to represent Jesus Christ's sacrifice when he went into the desert to pray and fast for the 40 days before later dying on the cross.

In the Bible's New Testament, while Jesus was there, he was tempted to turn away from God and worship worldly things instead, but Jesus refused to, which is why people might give something up, in order to test their own self-discipline too.

Lent ends with Holy Week, which leads to Easter Sunday – the most important day in the Christian calendar.

This day marks the resurrection of Jesus after his death on the cross and is a celebration of his life.

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 9th AND ENDS APRIL 6th.



ON MONDAY, MARCH 10th
THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.
TO DISCUSS

FLY GIRLS

BY

Keith O'Brien

Between the world wars, no sport was more popular, or more dangerous, than airplane racing. While male pilots were lauded as heroes, the few women who dared to fly were more often ridiculed—until a cadre of women pilots banded together to break through the entrenched prejudice.

Fly Girls weaves together the stories of five remarkable women: Florence Klingensmith, a high school dropout from Fargo, North Dakota; Ruth Elder, an Alabama divorcee; Amelia Earhart, the most famous, but not necessarily the most skilled; Ruth Nichols, who chafed at her blue blood family's expectations; and Louise Thaden, the young mother of two who got her start selling coal in Wichita. Together, they fought for the chance to fly and race airplanes—and in 1936, one of them would triumph, beating the men in the toughest air race of them all.



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY,

MARCH 11TH

IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

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.



SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH

WE HAVE OUR

MONTHLY

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE

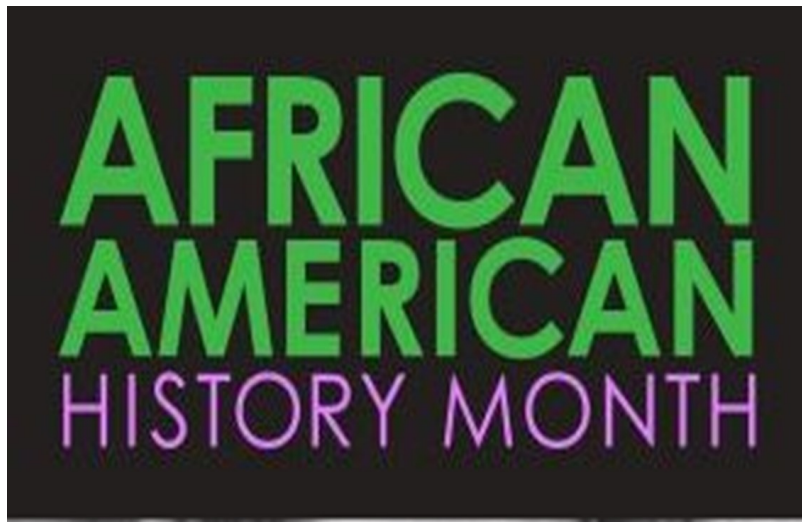
A-H: Vegetable or Salad

I-Z: Meat

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY

SPECIAL MEAL TO CELEBRATE

GOD'S BLESSINGS!



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.



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

Gospel of Mark

We hope you will join us
for this important study.

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

Most scholars date Mark to closely after AD 70. They reject the traditional ascription to Mark the Evangelist, the companion of the Apostle Peter, which probably arose from the desire of early Christians to link the work to an authoritative figure, and believe it to be the work of an author working with various sources including collections of miracle stories, controversy stories, parables, and a passion narrative. It was traditionally placed second, and sometimes fourth, in the Christian canon, as an inferior abridgement of what was regarded as the most important gospel, Matthew. The Church has consequently derived its view of Jesus primarily from Matthew, secondarily from John, and only distantly from Mark. It was only in the 19th century that Mark came to be seen as the earliest of the four gospels, and as a source used by both Matthew and Luke. The hypothesis of Marcan priority (that Mark was written first) continues to be held by the majority of scholars today, and there is a new recognition of the author as an artist and theologian using a range of literary devices to convey his conception of Jesus as the authoritative yet suffering Son of God.



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

LETTER TO THE ROMANS

We study various books of the Bible
and recently completed

NEHEMIAH

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.



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CCC BALL CAP

AND

T-SHIRT

CAN BE YOURS FOR

ONLY \$20 EACH!!!

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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 its own controls.

It has now become necessary, in an attempt to control the cost of heating and cooling in our Sanctuary/Education building, to turn off ALL units except in the sanctuary. Therefore, the parlor and HeBrews will no longer have AC/Heating units on. If you wish to use the parlor or HeBrews, please let the Property Committee Chair, Lee Nailling, know. It will also be necessary to reserve the parlor or HeBrews by booking it through our Admin. Assistant, Tonya Shumake.

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.

***ATTENTION ALL ELDERS
AND
BOARD MEMBERS!!***

In an effort to increase attendance at our Elder meetings and Board meetings, we would like you to sign up for text messaging so you can receive reminders of meetings.

THIS IS NOT A GROUP TEXT!

No one will receive your phone number through this messaging service! If anyone responds to a text it goes straight to the messaging computer system, not you. This is a completely safe way to receive reminders without risking your privacy.

Please follow the instructions below to sign up for the messaging service.

We need **ALL** of you to do this, please.



Central Christian will be sending out text messages to remind members of upcoming meetings. To receive text messages, please text ccctxk to 292929, as shown above, to have your number put on our list.

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

February 20	6pm	Elders Meeting
February 21	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
February 23	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
February 23	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
February 24	6pm	Cabinet Meeting
February 26	5pm	Choir
March 2	11:45am	Fellowship Committee
March 5	5pm	Choir
March 5	6pm	Ash Wednesday service
March 7	all day	World Day of Prayer
March 8	all day	International Women's Day
March 9		Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 10	1pm	Book Club
March 11	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
March 12	5pm	Choir



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 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.

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 2, 2025

Greeters: Jack Carter & Joan Carter
Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhardt
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Harold Taylor & Jerry Thomas

February 9, 2025

Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhardt
Worship Leader: Lee Nalling
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Lois Moore & Mae Kidd

February 16, 2025

Greeters: Harold Taylor & Pat Taylor
Worship Leader: Jerry Thomas
Hospital Elder: Tom Crow
Flower Elder: Teresa Crow
Deacons: Pat Taylor & Sondra Bedwell

February 23, 2025

Greeters: Tom Crow & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Bob Wilmoth
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Harold Taylor & Jerry Thomas



March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>St. Patrick's Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Vegetable/salad I-Z: Meat</p>						
<p>9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Fellowship Comm</p>			<p>5pm Choir 6pm Ash Wednesday Service</p>			
<p>Daylight Saving Time Begins 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service</p>	<p>1pm Book Club</p>	<p>6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group</p>	<p>5pm Choir</p>			
<p>9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon</p>			<p>5pm Choir</p>		<p>7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger</p>	
<p>9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off</p>	<p>6pm General Board Meeting</p>		<p>5pm Choir</p>			
<p>9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am 5th Sunday Breakfast 10:40am Worship Service</p>						

March Birthdays

Tami Hudspeth	03-01
George Carpenter, Jr.	03-06
Joseph Cunningham	03-08
Jim Cox	03-14
Alice Kern	03-14
Pat Taylor	03-14
Steven Howdeshell	03-25

March Anniversaries

David & Michelle Cherry 03-20

Servers for the Weeks Ahead

March 2, 2025

Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore
Worship Leader: Teresa Crow
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Mike Martin
Deacons: Jamie Bennett & Judy Shilling

March 9, 2025

Greeters: Cowboy & Neldajo Mathison
Worship Leader: Lee Nailling
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhardt

March 16, 2025

Greeters: Troy & Patia Kern
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth
Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth
Deacons: Mae Kidd & Sheri Thomas

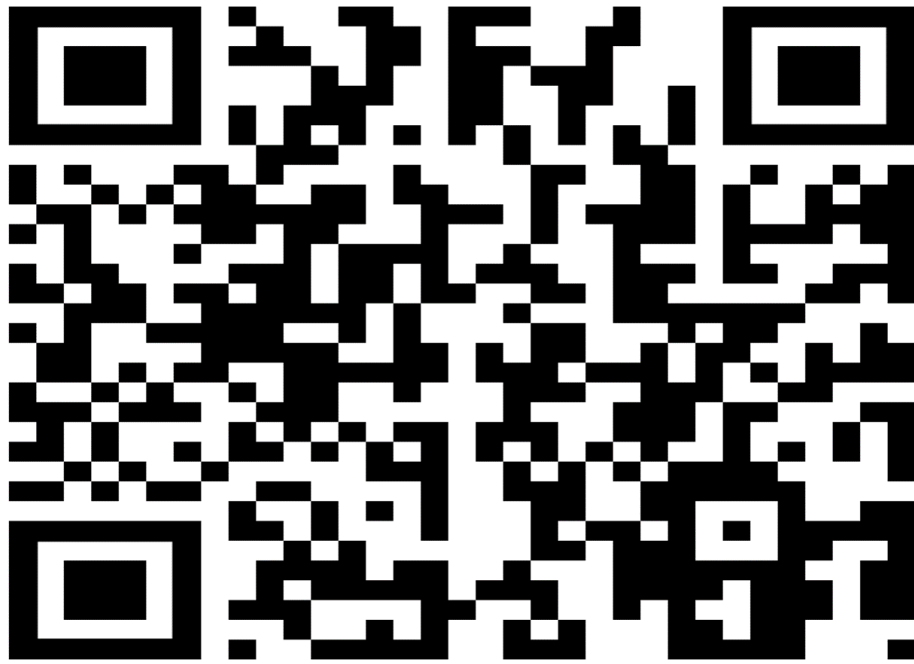
March 23, 2025

Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas
Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhardt
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Ethan Cole & Glen Hudspeth

March 30, 2025

Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman
Hospital Elder: Tom Crow
Flower Elder: Teresa Crow
Deacons: Bob Wilmoth & Jamie Bennett





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TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church
 Wes Byas
 Mike Worley
 Richard Burkhart
 Bobbie Atkinson
 Joe Alves
 John Beeson
 Joyce Sellke, Sheri Thomas' sister

Ongoing Concerns

Joe Frost, Sr.
 Margie Beeson
 Randy Thomas, Jerry Thomas' brother
 Marie Barfoot, friend of Julia Carpenter
 Ellen Allard, Glenda Burkhart's sister-in-law
 Glenda Worley
 Emily Smith, Wes' niece
 Carolyn Walker
 Bryson Caler, Judy Shilling's nephew
 Jeanne Phillips, Sheri Thomas' sister
 Monica Harper, friend of Cara Fowler
 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

Betty Caudle, home
 Elizabeth Cooney, home
 Herb Hamilton, Little River Nursing & Rehab Rm. 117
 Elaine Hamilton, Little River Nursing & Rehab Rm. 117
 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
February 23, 2025

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Bob Wilmoth
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Harold Taylor & Jerry Thomas

February 16, 2025

Attendance: 32
Offering: \$9,402.25

This Sunday:

“The Two Become One....Temporarily”

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 15:42-50

LECTIONARY FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2025
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38

IN LOVING ♥
Memory

Mary Chittenden Jim & Connie Spears