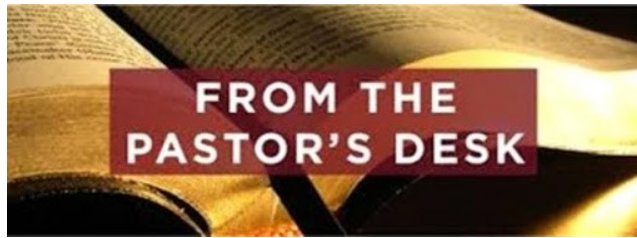


The Central Christian 411



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Acts 17:22-31

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Paul, at times, seems magical. He is able to present God in such a way that those listening feel liberated by his words. Notice how Paul explains God: The God who made the world and everything in it (not various god’s, but the One True God), not a god who lives in a shrine but is omnipresent, not a god created by humans, but who created humans, not a god who needs us, but a God who wants us, loves us, and invites us to be a productive part of his creation. Paul’s words are inviting and true. Do you believe?

May the God of All Creation be with you always, Wes



IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW HAS EVER
WONDERED WHO AND WHAT THE CHRISTIAN
CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

ARE ABOUT

NOW IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU AND YOUR
FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO LEARN ABOUT THIS GREAT
DENOMINATION!!!

SUNDAY, MAY 10TH, WE WILL BE MAKING A
PRESENTATION ON THE ROOTS AND BELIEFS OF THE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DoC).

THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST ARE AN AMERICAN BORN,
GRASS ROOTS DENOMINATION THAT EMBRACES
DIVERSITY

WELCOMES EVERYONE

AND

BELIEVES ALL ARE WORTHY

OF

GOD'S LOVE.

SUNDAY, MAY 10TH, AT 5 PM IN DISCIPLE HALL WE
WILL HAVE

SOUP AND DESSERT

WITH OUR STUDY OF THIS GREAT DENOMINATION
COME JOIN US!!!!



MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH



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.



Beginning May 3rd, we will have a four (4)
Sunday

Easter Study on Why Easter Matters.

Join us for this blend of Why Easter Matters and Why the Disciples of Christ matter. We will look into [the mysteries of the Easter Season](#) and [how the Disciples of Christ celebrate the season](#) by being who they are.

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.**

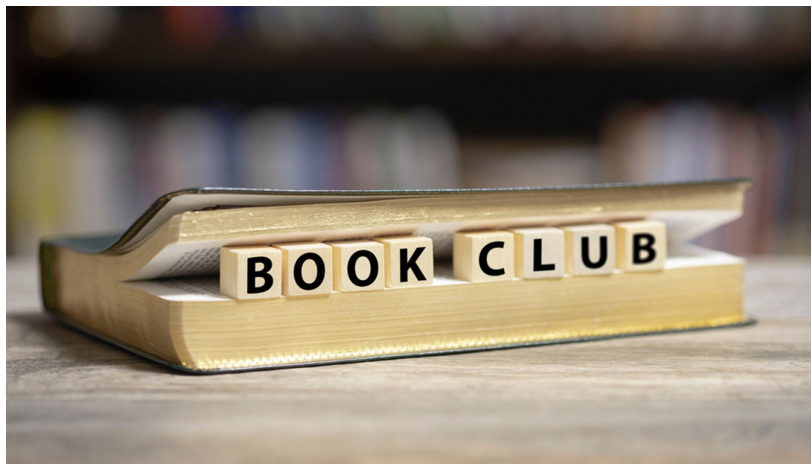


SUNDAY, MAY 10TH, WE WILL BE
CELEBRATING

MOTHER'S DAY

HERE AT
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BRING YOUR MOTHER TO CHURCH ON
THIS SPECIAL DAY AND EVERY
SUNDAY!



ON MONDAY, MAY 11th

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

IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

TO DISCUSS

**THE GUERNSEY LITERARY GUILD & POTATO PEEL PIE
SOCIETY**

BY

MARY ANN SHAFFER & ANNIE BARROWS

As Juliet and her new correspondent exchange letters, Juliet is drawn into the world of this man and his friends—and what a wonderfully eccentric world it is. The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society—born as a spur-of-the-moment alibi when its members were discovered breaking curfew by the Germans occupying their island—boasts a charming, funny, deeply human cast of characters, from pig farmers to phrenologists, literature lovers all.

Juliet begins a remarkable correspondence with the society's members, learning about their island, their taste in books, and the impact the recent German occupation has had on their lives. Captivated by their stories, she sets sail for Guernsey, and what she finds will change her forever.

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CWF/DWM Blog

CWF will meet on Tuesday, May 12th at 11:30am in Disciple Hall for lunch which will be Soup, Salads and Desserts. Our service project is Randy Sams Homeless Shelter. They need socks, underwear and grooming items if you would like to donate.

Our program will be “Emotions Are Useful”.

This will be our last meeting until fall. Please remember to bring your blessing boxes.

Hope to see all the ladies there!!

Men's Fellowship

THE

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

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, MAY 15th

at 7:30 A.M. at

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 24TH

IS

**PENTECOST
SUNDAY!**

**BE SURE TO WEAR
RED**

FOR THIS CELEBRATION OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT.



Board Meeting

THERE WILL BE A
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY

MAY 18th

AT 4 P.M.

IN

THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

ALL BOARD MEETINGS ARE VERY

IMPORTANT SO ALL

BOARD MEMBERS

ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE

PRESENT.

COMMUNITY **OUTREACH**

Giving back to the community

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 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. ³⁵“By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”



Originally called Decoration Day, from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, Memorial Day is a day for remembrance of those who have died in service to our country. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868 to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former Union sailors and soldiers.

During that first national commemoration, former Union Gen. and sitting Ohio Congressman James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried there.

This event was inspired by local observances of the day that had taken place in several towns throughout America in the three years after the Civil War. In 1873, New York was the first state to designate Memorial Day as a legal holiday. By the late 1800s, many more cities and communities observed Memorial Day, and several states had declared it a legal holiday. After World War I, it became an occasion for honoring those who died in all of America's wars and was then more widely established as a national holiday throughout the United States.

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.

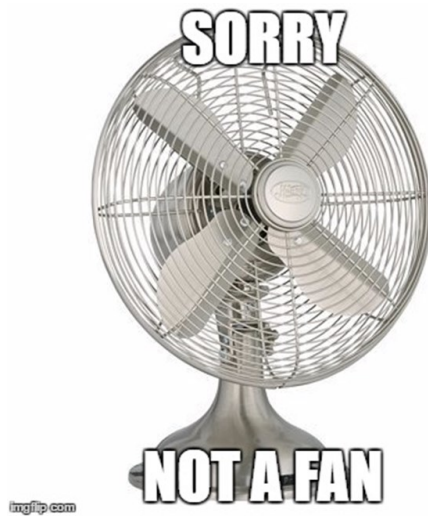
DEACONS

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***

COLOSSIANS

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 Colossians is a Pauline epistle and the twelfth book of the New Testament of the Christian Bible. It was written, according to the text, by Paul the Apostle and Timothy, and addressed to the church in Colossae, a small Phrygian city near Laodicea and approximately 100 miles (160 km) from Ephesus in Asia Minor.

Many Scholars question Paul's authorship and attribute the letter to an early follower instead, but others still defend it as authentic. If Paul was the author, he probably used an amanuensis, or secretary, in writing the letter (Colossians 4:18), possibly Timothy.



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.



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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,

Upcoming Events & Services

May 10	all day	Mother's Day
May 10	5pm	After Easter Study
May 11	1pm	Book Club
May 11	2:30pm	Worship Committee
May 12	11:30am	CWF
May 12	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
May 15	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
May 17	10:40am	Pentecost offering
May 17	5pm	After Easter Study
May 18	4pm	General Board Meeting
May 18	6pm	CG/E/CE Committee
May 24	all day	Pentecost Sunday
May 24	10:40am	Pentecost offering
May 24	5pm	After Easter Study
May 25	all day	Memorial Day/office closed



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.

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pentecost offering will be taken up on May 17th and 24th.					1	2
3 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 5pm After Easter Study	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 5pm After Easter Study	11 1pm Book Club 2:30pm Worship Committee	12 11:30am CWF 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	13	14	15 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	16
17 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 5pm After Easter Study	18 4pm General Board Meeting 6pm CG/E/CE Comm.	19	20	21 4pm Core/Steering Comm.	22	23
24 Pentecost 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 5pm After Easter Study 6pm Randy Sams drop off	25 Memorial Day Office closed	26	27	28	29	30
31 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am 5th Sunday Breakfast 10:40am Worship Service						

May Birthdays

Bob Wilmoth	05-09
Isabelle Fowler	05-13
Gabriel Fowler	05-16
Richard Burkhart	05-17
Diane Pope-King	05-20
Nick (Cowboy) Mathison	05-23
Aaron Dobby	05-24
Widge Cooney	05-28
Wes Byas	05-28
John Beeson	05-29

May Anniversaries

Richard & Glenda Burkhart 05-03



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

May 3, 2026

Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore
Worship Leader: Sheri Thomas
Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth
Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth
Deacons: Bob Wilmoth & Lynn Wilmoth

May 10, 2026

Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Mae Kidd & Judy Shilling

May 17, 2026

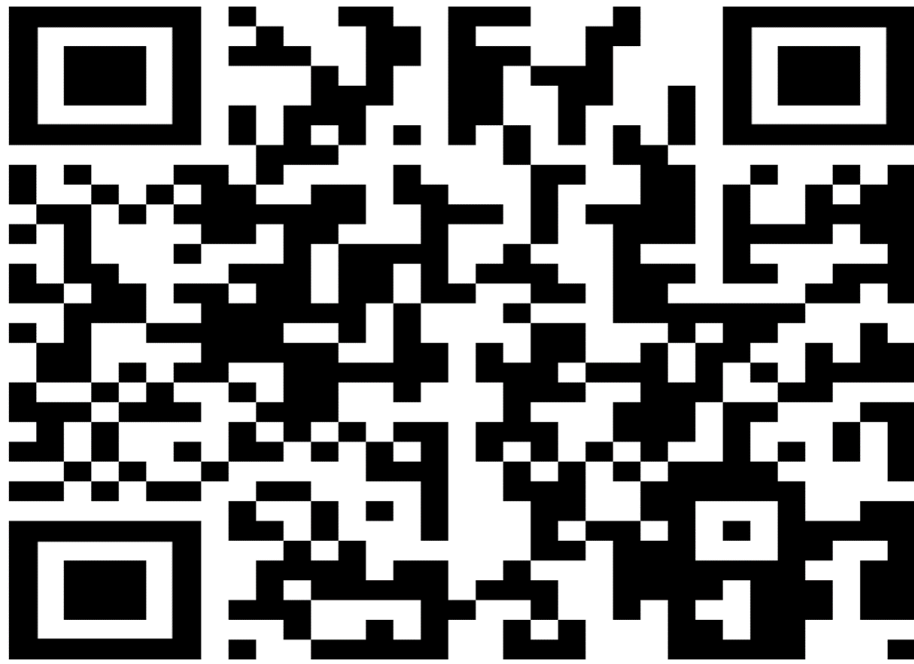
Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter
Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhart
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons: Jack Carter & Joan Carter

May 24, 2026

Greeters: Glenda Burkhart & Gail Runyon
Worship Leader: Jerry Thomas
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Jim Spears & Connie Spears

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



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TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Jerry Thomas
Sharon Van Hooser, Judy Shilling's sister
Christina and family, friend of Beverly Folmar

Ongoing Concerns

Laura Byas
Dorothy Alves
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 Burkhardt'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 10, 2026

Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Mae Kidd & Judy Shilling

May 3, 2026

Attendance: 28
Offering: \$3,189.08

This Sunday:

"A MOTHER'S CODE"

Scripture:

1 Peter 3:13-22

LECTIONARY FOR MAY 10, 2026

Mother's Day

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21