

The Central Christian 411



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2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ 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 no longer know him in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! 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 God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so in him we might become the righteousness of God.

When you think of an ambassador what do you envision? What exactly does an ambassador do? Here's how the dictionary defines ambassador:

A person who acts as a representative or promoter of a specified activity.

This raises two questions for followers of Jesus. First, do YOU represent and promote Christ in a manner in which all who meet you and know you can clearly hear and see you are a follower of Christ Jesus?

Second, what IS the specified activity of Christ Jesus you represent and promote? In other words, just exactly what do you tell people about Christ and more importantly what exactly do you role model concerning Christ Jesus, meaning what can people see in your life that tells them you are a follower of Christ?

All too often those who say they are followers of Christ Jesus don't role model the Lord. They demonstrate in their lives prejudice, greed, unkindness, haughty spirits, cruelty, judgmentalism, unforgiveness, and a lack of love for others.

Paul says, "...in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them....."

Do you count the trespasses of others against them? Or are you forgiving like God?

May the God of Love & Forgiveness be with you always, Wes



SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH, IS OUR
5TH SUNDAY BREAKFAST!

ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE
(AND WE HOPE ALL OF YOU DO)

PLEASE BRING A
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST FOOD ITEM

COME JOIN US AT 9:30 A.M. IN

BREAKING BREAD

AS WE CELEBRATE

OUR LORD

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Please designate the number of plants you wish to order and how you want the Sunday bulletin insert to read. The completed form should be returned to the church office or placed in the offering plate by April 4th with the payment of \$15.00 each attached.

Number of plants: _____

Payment amount enclosed: _____

Please check either in memory or in honor and print the name of the person or people you wish to remember or honor.

_____ In Memory _____ In Honor _____

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Please print the donor's name the way you wish it to appear in the Easter Bulletin.

Please pick up your Easter Lilies after the worship service on April 20th.

ORDER DEADLINE: Friday, April 4, 2025.

BINGO

APRIL 5TH

IN

COMMUNITY ROOM

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

From 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Fun4theBrain

Y'ALL COME!!



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY,

APRIL 8TH

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](tel:9032804130).



S E R V I C E

A P R I L 13TH

Be sure to bring family & friends to

**CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S
ENTRY INTO
JERUSALEM**

Worship service begins
at 10:40 a.m.



SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH

WE HAVE OUR

MONTHLY

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

OUR

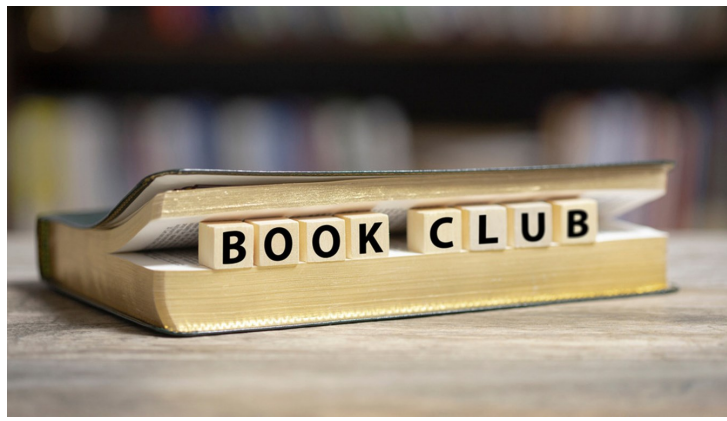
WORSHIP SERVICE

THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE
IS PROVIDING HAM AND ROLLS

BRING SIDES, PLEASE

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY

SPECIAL MEAL



ON MONDAY, APRIL 14th
THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.
TO DISCUSS

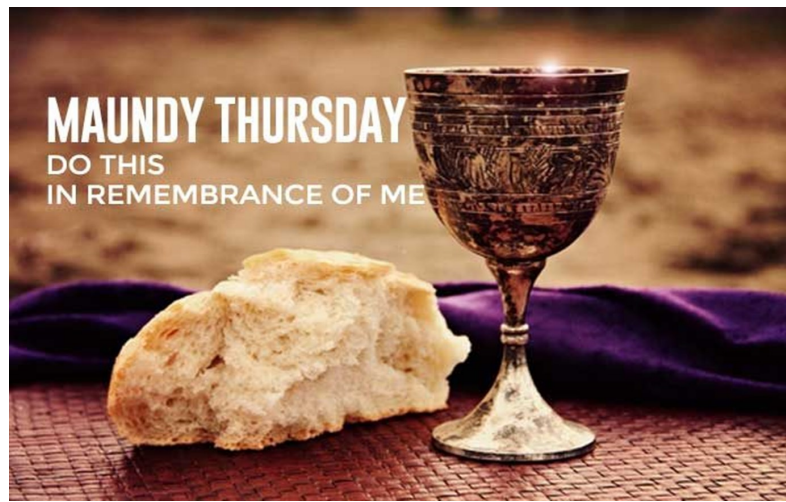
THE LONELY HEARTS BOOK CLUB

BY

LUCY GILMORE

Sloane Parker lives a small, contained life as a librarian in her small, contained town. She never thinks of herself as lonely...but still she looks forward to that time every day when old curmudgeon Arthur McLachlan comes to browse the shelves and cheerfully insult her. Their sparring is such a highlight of Sloane's day that when Arthur doesn't show up one morning, she's instantly concerned. And then another day passes, and another.

Anxious, Sloane tracks the old man down only to discover him all but bedridden...and desperately struggling to hide how happy he is to see her. Wanting to bring more cheer into Arthur's gloomy life, Sloane creates an impromptu book club. Slowly, the lonely misfits of their sleepy town begin to find each other, and in their book club, find the joy of unlikely friendship. Because as it turns out, everyone has a special book in their heart—and a reason to get lost (and eventually found) within the pages.



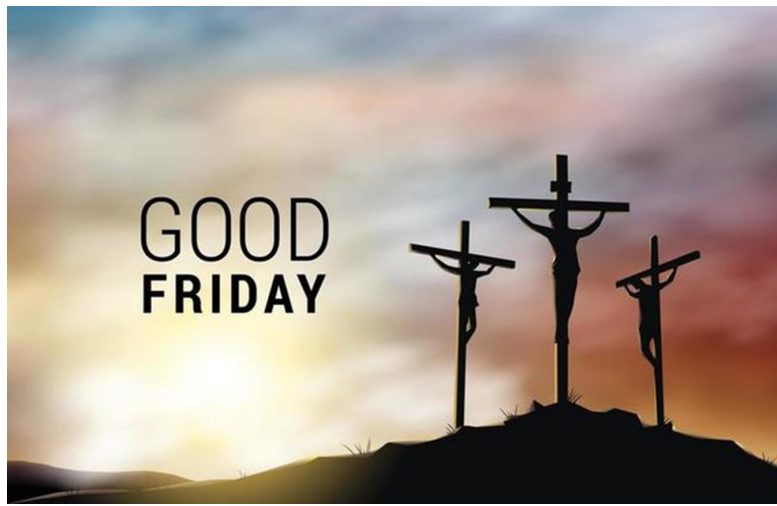
Why “**Maundy**” Thursday?

The Thursday before Easter is known as either **Maundy** Thursday, or **Holy** Thursday.

Maundy is derived from the Latin word for "command," and refers to Jesus' commandment to the disciples to

"Love one another as I have loved you."

Join us **April 17TH** for Maundy Thursday, 6 pm



OUR SANCTUARY

WILL BE OPEN

FROM

10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

FOR

PRAYER &

MEDITATION

ON

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 18, 2025



THE
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, APRIL 18TH

at 7:30 A.M. at

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



EASTER SUNDAY

is

APRIL 20TH

Bring family and friends as we

CELEBRATE

the resurrection of

our

Lord & Savior!!!

Worship service begins

at 10:40 a.m.



OUR CHURCH OFFICE

WILL BE CLOSED

ON

MONDAY, APRIL 21ST

FOR

EASTER HOLIDAY

AND

WILL REOPEN ON

TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND

HAVE A

BLESSED EASTER!!!



TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND

All TOGETHER now!

This is the moment to change it all — the business climate, the political climate, and how we take action on climate. Now is the time for the unstoppable courage to preserve and protect our health, our families, our livelihoods... together, we must Invest in Our Planet.

Because a green future is a prosperous future.

We need to act (boldly), innovate (broadly), and implement (equitably). It's going to take all of us. All in. Businesses, governments, and citizens — everyone accounted for, and everyone accountable. A partnership for the planet.

And while there is still time to solve the climate crisis, time to choose BOTH a prosperous and sustainable future, and time to restore nature and build a healthy planet for our children and their children, time is short.

The Earth Day 2025 Theme is Invest in Our Planet.

What Will You Do?

For Earth Day 2025, together, for everyone, everything, every day...



APRIL 25, 2025

The United States was one of the first countries in the world to celebrate Arbor Day, a holiday dedicated to tree planting.

National Arbor Day in the USA is celebrated on the last Friday in April. Besides, each state celebrates its own state tree planting holiday. Arbor Day was founded by Julius Sterling Morton, a Nebraska newspaper editor, agriculturalist and statesman. Morton was a respected agriculturalist fascinated with trees he planted numerous trees on his estate.

Currently, his former mansion and estate serve as Arbor Lodge State Historical Park. Morton came up with the idea of celebrating Arbor Day in the early 1870s. The first celebration was held in Nebraska on April 10, 1872.

Its participants planted an estimated one million trees throughout the state. By the 1920s, each state had passed laws that stipulated a certain day to be state Arbor Day. In some states, the holiday was named Arbor and Bird Day. In Nebraska, Arbor Day is a civic holiday. National Arbor Day in the United States was established as a state holiday in 1885. It was moved from April 10 (its original date proposed by Morton) to April 22 (Morton's birthday). In 1989, the holiday was moved to the last Friday in April. On this day, Americans are encouraged to plant trees, bushes, and plants (if weather conditions allow) and care for their national environment.



SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 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, APRIL 28th

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.



***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.



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 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,

Upcoming Events & Services

March 26	5pm	Choir
March 30	9:30am	5th Sunday Breakfast
April 2	5pm	Choir
April 4	3pm	Deadline to order Easter Lilies
April 5	1:30pm-3:30pm	Bingo
April 8	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
April 9	5pm	Choir
April 12	10:30am-5pm	Disciple Hall reserved
April 13	all day	Palm Sunday
April 13	10:40am	Easter offering
April 13	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
April 14	1pm	Book Club
April 16	5pm	Choir
April 17	6pm	Maundy Thursday service
April 18	all day	Good Friday
April 18	7:30am	CMF @ Old Time Burger
April 18	10am-2pm	Sanctuary open for prayer and meditation



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.

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Potluck Luncheon: Fellowship Committee is providing ham and rolls. Please bring other dishes to fill in.</p>	<p>Easter Offering will be taken up on April 13th and 20th</p>					
<p>9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service</p>						
<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group</p>	<p>9 5pm Choir</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 3pm Easter Lily order forms due</p>	<p>12 10:30am-5pm Disciple Hall reserved</p>
<p>Palm Sunday 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon</p>	<p>1pm Book Club</p>					
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 5pm Choir</p>	<p>17 6pm Maundy Thursday service</p>	<p>18 Good Friday 7:30am CME @ Old Tyme Burger 10am-2pm Sanctuary open for prayer and meditation</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>Easter Sunday 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service</p>	<p>Office closed</p>	<p>Earth Day</p>			<p>Arbor Day</p>	
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</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 Cabinet Meeting</p>		<p>5pm Choir</p>			
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>			

April Birthdays

Judy Shilling	04-03
Jeffrey Turner	04-07
Lynn Wilmoth	04-13
Jennifer Watson	04-25
Stan Brummal	04-27
Nancy Thompson	04-28
Sarah Launius	04-28
Jordan Lumpkin	04-28
Robert Kern	04-29

April Anniversaries

Wes & Laura Byas	04-07
Chad & Jamie Bennett	04-24



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

April 6, 2025

Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter
Worship Leader: Troy Kern
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons: Glen Hudspeth & Judy Shilling

April 13, 2025

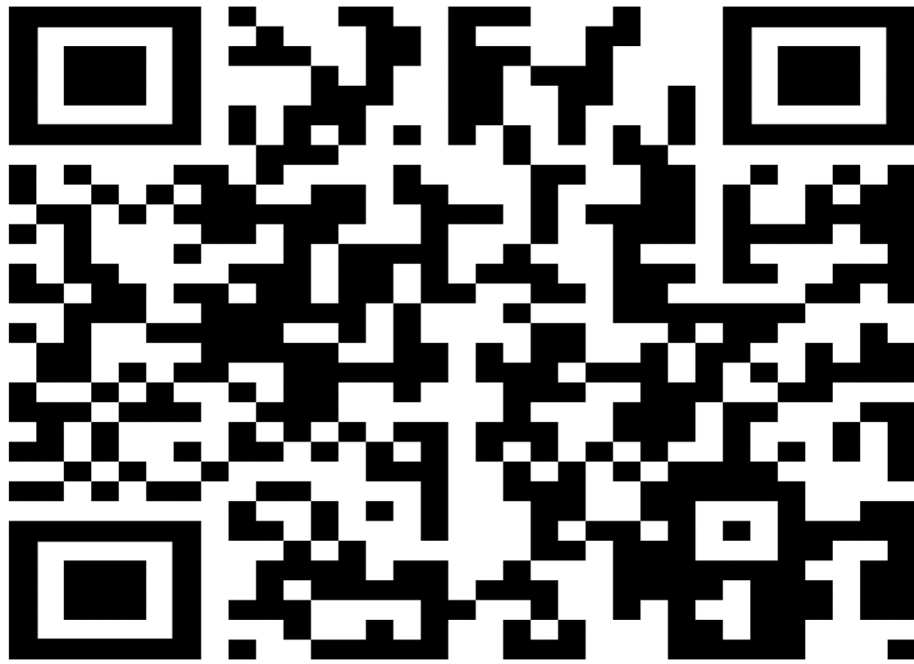
Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Lee Nailing
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Ethan Cole & Mae Kidd

April 20, 2025

Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas
Worship Leader: Mike Lamb
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Sheri Thomas & Glenda Burkhardt

April 27, 2025

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth
Worship Leader: Sheri Thomas
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Jack Duncan & Ethan Cole



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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 Elaine Hamilton
 Dorothy Alves
 Brad Smith, Judy Shilling's nephew
 Laura Byas
 Mike Worley
 Joe Alves
 John Beeson

Ongoing Concerns

Richard Martin
 Randy Thomas, Jerry Thomas' brother
 Larry Moore, Mack Thomas' uncle
 Lonnie Hale, friend of Jerry Thomas
 Marie Barfoot, friend of Julia Carpenter
 Ellen Allard, Glenda Burkhart's sister-in-law
 Glenda Worley
 Emily Smith, Wes' niece
 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

Joe Frost, Sr., The Cottages at Texarkana
 Margie Beeson, Golden Villa in Atlanta
 Betty Caudle, home
 Elizabeth Cooney, home
 Herb & Elaine Hamilton, LR 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
March 30, 2025

Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Bob Wilmoth & Jamie Bennett

March 23, 2025

Attendance: 22
Offering: \$3,163.37

This Sunday:

"IDENTITY"

Scripture:

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

LECTIONARY FOR MARCH 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:3-9-12

Psalm 32

1 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

IN LOVING ♥
Memory

Elaine Hamilton

Alice Coleman
Lois Moore