

# The Central Christian 411



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## **Acts 9:36-43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The gospel writer Luke also wrote the Book of Acts. In doing so we often tells stories very similar to the ones in his gospel. For example, what verses in Luke do you find similar to the above passage? Look at Luke 8:54

<sup>49</sup> While he was still speaking, someone came from the synagogue leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer." <sup>50</sup> When Jesus heard this, he replied, "Do not be afraid. Only believe, and she will be saved." <sup>51</sup> When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James and the child's father and mother. <sup>52</sup> Everyone was weeping and grieving for her, but he said, "Do not cry, for she is not dead but sleeping." <sup>53</sup> And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. <sup>54</sup> But taking her by the hand, he called out, "Child, get up!" <sup>55</sup> Her spirit returned, and she stood up at once, and he directed them to give her something to eat. <sup>56</sup> Her parents were astounded, but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

You may recall when Jesus told his disciples they would not only do what he did, but even greater things. Luke tells us such was true and Peter is proof.

May the God of great miracles fill you with possibilities, Wes



Mental Health Awareness Month (also referred to as Mental Health Month) has been observed in May in the United States since 1949. The month is observed with media, local events, and film screenings.

Mental Health Awareness Month began in the United States in 1949 and was started by:

Mental Health America (MHA)

(then known as the National Association for Mental Health).

Each year in mid-March Mental Health America releases a *toolkit of materials* to guide preparation for outreach activities during Mental Health Awareness Month.

During the month of May, MHA, its affiliates, and other organizations interested in mental health conduct a number of activities which are based on a different theme each year.



SUNDAY, MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, WE WILL BE  
CELEBRATING

MOTHER'S DAY

HERE AT  
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BRING YOUR MOTHER TO CHURCH  
ON THIS SPECIAL DAY AND EVERY  
SUNDAY!



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY,

MAY 13<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.



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

WILL BE MEETING

**Friday, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

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

*Old Tyme Burger Shoppe*

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



COMING  
MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>!  
OUR ANNUAL  
FISH FRY & AUCTION!

Tickets: \$20 Adults/\$10 Kids 10>

Doors Open at 6 pm

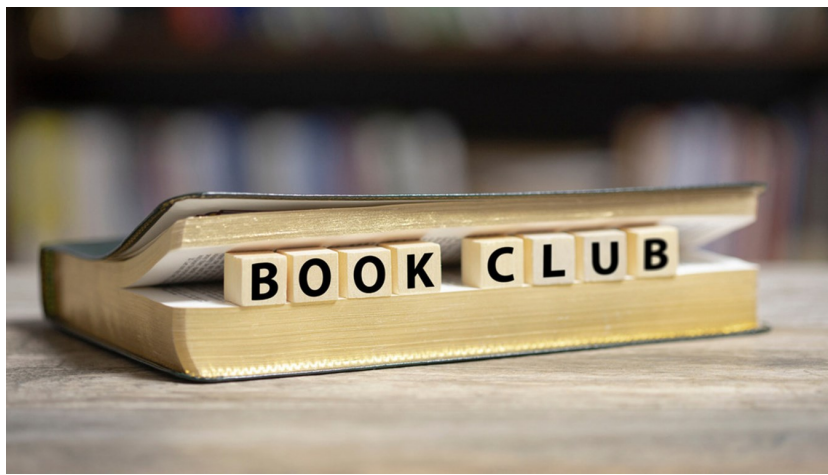
Begin Serving at 6:30 pm

For Auction: Bring New Items in Advance.

*Bring Baked Goods  
on Day of Auction.*

AUCTION WILL INCLUDE 2 DALLAS  
COWBOYS TICKETS!





ON MONDAY, MAY 19<sup>th</sup>  
THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.  
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.  
TO DISCUSS

**DRAGON TEETH: A NOVEL**

**BY**

**Michael Crichton**

The year is 1876. Warring Indian tribes still populate America's western territories even as lawless gold-rush towns begin to mark the landscape. In much of the country it is still illegal to espouse evolution. Against this backdrop two monomaniacal paleontologists pillage the Wild West, hunting for dinosaur fossils, while surveilling, deceiving and sabotaging each other in a rivalry that will come to be known as the Bone Wars.

Into this treacherous territory plunges the arrogant and entitled William Johnson, a Yale student with more privilege than sense. Determined to survive a summer in the west to win a bet against his arch-rival, William has joined world-renowned paleontologist Othniel Charles Marsh on his latest expedition. But when the paranoid and secretive Marsh becomes convinced that William is spying for his nemesis, Edwin Drinker Cope, he abandons him in Cheyenne, Wyoming, a locus of crime and vice. William is forced to join forces with Cope and soon stumbles upon a discovery of historic proportions. With this extraordinary treasure, however, comes exceptional danger, and William's newfound resilience will be tested in his struggle to protect his cache, which pits him against some of the West's most notorious characters.

A page-turner that draws on both meticulously researched history and an exuberant imagination, *Dragon Teeth* is based on the rivalry between real-life paleontologists Cope and Marsh; in William Johnson readers will find an inspiring hero only Michael Crichton could have imagined. Perfectly paced and brilliantly plotted, this enormously winning adventure is destined to become another Crichton classic.



# Board Meeting

THERE WILL BE A  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY

MAY 19<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.





THERE WILL BE AN  
ELDERS MEETING  
ON TUESDAY,  
MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 6 PM  
IN THE  
COMMUNITY ROOM.  
WE WOULD LIKE  
ALL ELDERS  
TO BE PRESENT.



**SUNDAY, MAY 25, 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.'**



## **MAY 26<sup>th</sup> IS MEMORIAL DAY**

*We walked among the crosses  
Where our fallen soldiers lay.  
And listened to the bugle  
As TAPS began to play.  
The Chaplain led a prayer  
We stood with heads bowed low.  
And I thought of fallen comrades I had known so long ago.  
They came from every city  
Across this fertile land.  
That we might live in freedom.  
They lie here 'neath the sand.  
I felt a little guilty  
My sacrifice was small.  
I only lost a little time  
But these men lost their all.  
Now the services are over  
For this Memorial Day.  
To the names upon these crosses, I just want to say,  
Thanks for what you've given  
No one could ask for more.  
May you rest with God in heaven  
From now through evermore.*



THE CHURCH OFFICE

WILL BE CLOSED

MONDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

FOR

MEMORIAL DAY

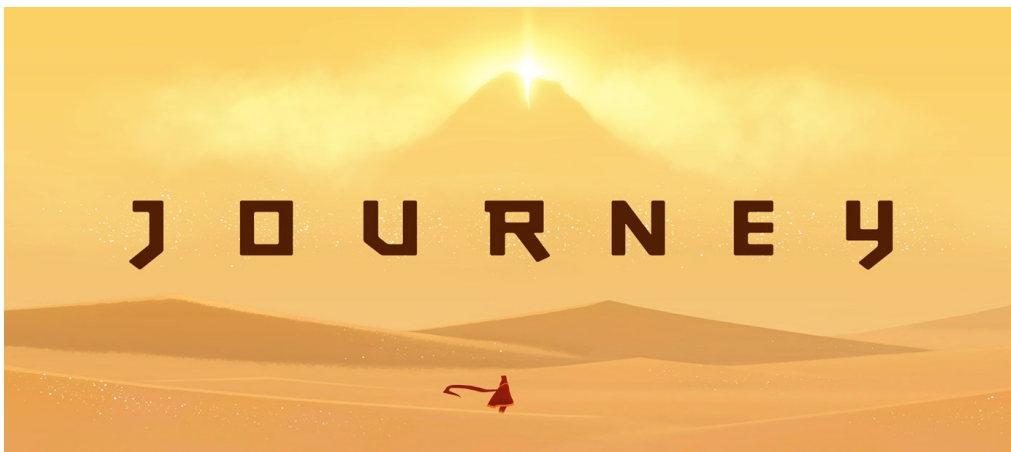
AND

WILL REOPEN ON

TUESDAY, MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

HAVE A BLESSED

MEMORIAL DAY!!!



***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.

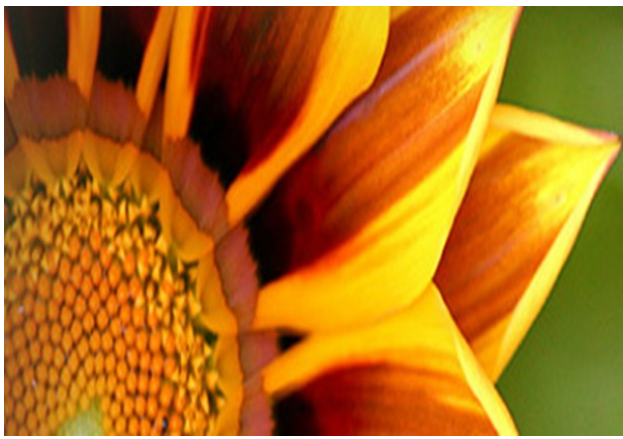
REMEMBER:

WATCH WORSHIP ON MONDAYS **AT 4:00 P.M.**

ON

OUR CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE

**[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CCCTXK/](https://www.facebook.com/ccctxk/)**



# 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 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

<b>May 8</b>	4pm	Steering Committee
<b>May 11</b>	all day	Mother's Day
<b>May 13</b>	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
<b>May 16</b>	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
<b>May 17</b>	6pm	Fish Fry and Auction
<b>May 18</b>	11:45am	Stewardship Committee
<b>May 19</b>	1pm	Book Club
<b>May 19</b>	6pm	General Board
<b>May 20</b>	6pm	Elders Meeting
<b>May 25</b>	4pm	Randy Sams prep
<b>May 25</b>	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
<b>May 26</b>	all day	Memorial Day/office closed



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.**

# May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 11:30am CWF
4 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Called Board Mtg 12pm Fellowship Comm	5 4pm Events Committee	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	12	13 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	14	15	16 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	17 Fish Fry and Auction 6pm Doors open 6:30pm Food served
18 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Stewardship Comm	19 1pm Book Club 6pm General Board	20 6pm Elders Meeting	21	22	23	24
25 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	26 Memorial Day Office closed	27	28	29	30	31

## May Birthdays

Bob Wilmoth	05-09
Richard Martin	05-13
Isabelle Fowler	05-13
Gabriel Fowler	05-16
Richard Burkhart	05-17
Diane Pope-King	05-20
Nick (Cowboy) Mathison	05-23
Aaron Dodd	05-24
Midge Cooney	05-28
Wes Byas	05-28
John Beeson	05-29

## May Anniversaries

Richard & Glenda Burkhart    05-03



## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

### May 4, 2025

Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter  
 Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhart  
 Hospital Elder: Jim Spears  
 Flower Elder: Connie Spears  
 Deacons: Bob Wilmoth & Troy Kern

### May 11, 2025

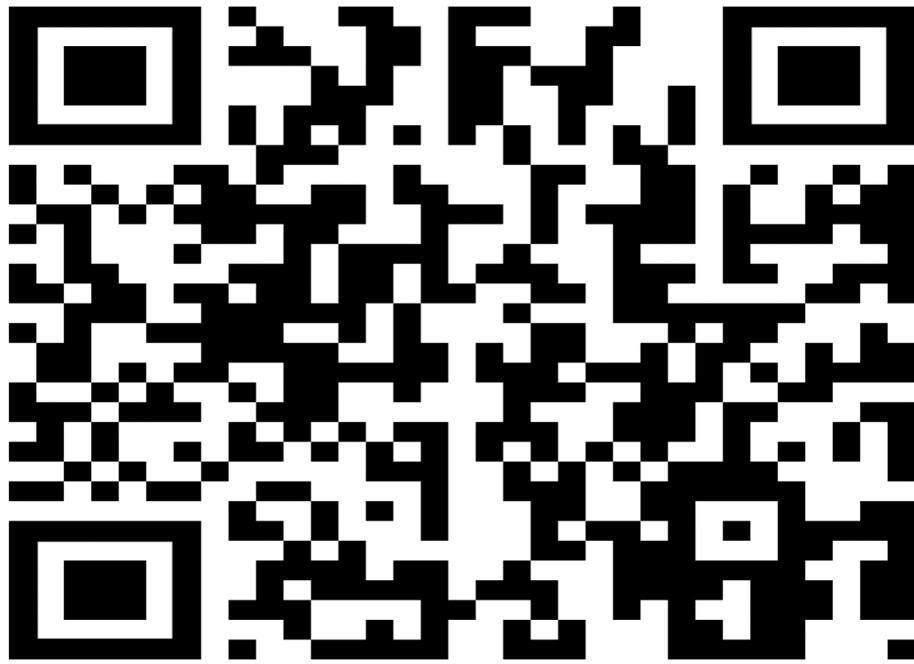
Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow  
 Worship Leader: Jerry Thomas  
 Hospital Elder: Robert Kern  
 Flower Elder: Alice Kern  
 Deacons: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore

### May 18, 2025

Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas  
 Worship Leader: Mike Martin  
 Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth  
 Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth  
 Deacons: Alice Kern & Robert Kern

### May 25, 2025

Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhart  
 Worship Leader: Teresa Crow  
 Hospital Elder: Jack Carter  
 Flower Elder: Joan Carter  
 Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Judy Shilling



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*TO SEE*  
*OUR*  
*CHURCH VIDEO!*

*SHOW*  
*FRIENDS AND FAMILY.*



# Weekly Info

## Prayer Need

Our Church  
Wes Byas  
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., home  
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**  
**May 11, 2025**

**Greeters:** Tom & Teresa Crow

**Worship Leader:** Jerry Thomas

**Hospital Elder:** Robert Kern

**Flower Elder:** Alice Kern

**Deacons:** Mike Lamb & Lois Moore

**May 4, 2025**

**Attendance:** 28

**Offering:** \$2,666.71

**This Sunday:**

***"Trust & Obey"***

**Scripture:**

**John 10:22-30**

**LECTIONARY FOR MAY 11, 2025**

***Mother's Day***

**Acts 9:36-43**

**Psalms 23**

**Revelation 7:9-17**

**John 10:22-30**