

# The Central Christian 411



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**March 5, 2025**

## **Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,

who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>2</sup> will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust."

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
the Most High your dwelling place,

<sup>10</sup> no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> On their hands they will bear you up,  
so you will not dash your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

<sup>14</sup> Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.

<sup>15</sup> When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble;  
I will rescue them and honor them.

<sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy them  
and show them my salvation.

In this Psalm David tells the reader if we abide in the Lord, the Lord will be a refuge and fortress we can trust, and our dwelling place is with the Lord. These great words of comfort will hopefully echo in the hearts and minds of all believers, knowing the Lord will rescue us and honor us, as we honor Him.

May the God of rescue and honor abide in you always,   Wes



**March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**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**



## 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 9<sup>TH</sup>

WE BEGIN

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

PLEASE BE SURE TO TURN YOUR

CLOCKS & WATCHES

FORWARD 1 HOUR

BEFORE YOU GO TO BED

SATURDAY NIGHT, THE 8<sup>TH</sup>.



# 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.

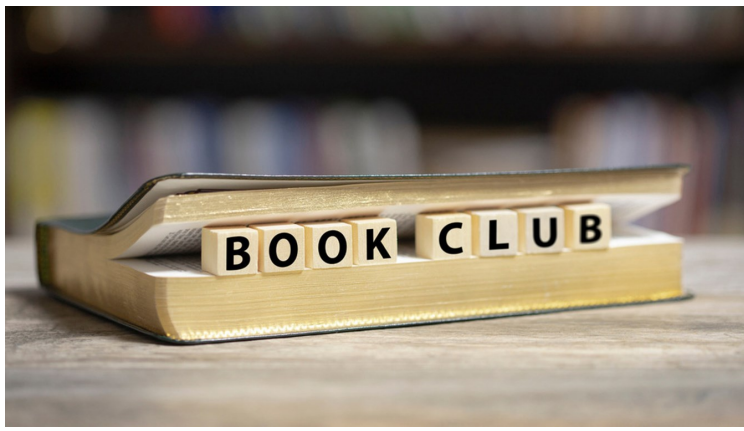
Christians believe this is to represent Jesus Christ's sacrifice when he went into the desert to pray and fast for the 40 days before later dying on the cross.

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 MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> AND ENDS APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>.**



ON MONDAY, MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>  
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 11<sup>TH</sup>

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 ***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.





SUNDAY, MARCH 16<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!



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

WILL BE MEETING

**Friday, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>**

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

*Old Tyme Burger Shoppe*

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



**SUNDAY, MARCH 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.'**



# Board Meeting

THERE WILL BE A  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY

MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>

AT 6 P.M.

IN

THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

ALL BOARD MEETINGS ARE VERY

IMPORTANT SO ALL

BOARD MEMBERS

ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE

PRESENT.



SUNDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>, IS OUR  
5<sup>TH</sup> 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



***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/)**



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 ccctxk 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 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 | 4pm     | Events Committee                 |
| March 11 | 6pm     | Hope Remains Grief Support Group |
| March 12 | 5pm     | Choir                            |
| March 13 | 3pm     | Worship Committee                |
| March 16 | 11:45am | Potluck Luncheon                 |
| March 19 | 5pm     | Choir                            |
| March 21 | 7:30am  | CMF @ Old Tyme Burger            |
| March 23 | 4pm     | Randy Sams Prep                  |
| March 23 | 6pm     | Randy Sams drop off              |
| March 24 | 6pm     | General Board                    |
| March 26 | 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.**

# March 2025

| Sun   | Mon                             | Tue  | Wed   | Thu                     | Fri                                | Sat                            |
|---|---------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| St. Patrick's Potluck Luncheon:<br>Last name beginning with:<br>A-H: Vegetable/salad<br>I-Z: Meat                               |                                 |  |   |                         |                                    | 1                              |
| 2<br>9am Elders in Prayer<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:40am Worship Service<br>11:45am Fellowship Comm                         | 3<br>1pm Book Club              | 4<br>4pm Events Comm.  | 5<br>5pm Choir<br>6pm Ash Wednesday Service | 6<br>3pm Worship Comm.  | 7<br>World Day of Prayer           | 8<br>International Women's Day |
| 9<br>Daylight Saving Time Begins<br>9am Elders in Prayer<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:40am Worship Service                     | 10<br>1pm Book Club             | 11<br>4pm Events Comm.<br>6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group | 12<br>5pm Choir                             | 13<br>3pm Worship Comm. | 14<br>7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger | 15                             |
| 16<br>9am Elders in Prayer<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:40am Worship Service<br>11:45am Potluck Luncheon                       | 17<br>6pm General Board Meeting | 18<br>4pm Events Comm.   | 19<br>5pm Choir                             | 20<br>3pm Worship Comm. | 21<br>7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger | 22                             |
| 23<br>9am Elders in Prayer<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:40am Worship Service<br>4pm Randy Sams Prep<br>6pm Randy Sams drop off | 24<br>6pm General Board Meeting | 25<br>4pm Events Comm.   | 26<br>5pm Choir                             | 27<br>3pm Worship Comm. | 28                                 | 29                             |
| 30<br>9am Elders in Prayer<br>9:30am 5th Sunday Breakfast<br>10:40am Worship Service  | 31                              |  |   |                         |                                    |                                |

## 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: Bob Wilmoth  
Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth  
Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth  
Deacons: Mae Kidd & Sheri Thomas

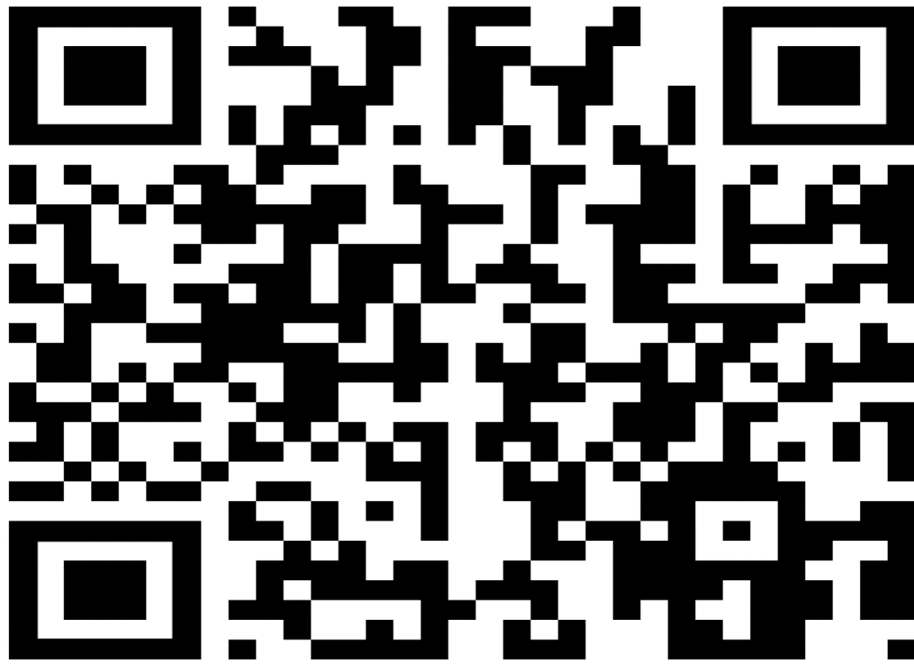
### March 23, 2025

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

### March 30, 2025

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





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*CHURCH VIDEO!*

*SHOW*  
*FRIENDS AND FAMILY.*

# Weekly Info

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## Prayer Need

Our Church  
Wes Byas  
Dorothy Alves  
Brad Smith, Judy Shilling's nephew  
Laura Byas  
Mike Worley  
Richard Burkhart  
Bobbie Atkinson  
Joe Alves  
John Beeson  
Joyce Sellke, Sheri Thomas' sister

## Ongoing Concerns

Joe Frost, Sr.  
Margie Beeson  
Richard Martin  
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**  
**March 9, 2025**

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

**March 2, 2025**

**Attendance:** 32  
**Offering:** \$5,452.92

## This Sunday:

Jim Spears will be preaching.

## LECTIONARY FOR MARCH 9, 2025

### First Sunday in Lent

**Deuteronomy 26:1-11**  
**Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16**  
**Romans 10:8b-13**  
**Luke 4:1-13**



**Change of  
Address**

Richard Martin  
805 Indian Mallow  
Seguin, TX 78155