

# The Central Christian 411



**Volume 16, Issue 14**

**April 2, 2025**

## **Isaiah 43:16-21**

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down; they cannot rise;  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things  
or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
so they might declare my praise.

So often in scripture we see references to God making “things” new, “all things new” and saying He will “do a new thing,” which is truly who our God is. A God of newness! Notice in verse 18 we are told: “Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.” Unfortunately, the Sanhedrin and many of those in Jewish Leadership did not heed these words. It was precisely because Jesus brought a NEW message and reminded the leaders of the Jewish faith God is a God of the NEW and called old them to let go of the past and embrace the new. How many of us need to hear these words and accept them?

May the God of Newness walk with you always, Wes

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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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\_\_\_\_\_ In Memory    \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor    \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ In Memory    \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor    \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In Memory    \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor    \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**ORDER DEADLINE: Friday, April 4, 2025.**

**BINGO**

**APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**IN**

**COMMUNITY ROOM**

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

**From 1:30 to 3:30 PM**

**Fun4theBrain**

**Y'ALL COME!!**

A decorative black border with floral motifs at the top and bottom, and scrollwork on the sides, framing the text.

## CWF/DWM Blog

CWF will meet on Tuesday,  
April 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in

Disciple Hall for lunch with our meeting  
following in the Community Room.

Our lunch will be sloppy joes, coleslaw,  
chips, fruit and dessert.

Connie will bring our study and our  
service project is the Heifer Project.

We are also collecting new toys for the  
nursery

Please come and bring a friend.

See you there!



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY,

APRIL 8<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](tel:9032804130).

04.12.25 | 2:00PM

\$20 IN ADVANCE | \$25 AT THE DOOR

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# GYPSY BUNCO

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
903 WALNUT STREET



SCAN FOR TICKETS





S E R V I C E

A P R I L 13<sup>TH</sup>

Be sure to bring family & friends to

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

Worship service begins  
at 10:40 a.m.



SUNDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>

WE HAVE OUR

MONTHLY

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE

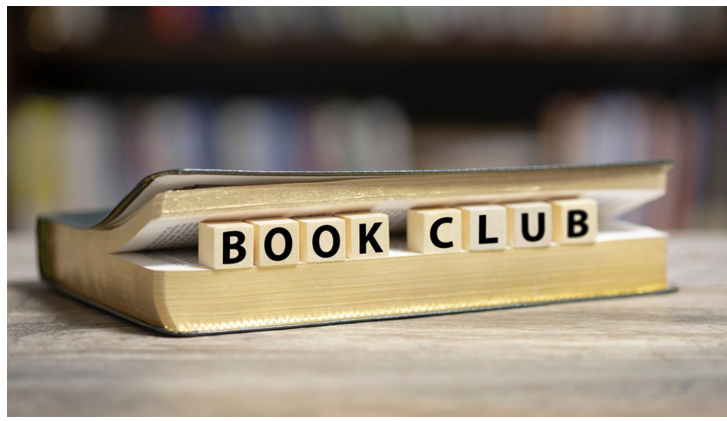
THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE  
IS PROVIDING HAM AND ROLLS

BRING SIDES, PLEASE

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY

SPECIAL MEAL





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

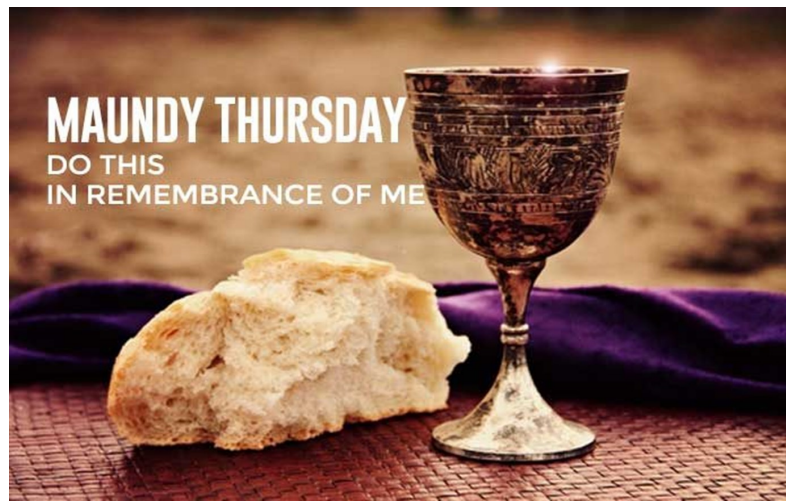
## **THE LONELY HEARTS BOOK CLUB**

**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 17<sup>TH</sup>** 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 18<sup>TH</sup>**

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

*Old Tyme Burger Shoppe*

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



E A S T E R   S U N D A Y

is

A P R I L 20<sup>TH</sup>

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 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**FOR**

**EASTER HOLIDAY**

**AND**

**WILL REOPEN ON**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**HAVE A**

**BLESSED EASTER!!!**



**TUESDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**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 28<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, 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**

<b>April 2</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>April 4</b>	3pm	Deadline to order Easter Lilies
<b>April 5</b>	1:30pm-3:30pm	Bingo
<b>April 8</b>	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
<b>April 9</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>April 12</b>	10:30am-5pm	Disciple Hall reserved
<b>April 13</b>	all day	Palm Sunday
<b>April 13</b>	10:40am	Easter offering
<b>April 13</b>	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
<b>April 14</b>	1pm	Book Club
<b>April 16</b>	5pm	Choir
<b>April 17</b>	6pm	Maundy Thursday service
<b>April 18</b>	all day	Good Friday
<b>April 18</b>	7:30am	CMF @ Old Time Burger
<b>April 18</b>	10am-2pm	Sanctuary open for prayer and meditation
<b>April 20</b>	all day	Easter Sunday w/Easter offering



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.**



# 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>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>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>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>			
						<p>5 1:30pm-3:30pm Bingo</p>
					<p>4 3pm Easter Lily order forms due</p>	
						<p>12 10:30am-5pm Disciple Hall reserved</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 Lanius	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

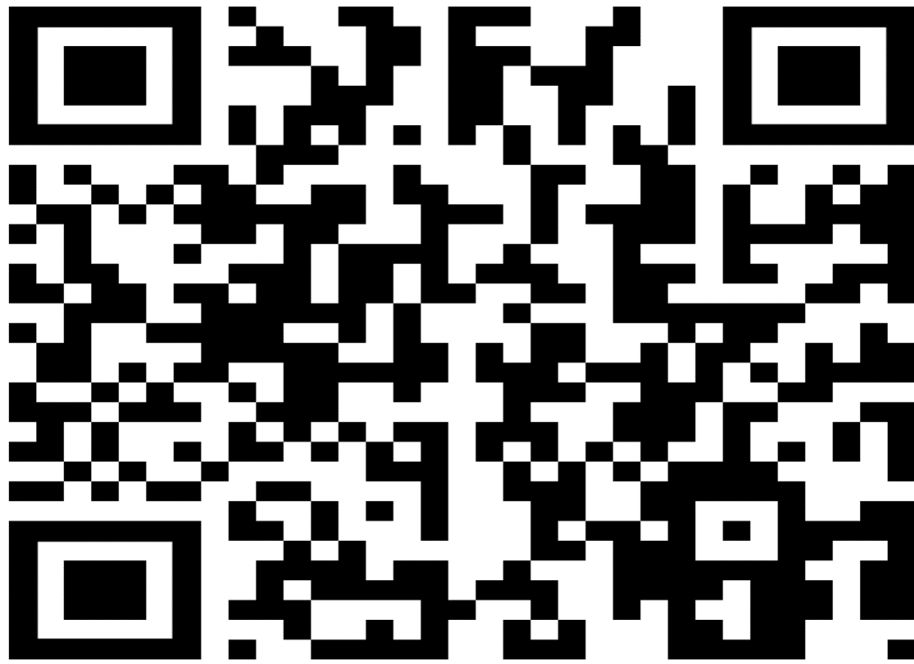
Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow  
Worship Leader: Lee Nailing  
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern  
Flower Elder: Alice Kern  
Deacons: Ethan Cole & Mae Kidd

### 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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*OUR*  
*CHURCH VIDEO!*

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*FRIENDS AND FAMILY.*

# Weekly Info

## Prayer Need

Our Church  
 Wes Byas  
 Gaylen Ramsey, Neldajo's son-in-law  
 Dorothy Alves  
 Brad Smith, Judy Shilling's nephew  
 Laura Byas  
 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  
 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 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**  
**April 6, 2025**

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

**March 30, 2025**

**Attendance:** 33  
**Offering:** \$6,086.75

**This Sunday:**

***"Know Thy Self"***

**Scripture:**

**Philippians 3:4b-14**

**LECTIONARY FOR APRIL 6, 2025**  
***Fifth Sunday in Lent***

**Isaiah 43:16-21**  
**Psalm 126**  
**Philippians 3:4b-14**  
**John 12:1-8**

IN LOVING  
*Memory*

*Elaine Hamilton*

*Jack & Joan Carter*