

The Central Christian 411



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2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

² Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. ⁴ Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

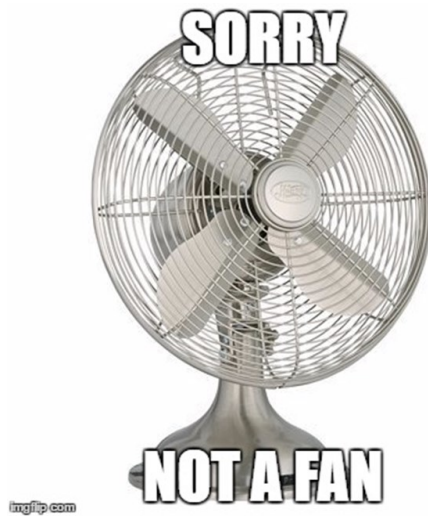
¹¹ With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. ¹² We pray this so the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul speaks a great deal about faith in all of his letters, but we should note in this letter to the Thessalonians he specifically states, "...all the persecutions and trials you are enduring," which adds even more meaning to his words on faith. Paul was a true believer when someone is going through difficult times it is faith that helps us rise above the difficult times. Unfortunately, for some Christians, it seems faith is not enough, and they surrender to the difficult times. What works for some does not work for all. We may say to someone, "Well, your faith just isn't strong enough or it would be enough." However, that is not only not true, but it does not in any way support or help the one who is enduring trials and persecutions. So, this letter of Paul's must, I believe, be viewed in a different light other than as a chastisement of one's faith or lack thereof.

Perhaps we should view it as a letter to encourage us to allow our faith to grow and to increase our love for one another in such a way as to be supportive of each other which will glorify God who is supportive of us in every way. Certainly, this causes one to thank God!

May the God who supports you and loves you, be with you always,

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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.



The word *Halloween* or *Hallowe'en* ("Saints' evening") is of **Christian origin**; a term equivalent to "All Hallows Eve" is attested in Old English. The word *hallowe[']en* comes from the Scottish form of *All Hallows' Eve* (the evening before All Hallows' Day): *even* is the Scots term for "eve" or "evening", and is contracted to *e'en* or *een*; (*All*) *Hallow(s) E(v)en* became *Hallowe'en*.

Halloween or Hallowe'en (less commonly known as Allhalloween, All Hallows' Eve, or All Saints' Eve) is a celebration observed in many countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western **Christian** feast of All Saints' Day. It begins the observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints (hallows), martyrs, and all the faithful departed.

One theory holds that many Halloween traditions were influenced by Celtic harvest festivals, particularly the Gaelic festival Samhain, which are believed to have pagan roots. Some go further and suggest Samhain may have been **Christianized** as All Hallows' Day, along with its eve, by the early Church. Other academics believe Halloween began solely as a **Christian** holiday, being the vigil of All Hallows' Day. Celebrated in Ireland and Scotland for centuries, Irish and Scottish immigrants took many Halloween customs to North America in the 19th century, and then through American influence Halloween had spread to other countries by the late 20th and early 21st century.

Popular Halloween activities include trick-or-treating (or the related guising and souling), attending Halloween costume parties, carving pumpkins or turnips into jack-o'-lanterns, lighting bonfires, apple bobbing, divination games, playing pranks, visiting haunted attractions, telling scary stories, and watching horror or Halloween-themed films.

*Some people practice the **Christian** religious observances of All Hallows' Eve, including attending church services and lighting candles on the graves of the dead, although it is a secular celebration for others. Some **Christians** historically abstained from meat on All Hallows' Eve, a tradition reflected in the eating of certain vegetarian foods on this vigil day, including apples, potato pancakes, and soul cakes.*



ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, the Feast of All Saints, the Feast of All Hallows, the Solemnity of All Saints, and Hallowmas, is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honor of all the saints of the Church, whether they are known or unknown.

From the 4th century, feasts commemorating all Christian martyrs were held in various places, on various dates near Easter and Pentecost. In the 9th century, some churches in the British Isles began holding the commemoration of all saints on 1 November, and in the 9th century this was extended to the whole Catholic Church by Pope Gregory IV. In Western Christianity, it is still celebrated on 1 November by the Western Catholic Church as well as by many Protestant churches, such as the Lutheran, Anglican, Disciples of Christ, and Methodist traditions. The Eastern Orthodox Church and associated Eastern Catholic and Eastern Lutheran churches celebrate it on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The Syro-Malabar Church and the Chaldean Catholic Church, both of which are in communion with Rome, as well as the Church of the East, celebrate All Saints' Day on the first Friday after Easter Sunday. In the Coptic Orthodox tradition, All Saints' Day is on Nayrouz, celebrated on 11 September. The day is the start of the Coptic new year, and of its first month, Thout.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

PLEASE BE SURE TO TURN YOUR
CLOCKS & WATCHES

BACK "1" HOUR

BEFORE YOU GO TO BED

SATURDAY NIGHT, NOV. 1st



ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

VETERANS DAY WEEKEND

WE WILL CELEBRATE OUR VET-
ERANS DURING OUR WORSHIP
SERVICE

IF YOU HAVE PHOTOS OF
VETERANS IN YOUR FAMILY
PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO THE
CHURCH OFFICE BY
NOVEMBER 6TH FOR THIS
IMPORTANT CELEBRATION!



NOVEMBER 2nd

WILL BE

ALL SAINTS

SUNDAY

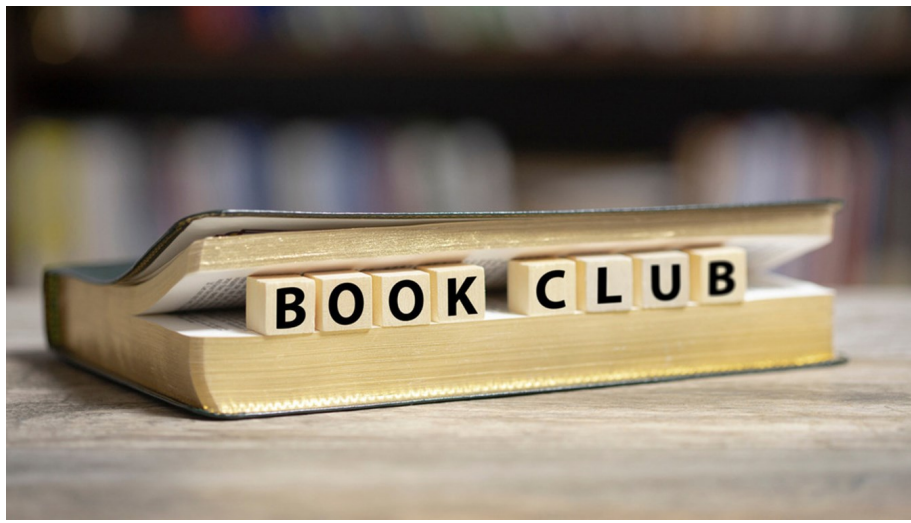
COME CELEBRATE

THE SAINTS OF

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

AS WE LIGHT CANDLES

IN MEMORY OF THEM.



ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10th
THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.
TO DISCUSS

LOVE IS A WILD ASSAULT

BY

ELITHE HAMILTON KIRKLAND

Delicate and dark-eyed, Harriet Potter became a legend for all time--a woman compelling sudden loves and fierce loyalties against the colorful backdrop of a brawling, newborn republic.

Abandoned to the savage wilderness and left to die, she fought a courageous battle for survival. And soon she was a proud beauty dressed in a silken gown--boldly escaping the approaching Mexican army in the arms of the man she loved.

Harriet Potter was known throughout the land as the heroine of a thousand tales, each one taller than the last, and each one true.



Veterans Day (originally known as **Armistice Day**) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on **November 11**, for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces (who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable). It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial Day, a U.S. public holiday in May. **Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans**, while **Memorial Day honors those who had *died*** while in military service. Another military holiday that also occurs in May, Armed Forces Day, honors those *currently serving* in the U.S. military.

Additionally, Women Veterans Day is recognized by a growing number of U.S. states that specifically honor women who have served in the U.S. military.



SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

OUR

NORTHEAST AREA MINISTER

JENNIFER STEELE-LANTIS

WILL BE PREACHING.

PLEASE COME

WELCOME HER & HEAR

HER MESSAGE.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

WE HAVE OUR
THANKSGIVING

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE

TURKEY AND DRESSING PROVIDED!

Please bring side dishes/dessert

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING MEAL

GOD'S BLESSINGS



THE
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, NOV. 21ST

at 7:30 A.M. at

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Please designate on the form below the number of plants you wish to order this year. We also ask that you specify how you would like the Sunday Bulletin Insert to read when it is published. In addition, please take the time to let us know whether or not you will be picking up your Poinsettia following our Christmas Eve service, or if you would prefer to have it delivered to one of our shut-ins, a homebound member, or to one of the local hospitals or nursing homes. May God bless you every day, and especially this Christmas season!



The cost of each Plant is \$15.00 Please pay in advance with you order.

NUMBER OF PLANTS: _____

PAYMENT AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

(Please print)

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

NAME (S) OF DONOR (S) AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE CHRISTMAS BULLETIN:

You may pick up your poinsettia Christmas Eve following the service.

ORDER DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH.



CHRISTMAS SHOP

This holiday season...

Help the kids from Washington Community Development Center spread Christmas cheer by donating new or gently used items for our holiday shop--where they will be able to shop for gifts to give their parents/guardians.

This will allow the kids to use the “points” they earn for attendance, participation, and good behavior to shop for gifts to give their loved ones at Christmas.

**Drop off @
1900 Marietta St, Texarkana, AR 71854**

**Drop off Monday-Friday
12 PM-4 PM**

Text 903-278-1784 with any questions!





***The Journey Sunday School Class
will be studying***

1 Corinthians

We hope you will join us
for this important study.

The Journey class meets **in the**
Library in the Community Center.

The First Epistle to the Corinthians is one of the Pauline epistles, part of the New Testament of the Christian Bible. The epistle is attributed to Paul the Apostle and a co-author, Sosthenes, and is addressed to the Christian church in Corinth. Scholars believe that Sosthenes was the amanuensis who wrote down the text of the letter at Paul's direction. It addresses various issues which had arisen in the Christian community at Corinth and is composed in a form of Koine Greek. Despite the name, it is not believed to be the first such letter written to the Corinthian church.



The **TNT** Sunday School Class
is continuing its study of

LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

We study various books of the Bible
and recently completed

THE BOOK OF MALACHI

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.



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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.

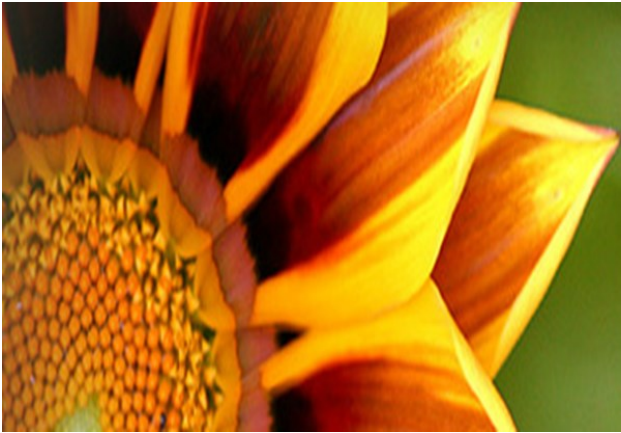
REMEMBER:

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

October 31	all day	Halloween
November 1	all day	All Saints Day
November 2	all day	Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 2	10:40am	All Saints Service
November 2	11:45am	Outreach Committee
November 6	12pm	deadline to email Veterans pictures to office
November 10	1pm	Book Club
November 11	all day	Veterans Day
November 11	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
November 16	10:40am	Guest Minister Jennifer Steele-Lantis
November 16	10:40am	Thanksgiving offering
November 16	11:45am	Thanksgiving potluck
November 17	6pm	General Board
November 18	5pm	Steering Committee
November 21	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
November 23	10:40am	Thanksgiving offering



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.

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Thanksgiving Potluck: Turkey and dressing will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert.	Thanksgiving offering will be taken up on November 16th & 23rd.					1 All Saints Day *set clocks and watches back one hour
All Saints Sunday 2 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Outreach Comm.	3	4	5	6 12pm deadline to turn Veterans pictures into office	7	8
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16 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon	17 6pm General Board	18 5pm Steering Committee	19	20	21 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	22
23 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	24	25	26 4pm deadline to order poinsettias	27  Office closed	28 Office closed	29 10am Decorating the sanctuary
30 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service						

November Birthdays

Sarah Carpenter	11-9
Carol Ann Tallent	11-18
Teri Stover	11-19
Margie Beeson	11-22
Susan Oates	11-28
Chad Bennett	11-30
Justin Fowler	11-30

November Anniversaries

Bob & Lynn Wilmoth	11-13
Nick & Neldajo Mathison	11-27



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

November 2, 2025

Greeters: Tom Crow & Teresa Crow
 Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhardt
 Hospital Elder: Tom Crow
 Flower Elder: Teresa Crow
 Deacons: Troy Kern & Bob Wilmoth

November 9, 2025

Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhardt
 Worship Leader: Troy Kern
 Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
 Flower Elder: Alice Kern
 Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Judy Shilling

November 16, 2025

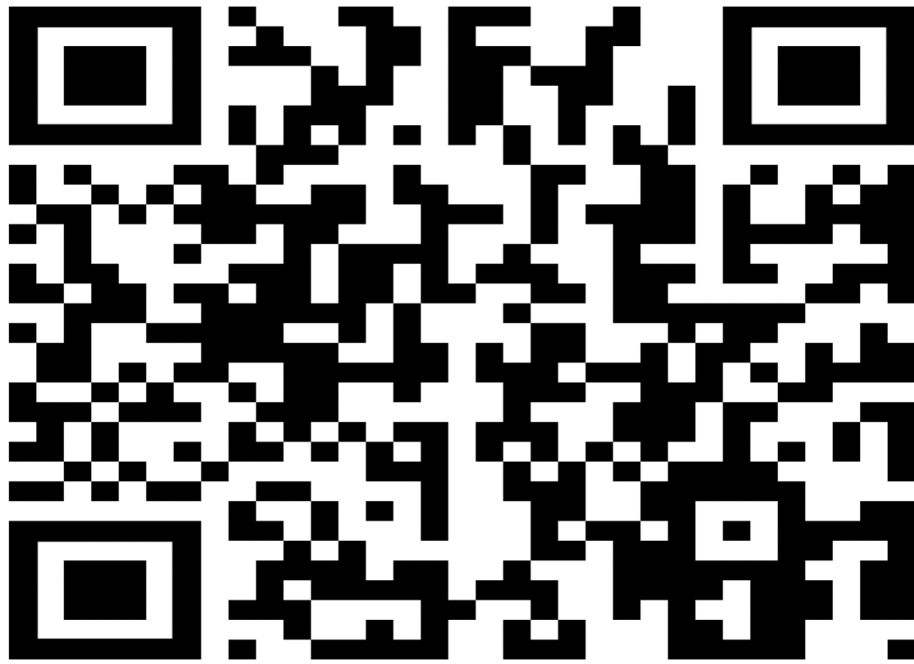
Greeters: Cowboy & Neldajo Mathison
 Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
 Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth
 Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth
 Deacons: Robert Kern & Alice Kern

November 23, 2025

Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter
 Worship Leader: Bob Wilmoth
 Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
 Flower Elder: Joan Carter
 Deacons: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore

November 30, 2025

Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas
 Worship Leader: Alice Coleman
 Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
 Flower Elder: Connie Spears
 Deacons: Bob Wilmoth & Lynn Wilmoth



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QR CODE
TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Julia Carpenter
Terry Purvis

Ongoing Concerns

Laura Byas
Mike Lamb
Lynn Wilmoth
Matt Lowe, Robert and Alice Kern's son-in-law
Richanna Minx Whitehead, Rusty & Sharon Minx's daughter
Janice Dorn, Sheri Thomas' sister
Bruce Beeson, John Beeson's son
Kathy Sylar, friend of Connie Spears
Donna Lee, Robert Kern's sister
Rhonda Hunter, friend of George & Julia Carpenter
Randy Thomas, Jerry Thomas' brother
Lonnie Hale, friend of Jerry Thomas
Emily Smith, Wes' niece
Jeanne Phillips, Sheri Thomas' sister
Carolyn Hudspeth
Anthony Johnson
Ed Shilling, Judy Shilling's husband
Bill Griffin, Glenda Burkhardt's son-in-law

Homebound

Joe Frost, Sr., home
Margie Beeson
Betty Caudle, home
Midge Cooney, home
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
November 2, 2025

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhardt
Hospital Elder: Tom Crow
Flower Elder: Teresa Crow
Deacons: Troy Kern & Bob Wilmoth

October 26, 2025

Attendance: 38
Offering: \$4,211.92

This Sunday:

"A Better View"

Scripture:

Luke 19:1-10

LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2025
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalms 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10