

The Central Christian 411



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Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

¹² "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶ "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
And let everyone who hears say, "Come."
And let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes, take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The Book of Revelation was written by John of Patmos. Patmos is an island in the Aegean Sea that at one time was used as a prison, a place where the Roman Empire sent undesirables. It is on this island John had visions and recorded them. It was a time of turmoil for the church where many people were leaving the church due to the persecution of Christians. It was John's intention apparently, to uplift martyrs, to bolster the faith, and to reassure Christians Jesus would avenge their deaths.

While we know from the teachings of Jesus, he would never kill his or your enemies, ("You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you: **Love your enemies** and pray for those who persecute you, so you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous." Matthew 5:43-48) John felt it necessary to portray Jesus in such a light to give Christians at the time, hope.

What kinds of thoughts and readings do you embrace to give you hope? Would you portray Jesus as a killer of enemies in spite of his teachings? Part of being a "faithful follower," is to be faithful to the "teachings" of Jesus as written in Matthew 5:43-48. It is easy to give into hate and vengeance and hard to follow Jesus and Jesus said as much. But shouldn't we try no matter what the circumstance?

May the God of Love and Compassion be with you always, Wes



SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST

WE WILL HAVE A

CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING

TO VOTE ON

A NEW VOTING

ELDER

TO

FILL THE

ELDER VACANCY

LEE NAILING

LEFT



JUNE 5, 2025

World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated annually on 5 June and encourages awareness and action for the protection of the environment. It is supported by many non-governmental organizations, businesses, government entities, and represents the primary United Nations outreach day supporting the environment.

First held in 1974, it has been a platform for raising awareness on environmental issues as marine pollution, overpopulation, global warming, sustainable development and wildlife crime. World Environment Day is a global platform for public outreach, with participation from over 143 countries annually, including participation from:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, Poland,

South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand and the United States.

Every year, the program has provided a theme and forum for businesses, non-government organizations, communities, politicians and stars to advocate environmental causes.



JUNE 7TH

IN THE

COMMUNITY ROOM

From 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Fun4theBrain

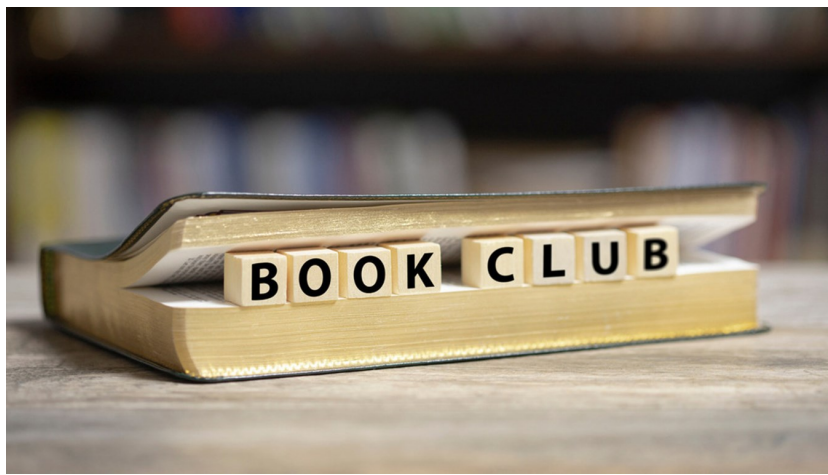
Y'ALL COME!!



JUNE 8TH
IS
PENTECOST
SUNDAY!

BE SURE TO WEAR
RED

FOR THIS CELEBRATION OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT.



ON MONDAY, JUNE 9th

THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.

IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

TO DISCUSS

THE BOOK WOMAN OF TROUBLESOME CREEK

BY

KIM MICHELE RICHARDSON

The hardscrabble folks of Troublesome Creek have to scrap for everything—everything except books, that is. Thanks to Roosevelt's Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project, Troublesome's got its very own traveling librarian, Cussy Mary Carter.

Cussy's not only a book woman, however, she's also the last of her kind, her skin a shade of blue unlike most anyone else. Not everyone is keen on Cussy's family or the Library Project, and a Blue is often blamed for any whiff of trouble. If Cussy wants to bring the joy of books to the hill folks, she's going to have to confront prejudice as old as the Appalachias and suspicion as deep as the holler.

Inspired by the true blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service of the 1930s, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* is a story of raw courage, fierce strength, and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere—even back home.



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY,

JUNE 10TH

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.



THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH, IS WOMEN VETERANS DAY!

Women Veterans Day is observed on June 12 in the United States, a date chosen to mark the anniversary of the **Women's Armed Services Integration Act**. The date is not recognized nationally, but is recognized by a number of states, either through legislation or proclamation, and organizations. The stated goal of Women Veterans Day varies somewhat by state, but can generally be acknowledged as an effort to honor the work of women in the **United States Armed Forces** and recognize the unique challenges that they have faced. The date was first recognized when the New York State Assembly declared June 12, 2008, to be Women Veterans' Recognition Day.



FATHER'S DAY

IS

SUNDAY, JUNE 15th

MAKE PLANS NOW TO BRING YOUR
DAD!

WE WILL HAVE A POTLUCK
LUNCHEON AFTER WORSHIP!



SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH

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!

JUNETEENTH

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2025

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Cel-Liberation Day or the Black Fourth of July, is an American holiday that commemorates June 19, 1865.

On this day, after almost two and half years since the implementation of the Emancipation Proclamation, enslaved African Americans were informed of their liberation from the slavery present in the former Confederate States of America. Texas was the most remote of the slave states, and the Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863, was not enforced there until after the Civil War had ended. The name of the observance is a portmanteau of "June" and "nineteenth", the date of its celebration.

At first celebrations involved church-centered community gatherings in Texas. It spread across the South and became more commercialized in the 1920s and 1930s. Often the centerpiece was a food festival. A third stage was reached in the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s, when the focus became the story of struggle for postwar civil rights. The 1970s saw a fourth stage, which returned the focus to African American freedom and arts. By the 21st century Juneteenth was celebrated in most major cities across the United States. Activists are pushing Congress to recognize Juneteenth as a national holiday. Juneteenth is recognized as a state holiday or special day of observance in 46 of the 50 states.

Observance is primarily in local celebrations. Traditions include public readings of the Emancipation Proclamation, singing traditional songs such as "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Lift Every Voice and Sing", and reading of works by noted African-American writers such as Ralph Ellison and Maya Angelou. Celebrations include rodeos, street fairs, cookouts, family reunions, park parties, historical reenactments, or Miss Juneteenth contests.



THE
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, **JUNE 20TH**

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

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 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.**

John 13:34-35

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Cabinet Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 23rd

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.



SUNDAY, JUNE 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



***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, Jim Spears, 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, please email or call the church office at (903) 792-1915 and let Tonya know.

Upcoming Events & Services

June 1	10:40am	Pentecost offering
June 1	11:45am	Congregational Meeting
June 5	all day	World Environment Day
June 7	1:30pm	Bingo
June 8	all day	Pentecost
June 8	10:40am	Pentecost offering
June 9	1pm	Book Club
June 10	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
June 12	all day	Women Veterans Day
June 15	all day	Father's Day
June 15	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
June 19	all day	Juneteenth
June 20	all day	World Refugee Day
June 20	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger



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.

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Congregational Mtg.	2	3	4	5 World Environment Day	6	7 1:30pm-3:30pm Bingo
8 Pentecost Sunday 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	9 1pm Book Club	10 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	11	12 Women Veterans Day	13	14
15 Father's Day 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20 World Refugee Day 7:30am CME @ Old Tyme Burger	21
22 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	23 6pm Cabinet Meeting	24	25	26	27	28
29 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am 5th Sunday Breakfast 10:40am Worship Service	30				Potluck luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Meat I-Z: Vegetable/salad	Pentecost offering taken up on June 1st and 8th

June Birthdays

Jane Watson	6-01
Lisa Kern	6-15
Glenda Worley	6-16
Alan Bennett	6-28
Angela Duddy	6-28
Betsy Spencer	6-29

June Anniversaries

James & Nancy Thompson	6-05
Stan & Pat Brummal	6-20
Alan & Janet Bennett	6-23



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

June 1, 2025

Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons: George Carpenter, Jr. & Julia Carpenter

June 8, 2025

Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter
Worship Leader: Mike Lamb
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Bob Wilmoth & Lynn Wilmoth

June 15, 2025

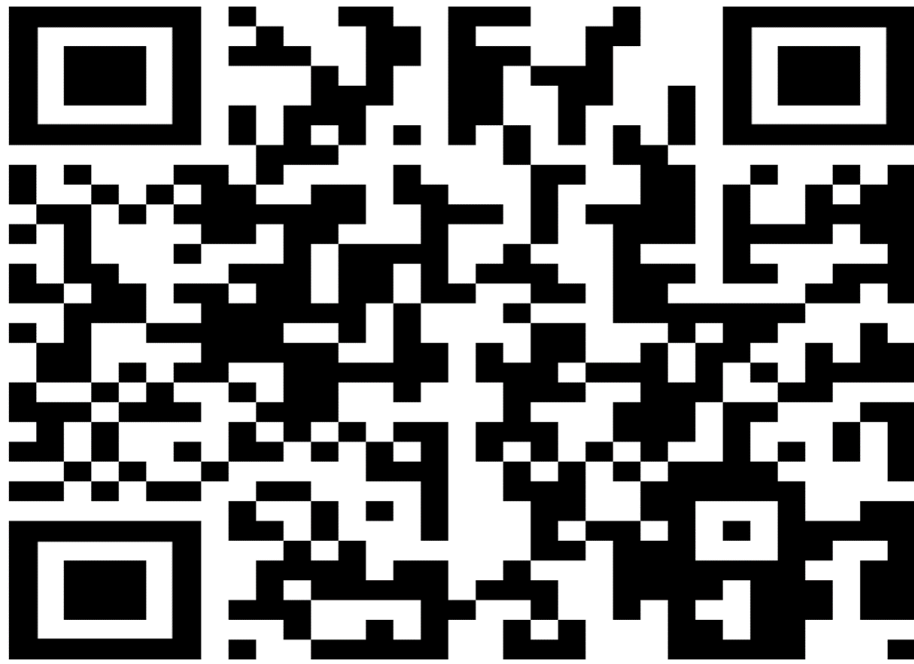
Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern
Worship Leader: Bob Wilmoth
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Jamie Bennett & Sheri Thomas

June 22, 2025

Greeters: Ethan Cole & Alice Coleman
Worship Leader: Jim Spears
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Glenda Burkhart & Mae Kidd

June 29, 2025

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: Tom Crow
Flower Elder: Teresa Crow
Deacons: Glen Hudspeth & Tami Hudspeth



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TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

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Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Barbara DePriest, Valerie DePriest's mother-in-law
Jane Watson
Claudine Brown
Janice Dorn, Sheri Thomas' sister
Michael Lamb, Jr.
Donna Lee, Robert Kern's sister
Glenda Burkhart
Mike Worley
John Beeson

Ongoing Concerns

Dorothy Alves
Laura Byas
Joe Alves
Gaylen Ramsey, Neldajo's son-in-law
Rhonda Hunter, friend of George & Julia Carpenter
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
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., Encompass Rehab Room 256B
Margie Beeson, Golden Villa in Atlanta Room 404
Betty Caudle, home
Elizabeth Cooney, home
Herb 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
June 1, 2025

Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore

Worship Leader: Alice Coleman

Hospital Elder: Jim Spears

Flower Elder: Connie Spears

Deacons: George Carpenter, Jr. & Julia Carpenter

May 25, 2025

Attendance: 32

Offering: \$1,544.92

This Sunday:

"Taking Advantage"

Scripture:

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17-21

LECTIONARY FOR JUNE 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34

Psalms 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26