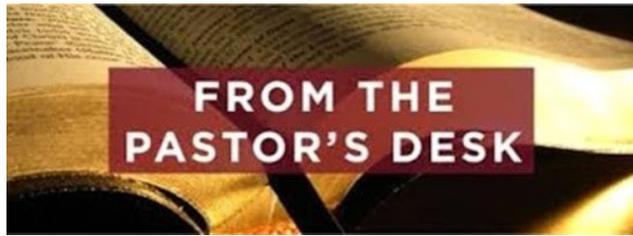


# The Central Christian 411



**Volume 17, Issue 13**

**April 1, 2026**

## **Jeremiah 31:1-6**

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

<sup>2</sup> Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword

found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

<sup>3</sup> the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

<sup>4</sup> Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines

and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

<sup>5</sup> Again you shall plant vineyards

on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant

and shall enjoy the fruit.

<sup>6</sup> For there shall be a day when sentinels will call

in the hill country of Ephraim:

“Come, let us go up to Zion,

to the LORD our God.”

Jeremiah reminds us of God’s love for us. Notice in verse 3, “the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have continued my faithfulness to you.”

We must never doubt God’s love for His creation. We must never doubt God loves US. Amen.

May the love of God abide in you always,   Wes



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

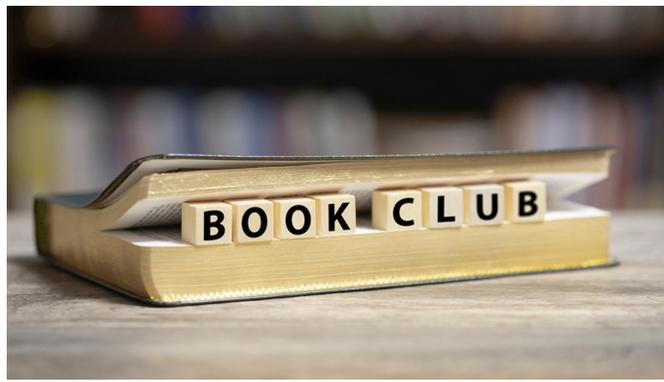
the resurrection of

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.

# **Men's Fellowship**

**THE**

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

**WILL BE MEETING**

**Friday, APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

***Old Tyme Burger Shoppe***

**Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.**

**Come join us!**



**SUNDAY, APRIL 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!**



## **THURSDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>**

The global theme for Earth Day 2026 is "Our Power, Our Planet," focusing on community-led environmental action, data-driven solutions, and collective power to drive change, moving beyond pledges to real infrastructure and policy, emphasizing that grassroots efforts are key to confronting polluters and securing a sustainable future. This theme highlights how local actions, from cleanups to advocacy, create lasting progress and strengthen community resilience against environmental challenges, driving accountability and building a green economy.

### **Key Aspects of the Theme:**

- **Shift to Participation:**  
Focuses on community engagement and grassroots organizing rather than just high-level pledges.
- **Real Infrastructure:**  
Promotes tangible solutions like clean energy and data-driven accountability as crucial infrastructure.
- **Community Resilience:**  
Stresses the role of cities, schools, and tribal nations in implementing solutions that improve reliability and safety.
- **Call to Action:**  
Encourages people to organize demonstrations, voter registration drives, and local initiatives to protect environmental laws and strengthen communities.

### **What it Means for You:**

- **Imperfect Action:**  
Encourages consistent, imperfect actions over eco-perfectionism, promoting real progress through collective effort.
- **Beyond One Day:**  
Connects personal choices and daily habits to the planet's future, making environmentalism a continuous commitment.
- **Local Power:**  
Emphasizes that individuals, families, and communities have the power to influence leaders and confront polluters.



The United States was one of the first countries in the world to celebrate Arbor Day, a holiday dedicated to tree planting.

National Arbor Day in the USA is celebrated on the last Friday in April. Besides, each state celebrates its own state tree planting holiday. Arbor Day was founded by Julius Sterling Morton, a Nebraska newspaper editor, agriculturalist and statesman. Morton was a respected agriculturalist fascinated with trees he planted numerous trees on his estate.

Currently, his former mansion and estate serve as Arbor Lodge State Historical Park. Morton came up with the idea of celebrating Arbor Day in the early 1870s. The first celebration was held in Nebraska on April 10, 1872.

Its participants planted an estimated one million trees throughout the state. By the 1920s, each state had passed laws that stipulated a certain day to be state Arbor Day. In some states, the holiday was named Arbor and Bird Day. In Nebraska, Arbor Day is a civic holiday. National Arbor Day in the United States was established as a state holiday in 1885. It was moved from April 10 (its original date proposed by Morton) to April 22 (Morton's birthday). In 1989, the holiday was moved to the last Friday in April. On this day, Americans are encouraged to plant trees, bushes, and plants (if weather conditions allow) and care for their national environment.



COMING

APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>!

**OUR SIXTH ANNUAL  
FISH FRY & AUCTION!**

Tickets: \$20 Adults/\$10 Kids 10>

Doors Open at 5 pm

Begin Serving at 5:30 pm

To Go Plates Available!

For Auction: Bring New Items in Advance.

*Bring Baked Goods*

*on Day of Auction.*

**AUCTION WILL INCLUDE 2 TEXAS  
RANGERS BASEBALL TICKETS**

# COMMUNITY **OUTREACH**

Giving back to the community

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 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.”

# Cabinet Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>

WE WILL HAVE OUR

CABINET MEETING

AT 4 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.



Beginning May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have a four (4)  
Sunday

Easter Study on Why Easter Matters.

As you know, Lent, along with Holy Week, is an extremely busy time of the Christian Year. So, we decided to have an after Easter Sunday Study, which will be held for four (4) Sundays beginning May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

So please mark your calendar for

**May 3, 10, 17 and 24.**

We will meet in Disciple Hall for this study.

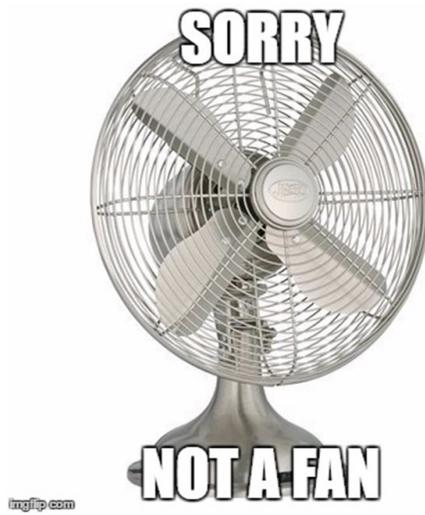
There will be handouts and discussion.

So, prepare your hearts and minds!

**WE WILL HAVE SOUP & SALAD AT 5 PM.**

**PLEASE BRING EITHER SOUP OR SALAD.**

**TEA AND WATER WILL BE PROVIDED.**



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***

## **EPHESIANS**

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 Ephesians is a Pauline epistle and the tenth book of the New Testament of the Christian Bible. It stands among the canonical writings that shaped early Christian identity and is traditionally grouped with the letters attributed to Paul the Apostle.

The text is traditionally believed to have been written by Paul around AD 62 during his imprisonment in Rome. It closely resembles Colossians and is thought to have been addressed to the church in Ephesus (now in Turkey), another Pauline epistle whose authorship is debated. As such, many modern scholars dispute the attribution and date the work to AD 70–100 as a circular letter.

Ephesians sets out a theological vision of God's plan to unite all creation in Christ and exhorts the church to embody that unity through reconciliation across ethnic boundaries and holy conduct in everyday relationships.



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>April 2</b>	6pm	Maundy Thursday service
<b>April 3</b>	10am-2pm	Prayer & Meditation in sanctuary
<b>April 5</b>	all day	Easter Sunday
<b>April 5</b>	10:40am	Easter offering
<b>April 6</b>	all day	office closed
<b>April 12</b>	11:45am	Fellowship Committee
<b>April 13</b>	1pm	Book Club
<b>April 13</b>	2:30pm	Worship Committee
<b>April 14</b>	11:30am	CWF
<b>April 14</b>	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
<b>April 17</b>	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
<b>April 19</b>	10:40am	Friends & Family Sunday
<b>April 19</b>	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
<b>April 22</b>	all day	Earth Day
<b>April 24</b>	all day	Arbor Day
<b>April 25</b>	5pm	Fish Fry and Auction



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.**

# April 2026

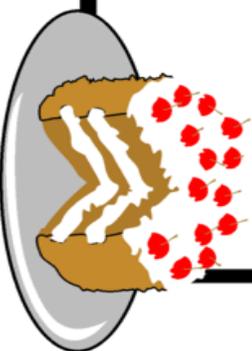
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Meat I-Z: Vegetable/salad</p>	<p>Easter offering will be taken up on April 5th</p>		1	2 6pm Maundy Thursday service	3 10am-2pm Sanctuary open for prayer and meditation	4
<p>5 Easter Sunday 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 10:40am Worship Service</p>	<p>6 office closed</p>	7	8	9	10	11
<p>12 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Fellowship Comm.</p>	<p>13 1pm Book Club 2:30pm Worship Committee</p>	<p>14 11:30am CWF 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group</p>	15	16	17 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	18
<p>19 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service w/Friends &amp; Family Day 11:45am Potluck Luncheon</p>	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24 Arbor Day	25 Fish Fry & Auction Doors open at 5pm Serving at 5:30pm
<p>26 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off</p>	27 4pm Cabinet Meeting	28	29	30		

## April Birthdays

Judy Shilling	04-03
Jeffrey Turner	04-07
Lynn Wilmoth	04-13
Jennifer Watson	04-25
Stan Brummal	04-27
Nancy Thompson	04-28
Sarah Launius	04-28
Jordan Lumpkin	04-28
Robert Kern	04-29

## April Anniversaries

Denton & Janell Dailey	04-03
Wes & Laura Byas	04-07
Chad & Jamie Bennett	04-24



## Servers for the Weeks Ahead

### April 5, 2026

Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Alice Coleman  
Worship Leader: Jerry Thomas  
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern  
Flower Elder: Alice Kern  
Deacons: Jim Spears & Connie Spears

### April 12, 2026

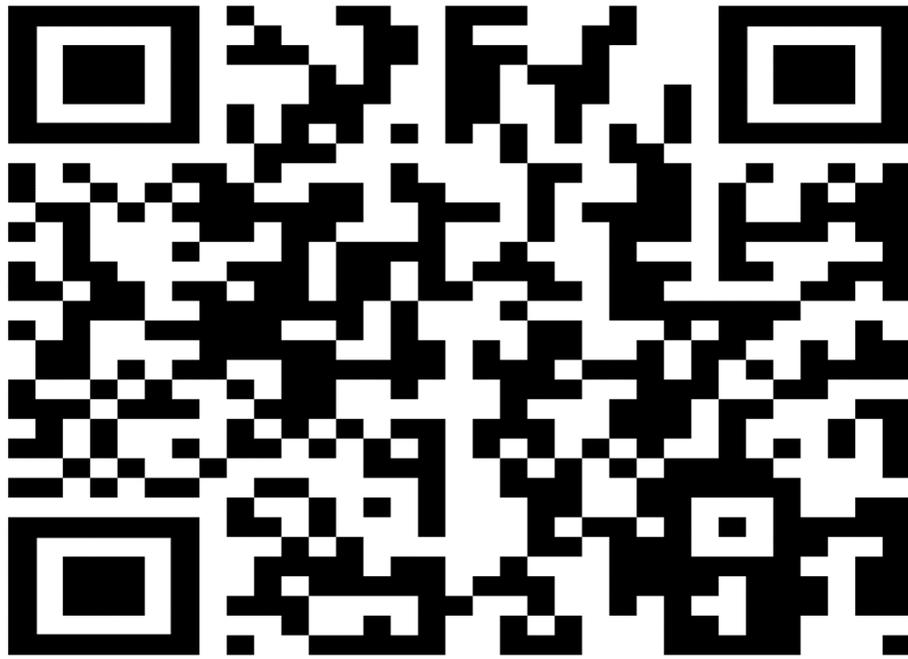
Greeters: Dan Rogers & Gail Runyon  
Worship Leader: Mike Martin  
Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth  
Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth  
Deacons: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore

### April 19, 2026

Greeters: Glenda Burkhart & Janell Dailey  
Worship Leader: Tom Crow  
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter  
Flower Elder: Joan Carter  
Deacons: Glen Hudspeth & Tami Hudspeth

### April 26, 2026

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth  
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell  
Hospital Elder: Glenda Burkhart  
Flower Elder: Alice Coleman  
Deacons: Tom Crow & Teresa Crow



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*OUR*  
*CHURCH VIDEO!*

*SHOW*  
*FRIENDS AND FAMILY.*

## Prayer Need

Our Church

Wes Byas

Kelley Folmar

Kim Baker Boyette

Steve Brine, Beth Brine's brother

Betty Vanderburg, Beth Brine's aunt

Dorothy Alves

Cowboy Mathison

## Ongoing Concerns

Laura Byas

Herb Hamilton, Little River Nursing & Rehab Rm. 117

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

Ed Shilling, Judy Shilling's husband

Bill Griffin, Glenda Burkhart's son-in-law

## Homebound

Joe Frost, Sr., home

Betty Caudle

Margie Beeson

Midge Cooney, home

James Thompson, home

Susie Howdeshell, home

Bobbie Roberts, Pat Taylor's mom, The Villa room 207



**Serving this Sunday**

**April 5, 2026**

**Greeters:** Sondra Bedwell & Alice Coleman

**Worship Leader:** Jerry Thomas

**Hospital Elder:** Robert Kern

**Flower Elder:** Alice Kern

**Deacons:** Jim Spears & Connie Spears

**March 29, 2026**

**Attendance: 31**

**Offering: \$847.91**

**This Sunday:**

***"RAISED!"***

**Scripture:**

**Matthew 28:1-10**

***LECTIONARY FOR APRIL 5, 2026***

***Easter Sunday***

**Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6**

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

**Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43**

**John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10**