

The Central Christian 411



*A Message
from our Pastor*

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2 Kings 5:1, 8-14

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

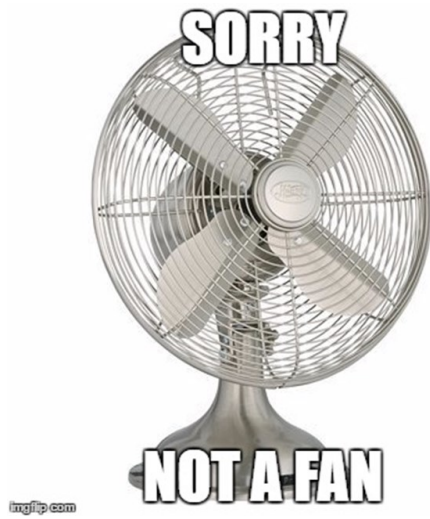
⁸Elisha said to the king of Aram, “Have the man come to me and he will know there is a prophet in Israel.” ⁹So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha’s house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, “Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored, and you will be cleansed.”

¹¹But Naaman went away angry and said, “I thought he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn’t I wash in them and be cleansed?” So, he turned and went off in a rage.

¹³Naaman’s servants went to him and said, “My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, ‘Wash and be cleansed’!” ¹⁴So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

It is so difficult for many to follow rules. Whether it be due to a feeling of entitlement, superiority, or whatever, there are those who refuse to follow rules. In the scripture above, Elisha simply says, “Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored, and you will be cleansed.” How difficult is that? For one who had leprosy and wished to be rid of it, this sounds like a very simple thing to do. But not for Naaman. He was a valiant soldier; commander of the army and he was used to giving orders and doing as he wished. Who was Elisha to tell him what to do and where to do it?!! It was the common man, a servant, who had the wisdom and insight to see the simple act Elisha instructed to Naaman to do was a truly great act of God. We may not always see God’s wisdom in life, but then we cannot see what God sees.

May the God of wisdom and healing be with you always, Wes



PLEASE BE SURE YOU **NEVER** SET ANY
THERMOSTAT ON “**FAN**” MODE. IT
WILL **NEVER** CUT OFF, AND
THEREFORE **RUN 24/7**, WHICH RUNS
OUR ELECTRIC BILL **SKY HIGH**. WE
FOUND A THERMOSTAT ON **FAN** THAT
HAS BEEN RUNNING FOR NEARLY A
YEAR.

PLEASE **NEVER** USE “**FAN**” MODE,
JUST AUTO.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

IS

FRIDAY

JULY 4TH!

Let us pray:

We are grateful you, Lord, have
given us a land to live in.

Bless this land with the labor of
all its people.

Give us the love of learning
and wisdom to know how to live
well.

In a world often divided by hate,
fill us with love and compassion
for all of our neighbors.

Amen.



FRIDAY, JULY 4th

**We will have an
Independence Day
CELEBRATION!!!**

Bingo and Hot Dogs!

in

Community Room & Disciple Hall

Hot Dogs at 6 pm, then Bingo!!

**COME JOIN IN THE
FUN!!!**



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY,

JULY 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.

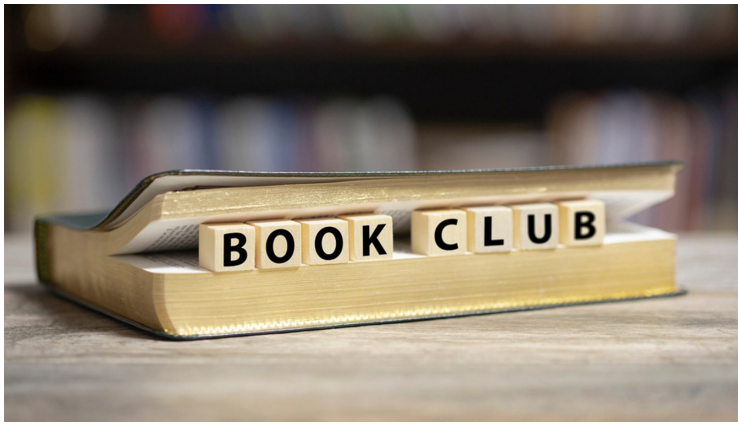


World Population Day is an annual event, **observed on July 11** every year, which seeks to raise awareness of global population issues. The event was established by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Program in 1989. It was inspired by the public interest in Five Billion Day on July 11, 1987, the approximate date on which the world's population reached five billion people. World Population Day aims to increase people's awareness on various population issues such as the importance of family planning, gender equality, poverty, maternal health and human rights.

The day was suggested by Dr. K. C. Zachariah in which population reached five billion when he worked as Sr Demographer at World Bank. While press interest and general awareness in the global population surges at the increments of whole billions of people, the world population increases by 100 million approximately every 14 months. The world population was estimated at 7,400,000,000 on February 6, 2016, and reached 7,500,000,000 on April 24, 2017. The world population hit 7,700,000,000 in 2019.

On World Population Day, advocates from around the world call on leaders, policymakers, grassroots organizers, institutions and others to help make reproductive health and rights a reality for all.

Recently 8 Billion Global population as of November 15, 2022.



ON MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025
THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.
TO DISCUSS
TWELVE MIGHTY ORPHANS

BY

JIM DENT

More than a century ago, a school was constructed in Fort Worth, Texas, for the purpose of housing and educating the orphans of Texas Freemasons. It was a humble project that for years existed quietly on a hillside east of town. Life at the Masonic Home was about to change, though, with the arrival of a lean, bespectacled coach by the name of Rusty Russell. Here was a man who could bring rain in the midst of a drought. Here was a man who, in virtually no time at all, brought the orphans' story into the homes of millions of Americans.

In the 1930s and 1940s, there was nothing bigger in Texas high school football than the Masonic Home Mighty Mites—a group of orphans bound together by hardship and death. These youngsters, in spite of being outweighed by at least thirty pounds per man, were the toughest football team around. They began with nothing—not even a football—yet in a few years were playing for the state championship on the highest level of Texas football. This is a winning tribute to a courageous band of underdogs from a time when America desperately needed fresh hope and big dreams.

The Mighty Mites remain a notable moment in the long history of American sports. Just as significant is the depth of the inspirational message. This is a profound lesson in fighting back and clinging to faith. The real winners in Texas high school football were not the kids from the biggest schools, or the ones wearing the most expensive uniforms. They were the scrawny kids from a tiny orphanage who wore scarred helmets and faded jerseys that did not match, kids coached by a devoted man who lived on peanuts and drove them around in a smoke-belching old truck.

In writing a story of unforgettable characters and great football, Jim Dent has come forward to reclaim his place as one of the top sports authors in America today. A remarkable and inspirational story of an orphanage and the man who created one of the greatest football teams Texas has ever known . . . this is their story—the original Friday Night Lights.



THE
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, **JULY 18TH**

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

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



SUNDAY, JULY 20TH

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!



SUNDAY, JULY 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.**

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."



Board Meeting

THERE WILL BE A
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY

JULY 28TH

AT 6 P.M.

IN

THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

ALL BOARD MEETINGS ARE VERY IM-
PORTANT SO ALL

BOARD MEMBERS

ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE

PRESENT.



AUGUST 2nd

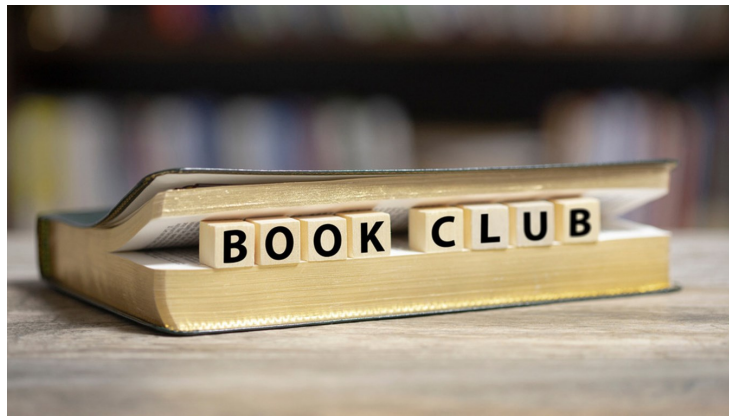
IN THE

COMMUNITY ROOM

From 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Fun4theBrain

Y'ALL COME!!



ON MONDAY, AUGUST 11th
THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.
TO DISCUSS

WILD

BY

CHERYL STRAYED

At twenty-two, Cheryl Strayed thought she had lost everything. In the wake of her mother's death, her family scattered, and her own marriage was soon destroyed. Four years later, with nothing more to lose, she made the most impulsive decision of her life. With no experience or training, driven only by blind will, she would hike more than a thousand miles of the Pacific Crest Trail from the Mojave Desert through California and Oregon to Washington State—and she would do it alone.

Told with suspense and style, sparkling with warmth and humor, *Wild* powerfully captures the terrors and pleasures of one young woman forging ahead against all odds on a journey that maddened, strengthened, and ultimately healed her.



***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

July 4	all day	Independence Day
July 4	all day	office closed
July 4	6pm	4th of July Hot Dog Supper & Bingo
July 8	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
July 11	all day	World Population Day
July 14	1pm	Book Club
July 18	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
July 20	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
July 22	5pm	Steering Committee
July 27	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
July 27	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
July 28	6pm	General Board Meeting
August 2	1:30pm	Bingo
August 3	11:45am	Fellowship Committee meeting



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.

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Office closed 6pm Hot Dog Supper and Bingo	5
6 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	7	8 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	9	10	11 World Population Day	12
13 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	14 1pm Book Club	15	16	17	18 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	19
20 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon	21	22 5pm Steering Committee	23	24	25	26
27 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	28 6pm General Board	29	30	31		Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Vegetable/salad I-Z: Meat

July Birthdays

Joe Cunningham	7-5
Betty Caudle	7-12
Mae Kidd	7-18
Beverly Folmar	7-21
Lee Nailing	7-24
Harold Taylor	7-24
Lois Moore	7-29

July Anniversaries

Jack & Patti Fisher	7-8
Jim & Connie Spears	7-11
Jack & Joan Carter	7-24



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

July 6, 2025

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Jim Spears
Hospital Elder: Tom Crow
Flower Elder: Teresa Crow
Deacons: Judy Shilling & Ethan Cole

July 13, 2025

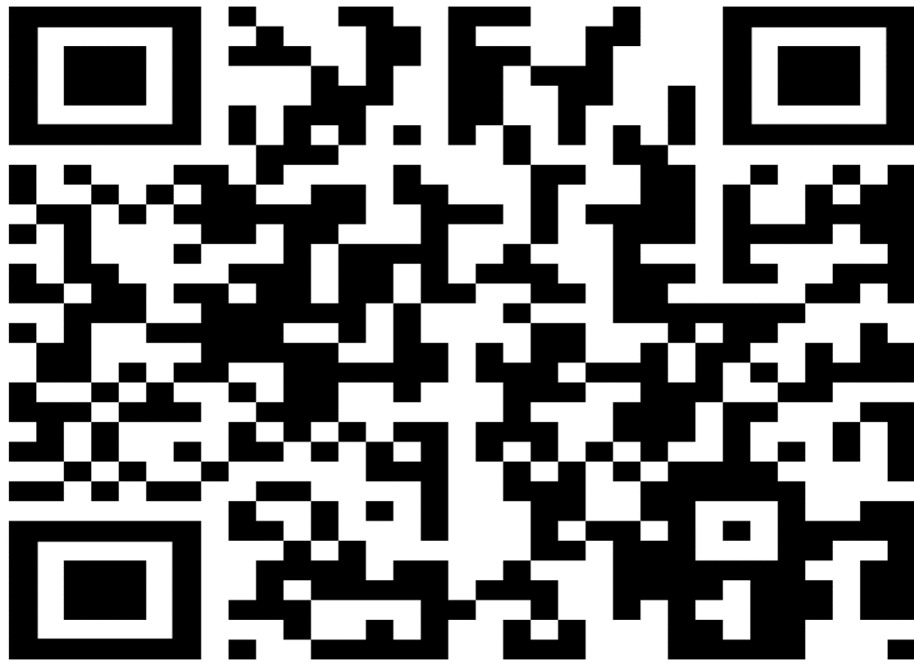
Greeters: George Carpenter, Jr. & Julia Carpenter
Worship Leader: Troy Kern
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons: Bob Wilmoth & Glenda Burkhardt

July 20, 2025

Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhardt
Worship Leader: Jerry Thomas
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Jack Duncan & Mae Kidd

July 27, 2025

Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore
Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhardt
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Jerry Thomas & Sheri Thomas



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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
Family of David Parsons
Bruce Beeson, John Beeson's son
Sharon Minx
Mike Martin
Gayther & Jana Crank, Kelley Folmar's uncle & aunt
Kathy Sylar, friend of Connie Spears
Lynn Wilmoth
Barbara DePriest, Valerie DePriest's mother-in-law
Janice Dorn, Sheri Thomas' sister
Donna Lee, Robert Kern's sister

Ongoing Concerns

Dorothy Alves
Laura Byas
Gaylen Ramsey, Neldajo's son-in-law
Rhonda Hunter, friend of George & Julia Carpenter
Richard Martin
Randy Thomas, Jerry Thomas' brother
Lonnie Hale, friend of Jerry Thomas
Marie Barfoot, friend of Julia Carpenter
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

Homebound

Joe Frost, Sr., home
Margie Beeson, Golden Villa in Atlanta Room 305
Betty Caudle, home
Elizabeth Cooney, home
Jane Watson
Herb Hamilton, Little River Nursing & Rehab Rm. 117
James Thompson, home
Susie Howdeshell, home
Bobbie Roberts, Pat Taylor's mom, The Villa room 207
Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life



Serving this Sunday
July 6, 2025

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow

Worship Leader: Jim Spears

Hospital Elder: Tom Crow

Flower Elder: Teresa Crow

Deacons: Judy Shilling & Ethan Cole

June 29, 2025

Attendance: 35

Offering: \$1,644.91

This Sunday:

"PEACE TO THIS HOUSE"

Scripture:

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

LECTIONARY FOR JULY 6, 2025

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 82

Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20