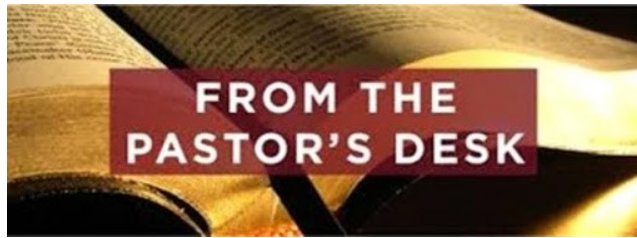


The Central Christian 411



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Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This great commission Jesus gave to his disciples required they be committed to the Gospel. To the spreading of the Gospel to all nations. That same commission is for all of us who follow the Lord Jesus Christ. In saying that, we need to understand to be committed to the Gospel entails consequences and sacrifices. Commitment always has and always will. For example, as we approach Independence Day here in the U.S., let us remember what happened to the fifty-six men who signed the Declaration of Independence.

Fifty-six men signed the Declaration of Independence. Their conviction resulted in untold sufferings for themselves and their families. Of the 56 men, five were captured by the British and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army. Another had two sons captured. Nine of the fifty-six fought and died from wounds or hardships of the war. Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships sunk by the British navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts and died in poverty. At the battle of Yorktown, the British General Cornwallis had taken over Thomas Nelson's home for his headquarters. Nelson quietly ordered General George Washington to open fire on the Nelson home. The home was destroyed and Nelson died bankrupt. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their thirteen children fled for their lives. His fields and mill were destroyed. For over a year, he lived in forest and caves, returning home only to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later, he died from exhaustion.

Yes, commitment can be costly. Jesus has called us to commit to the spreading of the Gospel, but promised to be with us always. Are you committed?

May the God of compassion and strength be with you, Wes



Mental Health Awareness Month (also referred to as Mental Health Month) has been observed in May in the United States since 1949. The month is observed with media, local events, and film screenings.

Mental Health Awareness Month began in the United States in 1949 and was started by:

Mental Health America (MHA)

(then known as the National Association for Mental Health).

Each year in mid-March Mental Health America releases a *toolkit of materials* to guide preparation for outreach activities during Mental Health Awareness Month.

During the month of May, MHA, its affiliates, and other organizations interested in mental health conduct a number of activities which are based on a different theme each year.



SUNDAY, MAY 31ST, IS OUR

5TH SUNDAY

BREAKFAST!

ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE

(AND WE HOPE ALL OF YOU DO)

PLEASE BRING A

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST FOOD ITEM

COME JOIN US AT 9:30 A.M. IN

BREAKING BREAD

AS WE CELEBRATE

OUR LORD



JUNE

Pride Month is a vibrant and inclusive celebration that honors the LGBTQ+ community, their history, achievements, and ongoing struggle for equality. This annual event serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of acceptance, diversity, and love. It brings together individuals, organizations, and communities to advocate for LGBTQ+ rights and celebrate the progress made towards a more inclusive society. In this article, we explore the essence of Pride Month 2026, its history, and how you can actively participate in this empowering celebration.

What is Pride Month 2026?

Pride Month is a month-long celebration that recognizes the LGBTQ+ community and their contributions to society. It is a time to acknowledge the challenges faced by this community and to stand in solidarity with their fight for equality, acceptance, and human rights. Pride Month is a joyful and colorful display of love, unity, and resilience, with events and activities that promote inclusivity, educate the public, and celebrate the diversity of sexual orientations and gender identities.



JUNE 5, 2026

World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated annually on 5 June and encourages awareness and action for the protection of the environment. It is supported by many non-governmental organizations, businesses, government entities, and represents the primary United Nations outreach day supporting the environment. First held in 1974, it has been a platform for awareness on environmental issues as marine pollution, overpopulation, global warming, sustainable development and wildlife crime. World Environment Day is a global platform for public outreach, with participation from over 143 countries annually, including participation from:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand and the United States.

Every year, the program has provided a theme and forum for businesses, non-government organizations, communities, politicians and stars to advocate environmental causes.



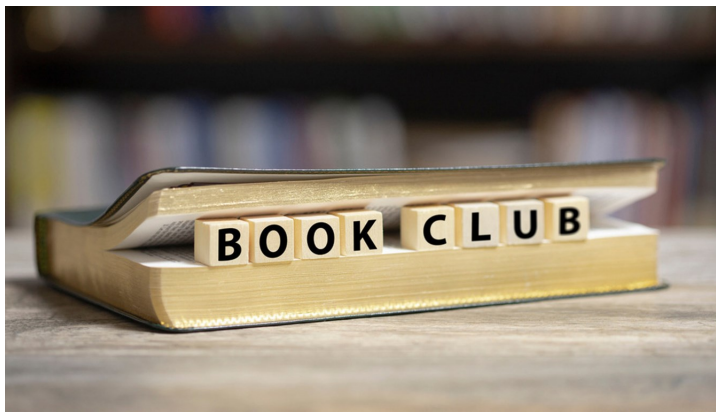
JUNE 8TH

The World Ocean Day 2026 Action Theme – **Strong Marine Protected Areas for Our Blue Planet** – will guide global action over the coming years. It brings together the momentum of recent multi-year action themes – *Catalyzing Ocean-Climate Action* and *Protecting at Least 30% of Lands, Waters, and Ocean by 2030 (30x30)* – and aligns powerfully with the recent ratification of the High Seas Treaty to protect biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction.

World leaders have committed to 30x30 both within national waters and across the High Seas – an area covering two-thirds of the ocean and nearly one-half of Earth’s surface. *Now they need to follow through!* These ocean waters regulate the climate, support extraordinary biodiversity, sustain livelihoods, and hold untapped scientific and medical potential.

Creating strongly regulated Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) is essential to turning global commitments into real conservation outcomes. Implementation will require collective effort, accountability, and sustained public engagement – but if we work together, it is definitely achievable by 2030!

By uniting around World Ocean Day each June, we can accelerate progress and help create a global network of MPAs that restores ecosystems, builds resilience, and inspires hope for the future.



ON MONDAY, JUNE 8th

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

IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

TO DISCUSS

THE SONG OF THE BLUE BOTTLE TREE

BY

INDIA HAYFORD

Genevieve Charbonneau talks to ghosts and has a special relationship with rattlesnakes. In her travels, she's wandered throughout the South, escaping a mental hospital in Alabama, working for a Louisiana circus, and dancing at a hoochy-kootch in Texas. Now for the first time in a decade, she's allowed her winding path to bring her to the site of her grandmother's Arkansas farmhouse, a place hallowed in her memory.

She intends only to visit briefly – to pay respects to her buried loved ones and leave. But a chance meeting with a haunted young Vietnam vet reconnects her with the remnants of a family she thought long gone, and their union becomes a catalyst for change and salvation. An abused woman and her daughters develop the courage to fight back, a ghost finds the path away from life, and a sanctimonious predator becomes the prey. In the process, Genevieve must choose between her longing for meaningful connection after years as an outsider and her equally excruciating impulse to run.

Written by a naturalist and set on the land where her family roots stretch back two centuries, *The Song of the Blue Bottle Tree* is a haunting story about letting go and the things we leave behind, the power of names, and the ties that bind. It is both harrowing and triumphant, a visceral Southern debut as otherworldly and beautiful as it is unflinching and wry.



Global Wind Day or **World Wind Day** is a worldwide event held on June 15. It is organized by WindEurope and GWEC (Global Wind Energy Council). It is a day when wind energy is celebrated, information is exchanged and adults and children find out about wind energy, its power and the possibilities it holds to change the world.

In association with EWEA and GWEC, national wind energy associations and companies involved in wind energy production organize events in many countries around the world. In 2011, there were events organized in 30 countries, on 4 continents. Events included visits to onshore and offshore wind farms, information campaigns, demonstration turbines being set up in cities, wind workshops and a wind parade. Many events happened on Global Wind Day (15 June) itself, but there were also events on the days and weeks before and afterwards. In 2012 there were 250 events around the globe and a popular photo competition.



FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Cel-Liberation Day or the Black Fourth of July, is an American holiday that commemorates June 19, 1865.

On this day, after almost two and half years since the implementation of the Emancipation Proclamation, enslaved African Americans were informed of their liberation from the slavery present in the former Confederate States of America. Texas was the most remote of the slave states, and the Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863, was not enforced there until after the Civil War had ended. The name of the observance is a portmanteau of "June" and "nineteenth", the date of its celebration.

At first celebrations involved church-centered community gatherings in Texas. It spread across the South and became more commercialized in the 1920s and 1930s. Often the centerpiece was a food festival. A third stage was reached in the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s, when the focus became the story of struggle for postwar civil rights. The 1970s saw a fourth stage, which returned the focus to African American freedom and arts. By the 21st century Juneteenth was celebrated in most major cities across the United States. Activists are pushing Congress to recognize Juneteenth as a national holiday. Juneteenth is recognized as a state holiday or special day of observance in 46 of the 50 states.

Observance is primarily in local celebrations. Traditions include public readings of the Emancipation Proclamation, singing traditional songs such as "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Lift Every Voice and Sing", and reading of works by noted African-American writers such as Ralph Ellison and Maya Angelou. Celebrations include rodeos, street fairs, cookouts, family reunions, park parties, historical reenactments, or Miss Juneteenth contests.



What is World Refugee Day?

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honor refugees around the globe. It falls each year on 20 June and honors the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution.

Why is World Refugee Day important?

World Refugee Day shines a light on the rights, needs and dreams of refugees, helping to mobilize political will and resources so refugees can not only survive but thrive. While it is important to protect and improve the lives of refugees every single day, international days like World Refugee Day help to focus global attention on the plight of those fleeing conflict or persecution. Many activities held on World Refugee Day create opportunities to support refugees.

When is World Refugee Day and when did it start?

World Refugee Day falls each year on 20 June and is dedicated to refugees around the globe. World Refugee Day was held globally for the first time on 20 June 2001 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees. It was originally known as Africa Refugee Day, before the United Nations General Assembly officially designated it as an international day in December 2000.

What happens on World Refugee Day?

Each year, World Refugee Day is marked by a variety of events in many countries around the globe in support of refugees. These activities are led by or involve refugees themselves, government officials, host communities, companies, celebrities and schoolchildren among others.



FATHER'S DAY

IS

SUNDAY, JUNE 21st

MAKE PLANS NOW TO BRING

YOUR

DAD!

WE WILL HAVE A **POTLUCK**
LUNCHEON AFTER WORSHIP!



SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST

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!

Cabinet Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 22nd

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.

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

(That You May Know the Roles)

ELDERS

Elders primarily shall be ***responsible for the spiritual life and development of the congregation***, preside at the Lord's Table, assist and ***share with the Minister in the conduct of Pastoral functions*** and ***provide supportive counsel*** for the Minister regarding the spiritual life and development of the congregation.

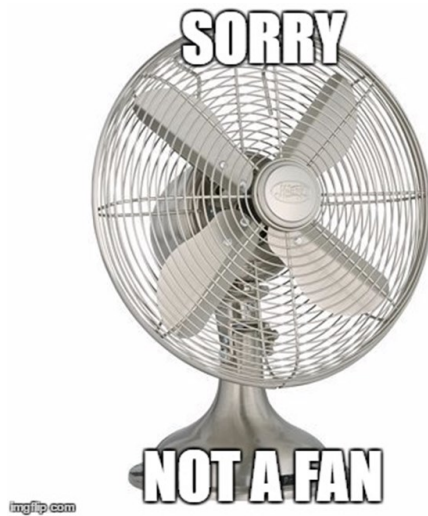
DEACONS

Deacons primarily shall be ***responsible for the maintenance and "growth" of the congregation*** through its individual members and corporate life ***through witnessing in the community and in the world.***

MINISTER

The Minister of the congregation ***shall be the chief administrator of the congregation***, and in cooperation with the Moderator of the congregation and the General Board, ***encourage orderly procedures in the life and work of the congregation in compliance with the congregation's Constitution and the policies & procedures of the congregation*** and General Board.

The Minister shall give ***special attention to the selection and training of the congregation's leaders.***



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***

1 THESSALONIANS

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 Thessalonians is a Pauline epistle of the New Testament of the Christian Bible. The epistle is attributed to Paul the Apostle, and is addressed to the church in Thessalonica, in modern-day Greece.

Paul had visited the city, preached the gospel, and gained converts, many of whom were likely Gentiles. It is usually dated around 49–51 AD during Paul's stay in Corinth, making it one of the earliest surviving Christian texts. Some early manuscripts, however, suggest it may have been written from Athens after Timothy returned with news about the Thessalonian church.



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

1 CORINTHIANS

We study various books of the Bible
and recently completed

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

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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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

May 31	9:30am	5th Sunday Breakfast
June 4	2pm	Stewardship Committee
June 5	all day	World Environment Day
June 6	1:30pm-3pm	Bingo
June 8	all day	World Oceans Day
June 8	1pm	Book Club
June 8	2:30pm	Worship Committee
June 9	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
June 14	11:45am	Fellowship Committee
June 15	all day	Global Wind Day
June 19	all day	Juneteenth
June 19	7:30am	CMF
June 20	all day	World Refugee Day
June 21	all day	Father's Day
June 21	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
June 22	4pm	Cabinet Meeting



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.

June 2026

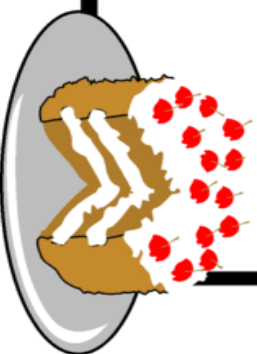
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Vegetable/salad I-Z: Meat						
7	9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	8 World Ocean Day 1pm Book Club 2:30pm Worship Committee	9 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	10	11	12	13
14	9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Fellowship Comm.	15 Global Wind Day	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	20 World Refugee Day
21	Fathers Day 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon	22 4pm Cabinet Meeting	23	24	25	26	27
28	9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	29	30				

June Birthdays

Jane Watson 6-01
Janell Dailey 6-05
Lisa Kern 6-15
Glenda Worley 6-16
Alan Bennett 6-28
Angela Dobby 6-28
Betsy Spencer 6-29

June Anniversaries

James & Nancy Thompson 6-05
Stan & Pat Brummal 6-20
Alan & Janet Bennett 6-23



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

June 7, 2026

Greeters: Dan Rogers & Mae Rogers
Worship Leader: Jerry Thomas
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Glenda Burkhart & Alice Coleman

June 14, 2026

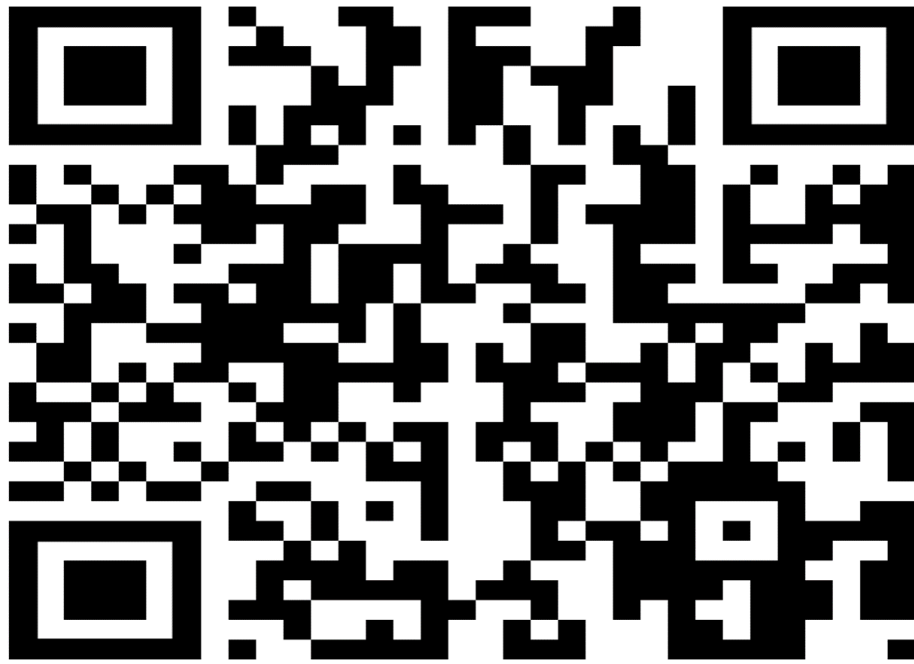
Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: Mike Martin
Flower Elder: Jim Spears
Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Dan Rogers

June 21, 2026

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Bob Wilmoth
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Gail Runyon & Judy Shilling

June 28, 2026

Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore
Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhart
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Glen Hudspeth & Tami Hudspeth



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QR CODE
TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church

Wes Byas

Sandra Lofler, Glenda Burkhart's niece

Sharon Van Hooser, Judy Shilling's sister

Christina and family, friend of Beverly Folmar

Ongoing Concerns

Laura Byas

Dorothy Alves

Troy Kern

Kim Baker Boyette

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

May 31, 2026

Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Alice Coleman

Worship Leader: Bob Wilmoth

Hospital Elder: Robert Kern

Flower Elder: Alice Kern

Deacons: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore

May 24, 2026

Attendance: 26

Offering: \$1,589.65

This Sunday:

“Order out of Chaos”

Scripture:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

LECTIONARY FOR MAY 31, 2026

First Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20