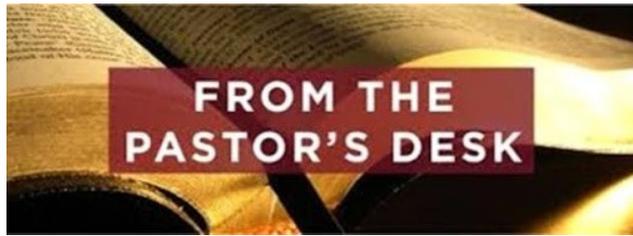


# The Central Christian 411



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## **Genesis 12:1-4**

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

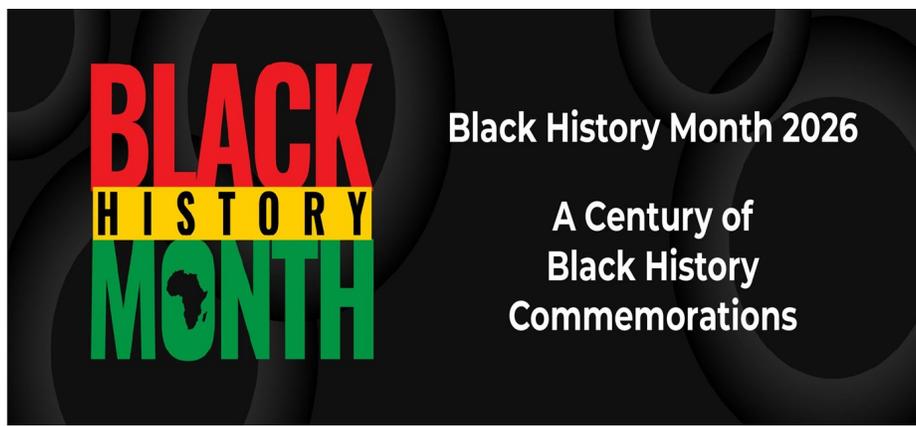
As you have heard me say from the pulpit and in Bible study, it is so important we read the words of scripture and not read INTO the words. That we actually study scripture as a whole, not one sentence or one passage in singularity. If you look at the scripture above, what stands out to you, if anything? In reading it do you read anywhere that God prefers one person, one culture, one race or ethnicity over another? Were any of us right there with Abram when God spoke to him so we could see the people, the race, culture or ethnicity of Abram and his people? Were they diverse?

If we accept God created every thing and everyone on earth, is it not true we are ALL children of God? If it were God who confused our language so we would be diverse in our culture, ethnicity and race, as we read about the Tower of Babel, are we not STILL all His? The way GOD wants us?

And, if God will bless those who bless Abram and curse the ones who curse him and we ALL trace our roots back to Abram and DO bless him, are we not blessed? Remember: “...in you (Abram) ALL the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

I hope you, as I do, feel blessed.

May the God of love and blessings be with you, Wes



**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.**



# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER USA

*Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action*

## HISTORY OF WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

In the 19th century, Christian women of the U.S. and Canada began engaging in cooperative activities to support women's involvement in missions across the world. In 1887, Presbyterian women called for a day of prayer for home missions which the Methodist women joined from 1892 to 1894 after calling for a week of prayer. The Baptist started a day of prayer for foreign missions in 1891.

Forming a committee in 1897, women from six denominations would eventually start a united day of prayer for home missions. These women took turns in the other participating denominations and organized the common worship service. In 1912, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions decided that there should be a united day of prayer for foreign missions that would be observed in different parts of the world.

After the success of the Ecumenical Missionary Conference in New York City in 1900, a group of laywomen organized an interdenominational Central Committee for United Study that prepared publications, summer conferences, study days, and courses so that women could be up-to-date about the lives of women in other parts of the world. These courses also enabled them to study biblical foundations and important issues related to mission work. Women took initiatives to organize interdenominational structures that were effective and cooperative in home and foreign missions. In 1908, the women founded the Council of Women for Home Missions that assumed responsibility for the rehabilitation of immigrants and other social issues, and for the preparation of the joint day of prayer.

**MARCH 6, 2026**



SUNDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>

WE BEGIN

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

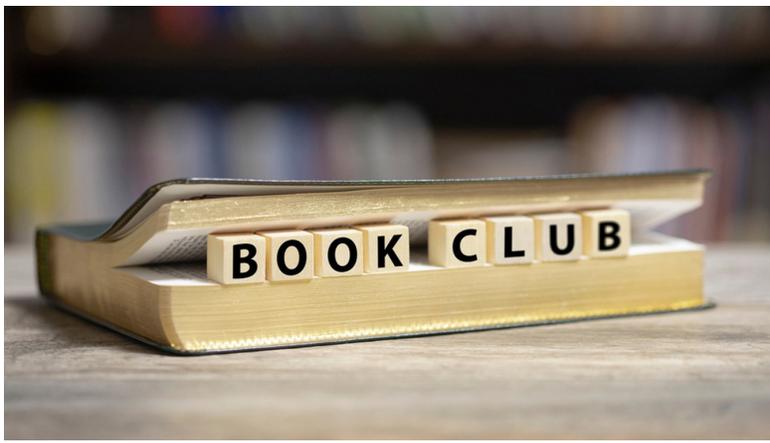
PLEASE BE SURE TO TURN YOUR

CLOCKS & WATCHES

FORWARD 1 HOUR

BEFORE YOU GO TO BED

SATURDAY NIGHT, THE 7<sup>TH</sup>.



**ON MONDAY, MARCH 9<sup>th</sup>**

**THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.**

**IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.**

**TO DISCUSS**

**IVANHOE**

**BY**

**SIR WALTER SCOTT**

Set in the reign of Richard I, Coeur de Lion, Ivanhoe is packed with memorable incidents - sieges, ambushes and combats - and equally memorable characters: Cedric of Rotherwood, the die-hard Saxon; his ward Rowena; the fierce Templar knight, Sir Brian de Bois-Gilbert; the Jew, Isaac of York, and his beautiful, spirited daughter Rebecca; Wamba and Gurth, jester and swineherd respectively. Scott explores the conflicts between the Crown and the powerful Barons, between the Norman overlords and the conquered Saxons, and between Richard and his scheming brother, Prince John. At the same time he brings into the novel the legendary Robin Hood and his band, and creates a brilliant, colorful account of the age of chivalry with all its elaborate rituals and costumes and its values of honor and personal glory.



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

**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!**

# Men's Fellowship

THE

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

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, **MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

*Old Tyme Burger Shoppe*

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!

# COMMUNITY **OUTREACH**

Giving back to the community

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 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

MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>

AT 6 P.M.

IN

THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

ALL BOARD MEETINGS ARE VERY

IMPORTANT SO ALL

BOARD MEMBERS

ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE

PRESENT.



# PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>

Be sure to bring family & friends  
to

CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S ENTRY  
INTO  
JERUSALEM

Worship service begins  
at 10:40 a.m.



The Thursday before Easter is known  
as either

**MAUNDAY THURSDAY**

or

**HOLY THURSDAY**

*Maundy* is derived from the Latin  
word for "command," and refers to  
Jesus' commandment to the disciples  
to

"Love one another  
as I have loved you."

Join us April 2<sup>nd</sup> for Maundy Thursday at 6



**OUR SANCTUARY**

**WILL BE OPEN FROM**

**10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.**

**FOR**

**PRAYER & MEDITATION**

**ON GOOD FRIDAY**

**APRIL 3, 2026**



EASTER SUNDAY

is

APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>

Bring family and friends as we

CELEBRATE

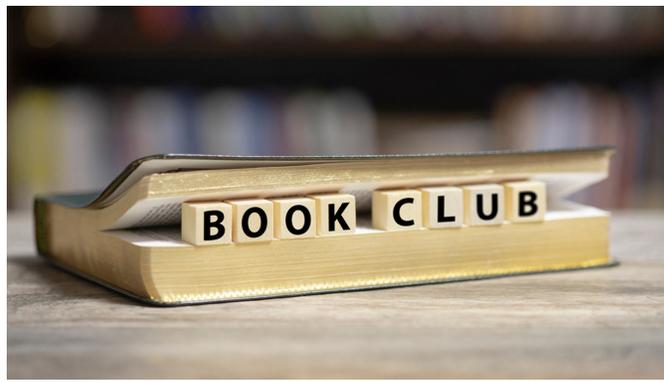
the resurrection of

OUR

Lord & Savior!!!

Worship service begins

at 10:40 a.m.



**ON MONDAY, APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>**

**THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.**

**IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.**

**TO DISCUSS**

**THE FIRST LADIES**

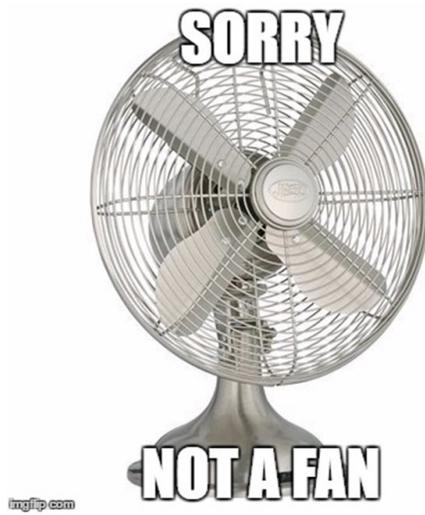
**BY**

**MARIE BENEDICT & VICTORIA CHRISTOPHER MURRAY**

The daughter of formerly enslaved parents, Mary McLeod Bethune refuses to back down as white supremacists attempt to thwart her work. She marches on as an activist and an educator, and as her reputation grows, she becomes a celebrity, revered by titans of business and recognized by U.S. Presidents. Eleanor Roosevelt herself is awestruck and eager to make her acquaintance. Initially drawn together because of their shared belief in women's rights and the power of education, Mary and Eleanor become fast friends confiding their secrets, hopes and dreams—and holding each other's hands through tragedy and triumph.

When Franklin Delano Roosevelt is elected president, the two women begin to collaborate more closely, particularly as Eleanor moves toward her own agenda separate from FDR, a consequence of the devastating discovery of her husband's secret love affair. Eleanor becomes a controversial First Lady for her outspokenness, particularly on civil rights. And when she receives threats because of her strong ties to Mary, it only fuels the women's desire to fight together for justice and equality.

This is the story of two different, yet equally formidable, passionate, and committed women, and the way in which their singular friendship helped form the foundation for the modern civil rights movement.



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 cctxk 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>March 6</b>	all day	World Day of Prayer
<b>March 8</b>	all day	Daylight Saving Time Begins
<b>March 8</b>	all day	International Women's Day
<b>March 9</b>	1pm	Book Club
<b>March 9</b>	2:30pm	Worship Committee
<b>March 10</b>	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
<b>March 15</b>	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
<b>March 20</b>	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
<b>March 22</b>	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
<b>March 22</b>	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
<b>March 23</b>	6pm	General Board Meeting
<b>March 29</b>	all day	Palm Sunday
<b>March 29</b>	10:40am	Easter Offering
<b>April 2</b>	6pm	Maundy Thursday service
<b>April 3</b>	10am-2pm	Prayer Vigil



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.**

# March 2026

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	2	3	4	5	6 World Day of Prayer	7
8	Daylight Saving Time Begins International Women's Day 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	9 1pm Book Club 2:30pm Worship Comm.	10 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	11	12	13	14
15	9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon	16	17	18	19	20 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	21
22	9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	23 6pm General Board Meeting	24	25	26	27	28
29	Palm Sunday 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	30	31				

## March Birthdays

Tami Hudspeth	03-01
George Carpenter, Jr.	03-06
Joseph Cunningham	03-08
Alice Kern	03-14
Steven Howdeshell	03-25

## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

### March 1, 2026

Greeters: Judy Shilling & Sondra Bedwell  
Worship Leader: Sheri Thomas  
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears  
Flower Elder: Connie Spears  
Deacons: Judy Shilling & Sondra Bedwell

### March 8, 2026

Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas  
Worship Leader: Bob Wilmoth  
Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth  
Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth  
Deacons: Dan Rogers & Gail Runyon

### March 15, 2026

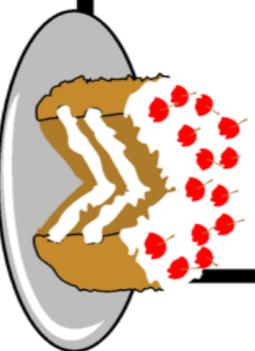
Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter  
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell  
Hospital Elder: Glenda Burkhart  
Flower Elder: Judy Shilling  
Deacons: Bob Wilmoth & Lynn Wilmoth

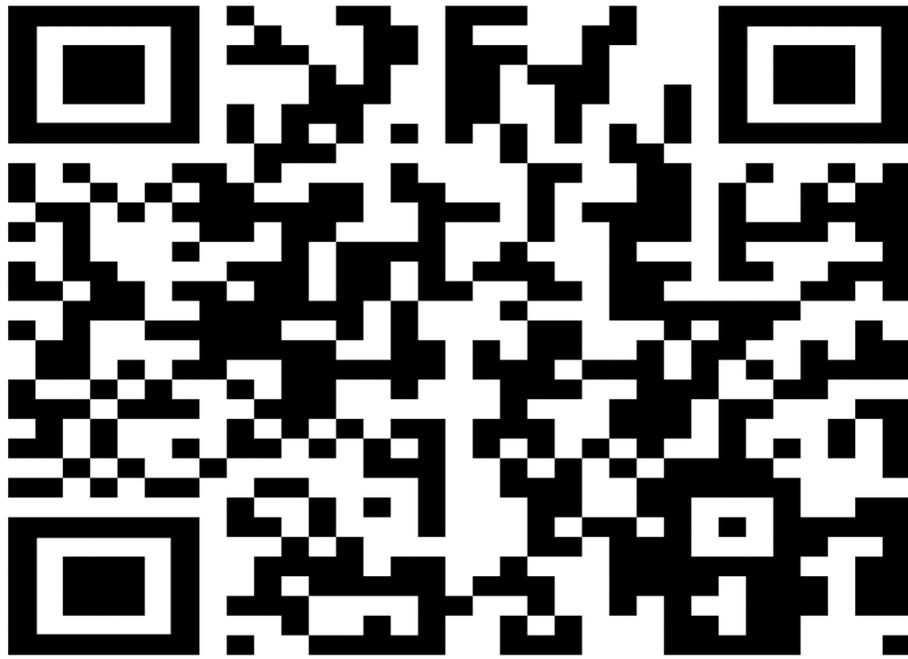
### March 22, 2026

Greeters: Dan Rogers & Alice Coleman  
Worship Leader: Jerry Thomas  
Hospital Elder: Tom Crow  
Flower Elder: Teresa Crow  
Deacons: Robert Kern & Alice Kern

### March 29, 2026

Greeters: Gail Runyon & Glenda Burkhart  
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman  
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter  
Flower Elder: Joan Carter  
Deacons: Jerry Thomas & Sheri Thomas





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*CHURCH VIDEO!*

*SHOW*  
*FRIENDS AND FAMILY.*

# Weekly Info

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## Prayer Need

Our Church

Wes Byas

Dorothy Alves

Cowboy Mathison

## Ongoing Concerns

Laura Byas

Mike Lamb

Preston Nogar, Jerry & Sheri's grandson

Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life

Matt Lowe, Robert and Alice Kern's son-in-law

Janice Dorn, Sheri Thomas' sister

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

Betty Caudle

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**

**March 1, 2026**

**Greeters:** Judy Shilling & Sondra Bedwell

**Worship Leader:** Sheri Thomas

**Hospital Elder:** Jim Spears

**Flower Elder:** Connie Spears

**Deacons:** Judy Shilling & Sondra Bedwell

**February 22, 2026**

**Attendance:** 25

**Offering:** \$1,898.28

**This Sunday:**

**“WORDS”**

**Scripture:**

**John 3:1-12**

**LECTIONARY FOR MARCH 1, 2026**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**Genesis 12:1-4a**

**Psalms 121**

**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

**Matthew 17:1-9 or John 3:1-17**