

# The Central Christian 411



*A Message  
from our Pastor*

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**October 8, 2025**

## **Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7**

This is the text of the letter the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

<sup>4</sup>This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup>“Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup>Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. <sup>7</sup>Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

The ancient Hebrews believed very strongly anything that happened in their lives, God made it happen, and God had a reason for making it happen. In fact, many in our world today believe the same.

The writings of the prophets, like what we have in Jeremiah, were written long after the event. In this case the Israelites were taken into captivity and naturally wondered WHY? Having been taught they were God’s elect they couldn’t help but wonder why such a calamity befell them. So, the writer of Jeremiah says, “Because God had to punish you for being unfaithful.” Unfaithfulness is a theme in all writings of major and minor prophets.

What makes Jeremiah different in most cases is the word of hope given by God. After saying He carried them into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon, He tells them to build houses and settle down, plant gardens and eat what they produce. In other words, make yourselves comfortable because you’re going to be in Babylon for a while. Even adding, “Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease.” It’s also clear from this text God does not tell the Israelites to marry other Israelites. It is left open. But the most important part of this text, to me is, “Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile.” It’s as though the prophet is saying, “Give God thanks you are in exile and learn from it. And if you learn from it, you will prosper.”

May the God of prosperity be with you always! Wes

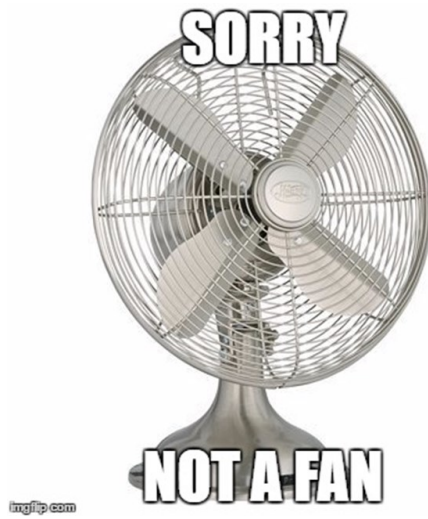


## THE 4-STATES FUSION CHORUS

SENT THE FOLLOWING:

Dear Wes and Central Christian Church,  
Thank you for allowing us the opportunity  
to use your facilities for both  
our Bunco Tournament  
and  
our Rummage/Bake sale.  
They were successful in large part  
due to your generosity.  
We appreciate you.

## 4-State Fusion Chorus



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.



**World Mental Health Day** (10 October) is an international day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma. It was first celebrated in 1992 at the initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health, a global mental health organization with members and contacts in more than 150 countries. This day, each October, thousands of supporters come to celebrate this annual awareness program to bring attention to mental illness and its major effects on people's lives worldwide. In addition, this day provides an opportunity for mental health professionals to discuss and shed light on their work, making mental health a priority worldwide. In some countries this day is part of an awareness week, such as Mental Health Week in Australia.



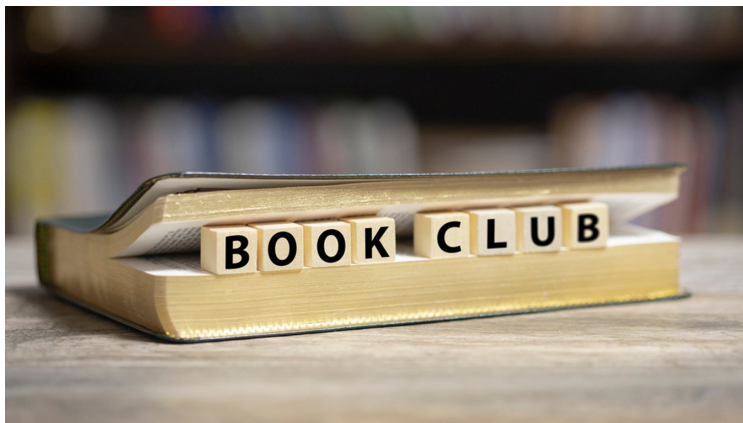
## **Week of Ministry 2025**

October 12 - October 18

**Honoring and celebrating the call to  
ministry since 1933.**

*Week of Ministry* was created by Pension Fund to provide resources for congregations and ministry workers to:

- Show appreciation for those in ministry.
- Encourage congregations to celebrate their pastor.
- Foster relationships among ministry peers.
- Support and encourage those who might be interested in a ministry career in the future.



**ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025**  
**THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.**  
**IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.**  
**TO DISCUSS**

**THE LOST BOOK SHOP**

**BY**

**EVIE WOODS**

**On a quiet street in Dublin, a lost bookshop is waiting to be found...**

For too long, Opaline, Martha and Henry have been the side characters in their own lives.

But when a vanishing bookshop casts its spell, these three unsuspecting strangers will discover that their own stories are every bit as extraordinary as the ones found in the pages of their beloved books. And by unlocking the secrets of the shelves, they find themselves transported to a world of wonder... where nothing is as it seems.



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

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, **OCT. 17<sup>TH</sup>**

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

*Old Tyme Burger Shoppe*

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!





# Potluck

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

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!





**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 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. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

# Cabinet Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27<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 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.*



# 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.





**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 cctxx 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>October 10</b>    | all day  | World Mental Health Day          |
| <b>October 12-18</b> | all week | Week of Ministry                 |
| <b>October 13</b>    | 1pm      | Book Club                        |
| <b>October 14</b>    | 6pm      | Hope Remains Grief Support Group |
| <b>October 17</b>    | 7:30am   | CMF @ Old Tyme Burger            |
| <b>October 19</b>    | 11:45am  | Potluck Luncheon                 |
| <b>October 21</b>    | 5pm      | Steering Committee               |
| <b>October 26</b>    | 4pm      | Randy Sams Prep                  |
| <b>October 26</b>    | 6pm      | Randy Sams drop off              |
| <b>October 27</b>    | 6pm      | Cabinet Meeting                  |
| <b>October 31</b>    | all day  | Halloween                        |
| <b>November 1</b>    | all day  | All Saints Day                   |
| <b>November 2</b>    | all day  | Daylight Saving Time Ends        |
| <b>November 2</b>    | 10:40am  | All Saints Service               |
| <b>November 10</b>   | 1pm      | Book Club                        |



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.**

# October 2025

| Sun                                                                                                                             | Mon                                                           | Tue                                           | Wed | Thu | Fri                                   | Sat |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Potluck Luncheon:<br>Last name beginning<br>with:<br>A-H: Meat<br>I-Z: Vegetable/salad                                          | Reconciliation offering<br>will be taken up on<br>October 5th | Week of Ministry<br>October 12-18             | 1   | 2   | 3                                     | 4   |
| 5<br>World Communion Sunday<br>9am Elders in Prayer<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:40am Worship Service                          | 6                                                             | 7                                             | 8   | 9   | 10<br>World Mental Health<br>Day      | 11  |
| 12<br>9am Elders in Prayer<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:40am Worship Service                                                   | 13<br>1pm Book Club                                           | 14<br>6pm Hope Remains<br>Grief Support Group | 15  | 16  | 17<br>7:30am CMF @ Old<br>Tyme Burger | 18  |
| 19<br>9am Elders in Prayer<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:40am Worship Service<br>11:45am Potluck Luncheon                       | 20                                                            | 21<br>5pm Steering Committee                  | 22  | 23  | 24                                    | 25  |
| 26<br>9am Elders in Prayer<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:40am Worship Service<br>4pm Randy Sams Prep<br>6pm Randy Sams drop off | 27<br>6pm Cabinet Meeting                                     | 28                                            | 29  | 30  | 31                                    |     |



## October Birthdays

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Kelly Cunningham | 10-1  |
| Kelley Folmar    | 10-9  |
| Sondra Crain     | 10-12 |
| Alice Coleman    | 10-18 |
| Sharon Minx      | 10-20 |
| David Defoy      | 10-22 |
| Beth Brine       | 10-27 |
| Annette Wilmoth  | 10-31 |

## October Anniversaries

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| George & Julia Carpenter | 10-18 |
|--------------------------|-------|



## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

### October 5, 2025

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow  
Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhart  
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears  
Flower Elder: Connie Spears  
Deacons: Judy Shilling & Robert Kern

### October 12, 2025

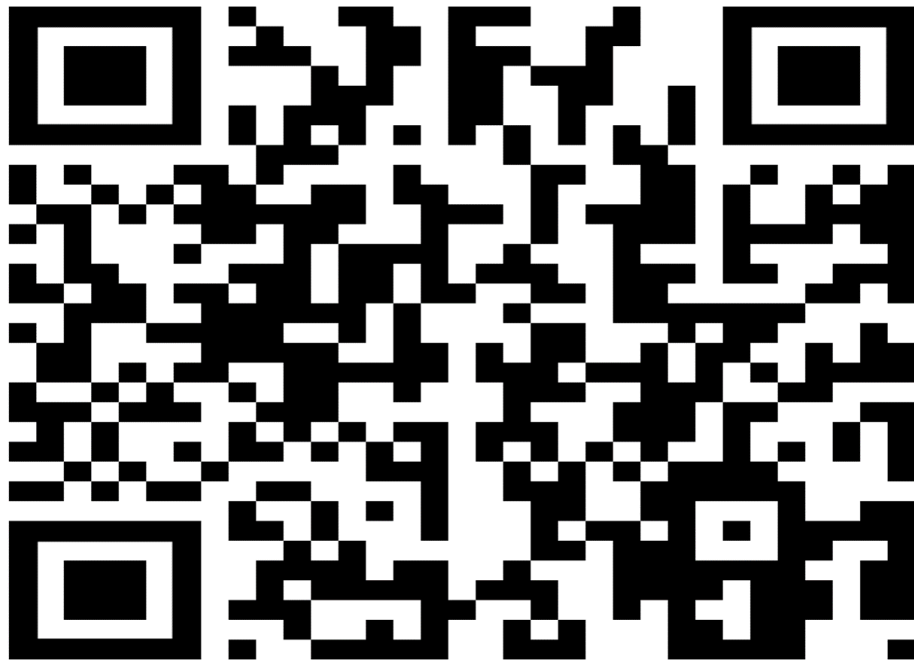
Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter  
Worship Leader: Troy Kern  
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern  
Flower Elder: Alice Kern  
Deacons: Jamie Bennett & Mae Kidd

### October 19, 2025

Greeters: Troy & Patia Kern  
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman  
Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth  
Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth  
Deacons: Sheri Thomas & Glenda Burkhart

### October 26, 2025

Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas  
Worship Leader: Tom Crow  
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter  
Flower Elder: Joan Carter  
Deacons: Jack Duncan & Ethan Cole



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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  
Matt Lowe, Robert & Alice Kern's son-in-law  
Mike Lamb  
Bruce Beeson, John Beeson's son  
Sharon Minx  
Lynn Wilmoth  
Janice Dorn, Sheri Thomas' sister

## Ongoing Concerns

Laura Byas  
Richanna Minx Whitehead, Rusty & Sharon Minx's daughter  
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  
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**  
**October 12, 2025**

**Greeters:** Jack & Joan Carter  
**Worship Leader:** Troy Kern  
**Hospital Elder:** Robert Kern  
**Flower Elder:** Alice Kern  
**Deacons:** Jamie Bennett & Mae Kidd

**October 5, 2025**

**Attendance:** 40  
**Offering:** \$1,787.89

**This Sunday:**

***"Ungrateful or Inspired?"***

**Scripture:**

**Luke 17:11-19**

**LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER 12, 2025**

***Week of Ministry***

**Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7**  
**Psalms 66:1-12**  
**2 Timothy 2:8-15**  
**Luke 17:11-19**