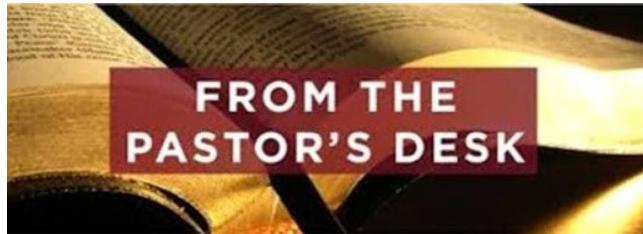


# The Central Christian 411



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## Psalm 27:1-6

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> When evildoers assail me  
to devour my flesh—  
my adversaries and foes—  
they shall stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me,  
yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup> One thing I asked of the LORD;  
this I seek:  
to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD,  
and to inquire in his temple.

<sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.

<sup>6</sup> Now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

King David reminds us God is always with us through good times and bad. To feel God's presence and to know God will lift us up above our enemies is very comforting. David experienced being surrounded by his enemies and being assailed by his adversaries, so he speaks to us from experience. So many of his Psalms are about comfort so we may be comforted.

May you live in the house of the Lord all the days of your life,

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# COMMUNITY **OUTREACH**

Giving back to the community

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026**

**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.”**



# Board Meeting

THERE WILL BE A  
**GENERAL BOARD MEETING**  
MONDAY

**JANUARY 26<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.**



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**AFTER**

**WORSHIP**

**WE WILL HAVE**

**A**

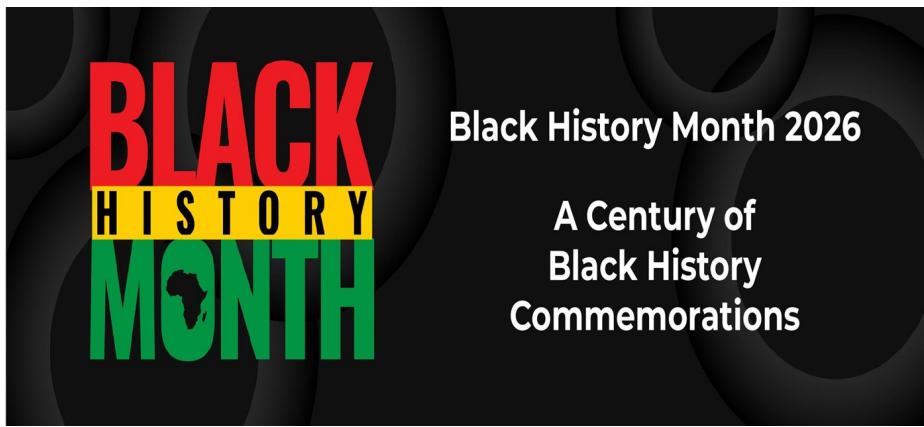
**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**TO VOTE ON**

**NEW**

**OFFICERS**

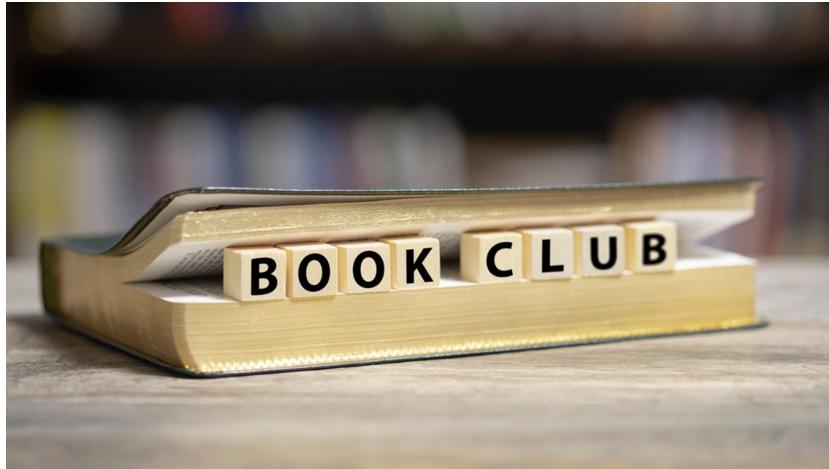
**AND TRUSTEE**



**Black History Month is an annual observance originating in the United States, where it is also known as African-American History Month.**

**It has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada, and more recently has been observed in Ireland, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. *It began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora.***

**It is celebrated in February in the United States and Canada.**



ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.  
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.  
TO DISCUSS

THE WATER IS WIDE: A MEMOIR

BY  
PAT CONROY

The island is nearly deserted, haunting, beautiful. Across a slip of ocean lies South Carolina. But for the handful of families on Yamacraw Island, America is a world away. For years the people here lived proudly from the sea, but now its waters are not safe. Waste from industry threatens their very existence unless, somehow, they can learn a new way. But they will learn nothing without someone to teach them, and their school has no teacher—until one man gives a year of his life to the island and its people.



**DON'T FORGET THOSE YOU LOVE ON  
VALENTINES DAY**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026**

**WE WILL HAVE A  
SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

**ON SUNDAY, FEB. 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**SO, BRING YOUR VALENTINE(S) AND  
JOIN US FOR THIS  
TIME HONORED TRADITION.**



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**WE HAVE OUR**

**MONTHLY**

**POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING**

**OUR**

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

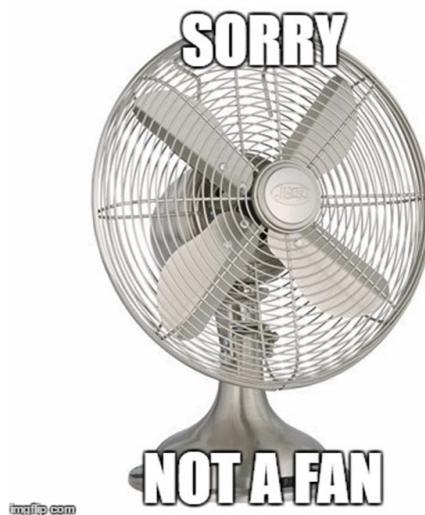
**A-H MEAT**

**I-Z VEGETABLE OR SALAD**

**BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY**

**SPECIAL MEAL TO CELEBRATE**

**GOD'S BLESSINGS!**



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 Journey Sunday School Class will be studying*

### Galatians

We hope you will join us  
for this important study.

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

The Epistle to the Galatians] is the ninth book of the New Testament of the Christian Bible and the fourth of the Pauline epistles in traditional arrangement. It is a letter from Paul the Apostle to a number of Early Christian communities in Galatia. Scholars have suggested that this is either the Roman province of Galatia in southern Anatolia, or a large region defined by Galatians, an ethnic group of Celtic people in central Anatolia. The letter was originally written in Koine Greek and later translated into other languages. In this letter, Paul is principally concerned with the controversy surrounding Gentile Christians and the Mosaic Law during the Apostolic Age. Paul argues that the Gentile Galatians do not need to adhere to the tenets of the Mosaic Law, particularly religious male circumcision, by contextualizing the role of the law in light of the revelation of Christ. The Epistle to the Galatians has exerted enormous influence on the history of Christianity, the development of Christian theology, and the study of the Apostle Paul.

The central dispute in the letter concerns the question of how Gentiles could convert to Christianity, which shows that this letter was written at a very early stage in church history, when the vast majority of Christians were Jewish or Jewish proselytes, which historians refer to as the Jewish Christians. Another indicator that the letter is early is that there is no hint in the letter of a developed organization within the Christian community at large. This puts it during the lifetime of Paul himself.



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

## **THE BOOK OF ISAIAH**

We study various books of the Bible  
and recently completed

## **LETTER TO THE HEBREWS**

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>January 25</b>	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
<b>January 25</b>	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
<b>January 26</b>	6pm	General Board Meeting
<b>February 1</b>	all month	Black History Month
<b>February 1</b>	11:45am	Congregational Meeting
<b>February 9</b>	1pm	Book Club
<b>February 9</b>	2:30pm	Worship Committee
<b>February 10</b>	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
<b>February 14</b>	all day	Valentines Day
<b>February 15</b>	10:40am	Week of Compassion offering
<b>February 15</b>	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
<b>February 16</b>	all day	Presidents 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.**

# January 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 New Year's Day Office closed	2	3 10am Undecorating sanctuary
4 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	5 6 7 8	9	10			
11 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	12 1pm Book Club	13 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	14 15 16 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	17		
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25 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	26 6pm General Board Meeting	27 28 29	30 31			

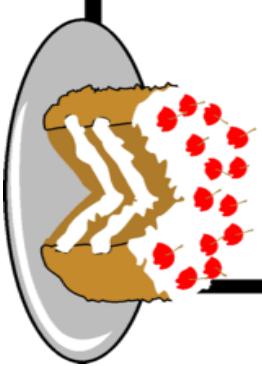
## January Birthdays

Jim Spears	1-1
Mary Cobb	1-4
Seth Byas	1-4
Laura Byas	1-10
Glenda Burkhardt	1-15
Rusty Minx	1-15
Glen Hudspeth	1-16
Jerry Thomas	1-18
Ella Launius	1-18
Sydney Fowler	1-27
Janet Bennett	1-28
Hayden Stover	1-31

## January Anniversaries

Mike & Glenda Worley

1-2



## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

### January 4, 2026

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth  
Worship Leader: Jerry Thomas  
Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth  
Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth  
Deacons: Mae Kidd & Sondra Bedwell

### January 11, 2026

Greeters: Cowboy & Neldajo Mathison  
Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhardt  
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears  
Flower Elder: Connie Spears  
Deacons: Ethan Cole & Jamie Bennett

### January 18, 2026

Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas  
Worship Leader: Michael Martin  
Hospital Elder: Tom Crow  
Flower Elder: Teresa Crow  
Deacons: Sheri Thomas & Jerry Thomas

### January 25, 2026

Greeters: Joan & Jack Carter  
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell  
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern  
Flower Elder: Alice Kern  
Deacons: Bob Wilmoth & Judy Shilling

# February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Congregational Meeting	2 3 4 5 6 7					
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22 Week of Compassion offering 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				

## February Birthdays

Joe Frost, Sr.	2-8
Susie Howdeshell	2-8
Cameron Lumpkin	2-9
Connie Spears	2-13
Cara Fowler	2-20
George Carpenter, Sr.	2-24
Troy Kern	2-26
Joe Alves	2-28

## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

### February 1, 2026

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth  
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman  
Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth  
Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth  
Deacons:

### February 8, 2026

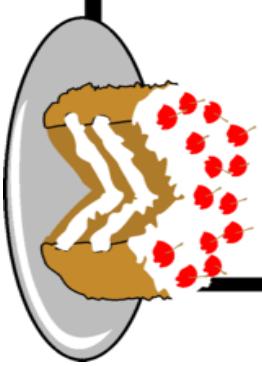
Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhardt  
Worship Leader: Jerry Thomas  
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears  
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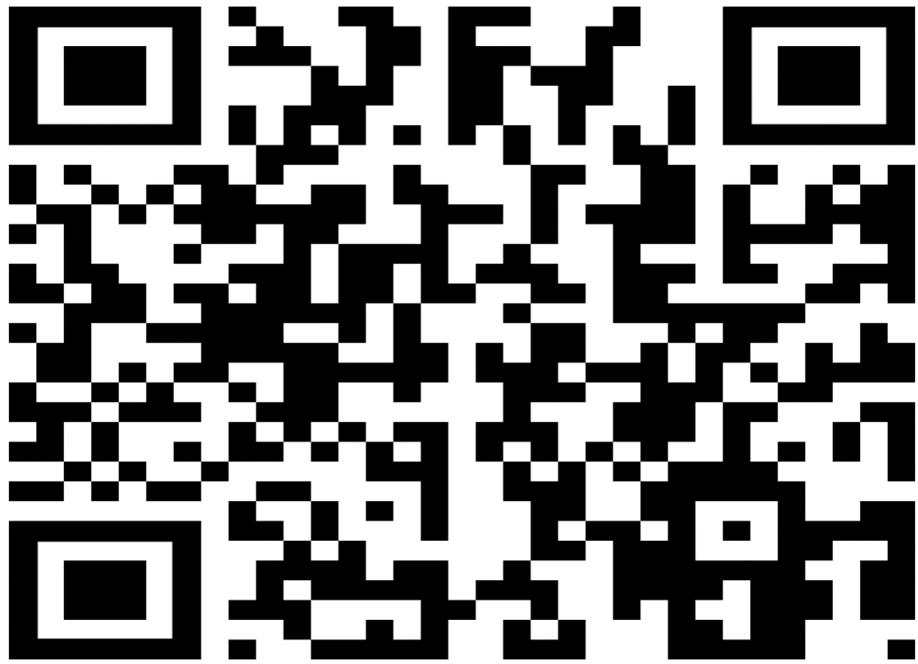
### February 15, 2026

Greeters: Dan Rogers & Alice Coleman  
Worship Leader: Bob Wilmoth  
Hospital Elder: Glenda Burkhardt  
Flower Elder: Judy Shilling  
Deacons:

### February 22, 2026

Greeters: Tom Crow & Teresa Crow  
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell  
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter  
Flower Elder: Joan Carter  
Deacons:





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OUR  
CHURCH VIDEO!  
SHOW  
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.***

# Weekly Info

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## Prayer Need

Our Church  
Wes Byas  
Robert Kern  
Beverly Folmar  
Betty Caudle  
Steve Brine, Beth's brother  
Preston Nogar, Jerry & Sheri's grandson  
Lois Moore  
Julia Carpenter

## Ongoing Concerns

Laura Byas  
Mike Lamb  
Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life  
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  
Randy Thomas, Jerry Thomas' brother  
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  
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



Serving this Sunday  
January 25, 2026

**Greeters:** Jerry & Sheri Thomas  
**Worship Leader:** Sondra Bedwell  
**Hospital Elder:** Jack Carter  
**Flower Elder:** Joan Carter  
**Deacons:** Bob Wilmoth & Judy Shilling

January 18, 2026

**Attendance:** 18  
**Offering:** \$1,623.35

## This Sunday:

*"Disguising Oneself"*

## Scripture:

**2 Corinthians 11:12-14 & 12:19-21**

**LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 25, 2026**

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Isaiah 9:1-4**  
**Psalm 27:1, 4-9**  
**1 Corinthians 1:10-18**  
**Matthew 4:12-23**