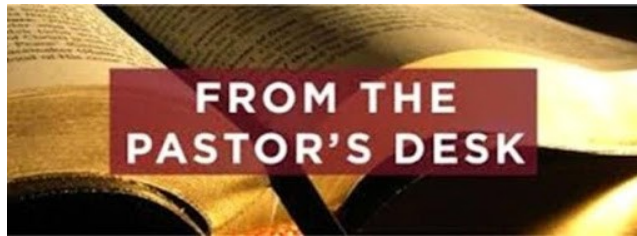


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Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so the people may drink”. Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Even in ancient times, people were prone to complain in spite of anything good that has happened in their lives. Moses led the people out of slavery into freedom and they complained. He showed them the power of God and they still complained, even accusing Moses of plotting to kill them. Oftentimes it seems we are in a world of complainers regardless of anything good occurring in their lives. In families, workplaces, businesses and, yes, even in churches. In fact, perhaps even more in churches. So many times, people have left churches saying, “I come to church for peace and quiet and all I hear are complaints,” then they leave, never to return. And you may be surprised what people complain about! Some complain about decisions the Board or Committees make. Some complain about staff, and sermons. As my mentor in my early years of ministry said, “You will have those who hear the message and those who judge the messenger. Give thanks for those who hear the message.” As the old saying goes, you can’t please everyone. Moses certainly didn’t please those he liberated. The prophets didn’t please their listeners, and Jesus didn’t please the Scribes and Pharisees.

May the God of love please you. Wes

COMMUNITY **OUTREACH**

Giving back to the community

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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.”



Board Meeting

THERE WILL BE A
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 28th
AT 4 P.M.
IN
THE COMMUNITY ROOM.
ALL BOARD MEETINGS ARE VERY IM-
PORTANT SO ALL
BOARD MEMBERS
ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE
PRESENT.



World Vegetarian Day is **observed** annually around the planet on **October 1**. It is a day of celebration established by the North American Vegetarian Society in 1977 and endorsed by the International Vegetarian Union in 1978, "To promote the joy, compassion and life-enhancing possibilities of vegetarianism." It brings awareness to the ethical, environmental, health, and humanitarian benefits of a vegetarian lifestyle. **World Vegetarian Day** initiates the month of October as **Vegetarian Awareness Month**, which ends with **November 1**, World Vegan Day, as the end of that month of celebration. Vegetarian Awareness Month has been known variously as "**Reverence for Life**" month, "**Month of Vegetarian Food**", and more.



BINGO RETURNS!!!!

OCTOBER 3RD

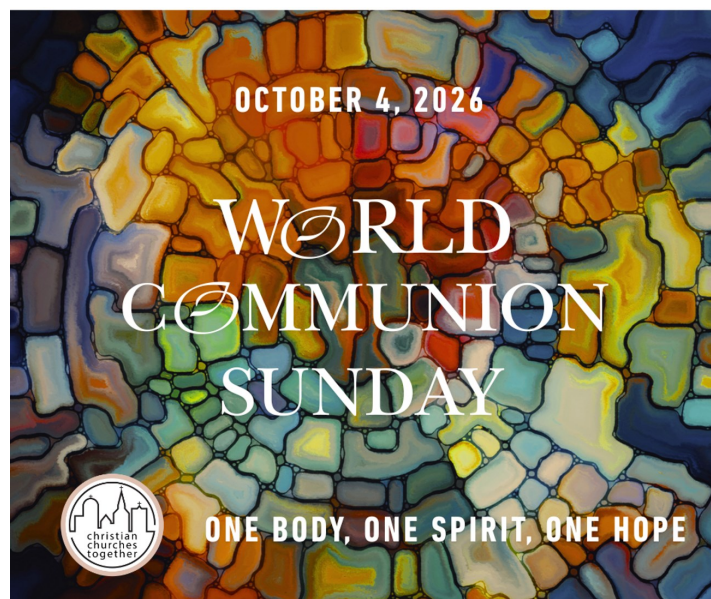
IN THE

COMMUNITY ROOM

From 1:30 to 3:00 PM

Fun4theBrain

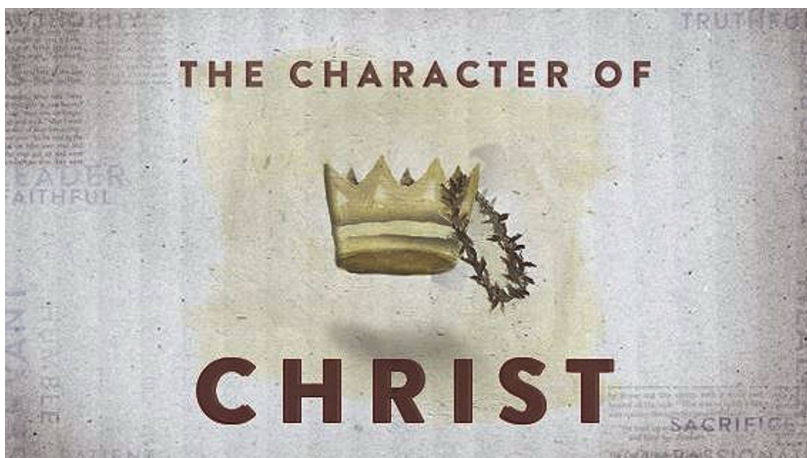
Y'ALL COME!!



World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several **Protestant** denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes **Christian unity** and **Ecumenical** cooperation.

It focuses on an observance of the **Eucharist**.

The tradition was begun in 1933.



BEGINNING ON SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 4TH

AT 4 PM

WE WILL HAVE A STUDY ENTITLED:
**PUTTING ON THE CHARACTER OF
CHRIST.**

Be sure to join us for this important **four Sunday Study**
held **in the Community Room** where we look at:

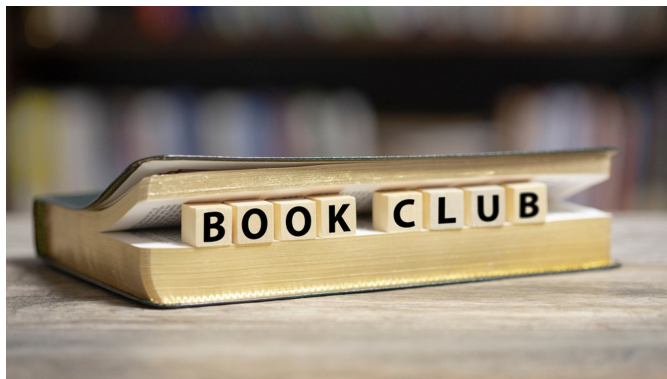
Learning to Live Without Anger

Learning to Bless Those Who Curse Us

Learning to Live Without Worry

and

Learning to Live Without Judging Others



ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12th
THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.
TO DISCUSS
THE BOOK OF LOST NAMES

BY

KRISTIN HARMEL

Eva Traube Abrams, a semi-retired librarian in Florida, is shelving books when her eyes lock on a photograph in the *New York Times*. She freezes; it's an image of a book she hasn't seen in more than sixty years—a book she recognizes as *The Book of Lost Names*.

The accompanying article discusses the looting of libraries by the Nazis across Europe during World War II—an experience Eva remembers well—and the search to reunite people with the texts taken from them so long ago. The book in the photograph, an eighteenth-century religious text thought to have been taken from France in the waning days of the war, is one of the most fascinating cases. Now housed in Berlin's Zentral- und Landesbibliothek library, it appears to contain some sort of code, but researchers don't know where it came from—or what the code means. Only Eva holds the answer, but does she have the strength to revisit old memories?

As a graduate student in 1942, Eva was forced to flee Paris and find refuge in a small mountain town in the Free Zone, where she began forging identity documents for Jewish children fleeing to neutral Switzerland. But erasing people comes with a price, and along with a mysterious, handsome forger named Rémy, Eva decides she must find a way to preserve the real names of the children who are too young to remember who they really are. The records they keep in *The Book of Lost Names* will become even more vital when the resistance cell they work for is betrayed and Rémy disappears.

An engaging and evocative novel reminiscent of *The Lost Girls of Paris* and *The Alice Network*, *The Book of Lost Names* is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the power of bravery and love in the face of evil.

Men's Fellowship

THE

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

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, OCT. 16TH

at 7:30 A.M. at

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



**TOUGH
KOOKIE**
Foundation

6TH ANNUAL
**KATINA R. LEVINGSTON
BREAST CANCER
RACE/WALK**

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

WE'RE
**ALL IN
THE MIX**
IN 2026

OCT 17 2026



8:00 AM



**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
TEXARKANA**

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Together*



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WALK



SUPPORT



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

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!

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.

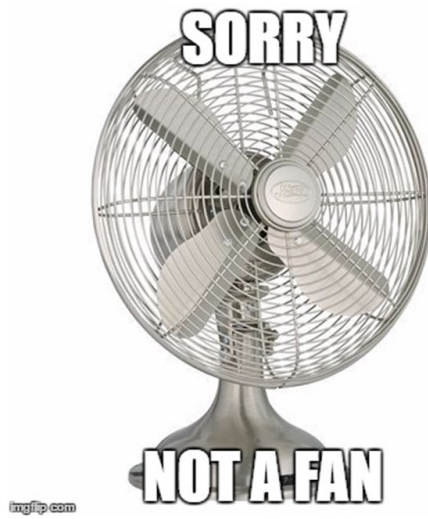
DEACONS

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***

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

We hope you will join us
for this important study.

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

The Gospel of Matthew is the first book of the New Testament, one of the four canonical Gospels, and one of the three synoptic Gospels. It tells of Jesus, recording his birth, his ministry from his baptism by John the Baptist, his crucifixion, his resurrection, and his mission to the world. It emphasizes that Jewish tradition should not be lost in an increasingly gentile church and presents Jesus as the Jewish Messiah who fulfills the prophecies written in the Jewish scriptures.

The gospel reflects conflicts between Jewish Christians and other Jews, particularly with its criticism of the scribes and Pharisees, presenting the view that the Kingdom of Heaven has been taken away from them and given to the church. It emphasizes Jesus's role as the Son of David, Son of Man, and Son of God, and frames his teachings, miracles, and parables to reflect both Jewish law and the Christian church. It culminates in the Passion, Resurrection, and Great Commission, having been structured around alternating narratives and discourses.



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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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.

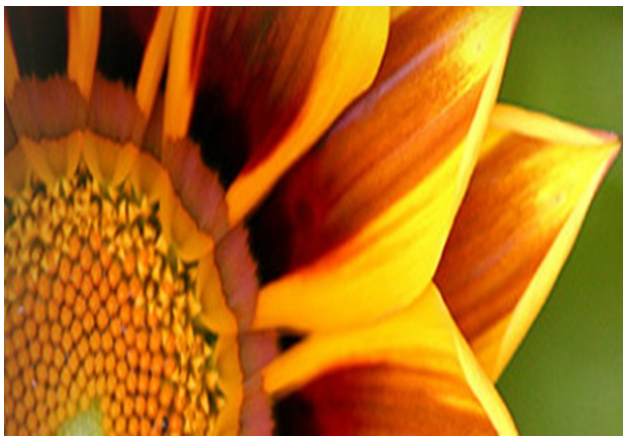
REMEMBER:

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

September 27	10:40am	Reconciliation offering
September 27	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
September 27	6pm	Randy Sams serving
September 28	2:30pm	Worship Committee
September 28	4pm	General Board Meeting
October 1	all day	World Vegetarian Day
October 3	1:30pm	Bingo
October 4	10:40am	World Communion Sunday/ Reconciliation offering
October 4	4pm	Putting on the Character of Christ Study
October 11	4pm	Putting on the Character of Christ Study
October 12	1pm	Book Club
October 12	2:30pm	Worship Committee
October 13	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
October 16	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
October 18	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
October 18	4pm	Putting on the Character of Christ Study



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.

September 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Meat I-Z: Vegetable/salad		1	2	3	4 National Wildlife Day	5
6 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	7 Labor Day Office closed	8 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	9	10 World Suicide Prevention Day 3pm Stewardship Committee 4pm Core/Steering Comm.	11	12
13 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	14 1pm Book Club	15	16 11:30am CWF	17	18 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyne Burger	19
20 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Reconciliation off	28 2:30pm Worship Committee 4pm General Board	29	30			

September Birthdays

Jack Duncan	9-4
Philip Stover	9-7
Dorothy Alves	9-8
Jack Carter	9-11
Julia Carpenter	9-16
Teresa Crow	9-18
Sondra Bedwell	9-20
Jack Fisher	9-27
September Anniversaries	
Robert & Alice Kern	9-7



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

September 6, 2026

Greeters: Glenda Burkhart & Janell Dailey
Worship Leader: Sheri Thomas
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons: Mae Kidd & Judy Shilling

September 13, 2026

Greeters: Alice Coleman & Diana Muckelrath
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Alice Coleman & Lois Moore

September 20, 2026

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Bob Wilmoth
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Gail Runyon & Dan Rogers

September 27, 2026

Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore
Worship Leader: Mike Lamb
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Glen Hudspeth & Tami Hudspeth

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Vegetable/salad I-Z: Meat	Reconciliation offering taken up on October 4th.			1 World Vegetarian Day	2	3 1:30pm-3pm Bingo
4 World Communion Sunday 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Christ Study	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Christ Study	12 Indigenous People Day 1pm Book Club	13 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	14	15 4pm Core/Steering Committee	16 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	17
18 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon 4pm Christ Study	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Christ Study 4pm Randy Sams prep 6pm Randy Sams serving	26 4pm Cabinet Meeting	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

October Birthdays

Kelly Cunningham	10-1
Kelley Folmar	10-9
David Foley	10-10
Sondra Crain	10-12
Alice Coleman	10-18
Sharon Minx	10-20
David Defoy	10-22
Beth Brine	10-27
Annette Wilmoth	10-31

October Anniversaries

George & Julia Carpenter 10-18



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

October 4, 2026

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth
 Worship Leader: Sheri Thomas
 Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth
 Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth
 Deacons: Tom Crow & Teresa Crow

October 11, 2026

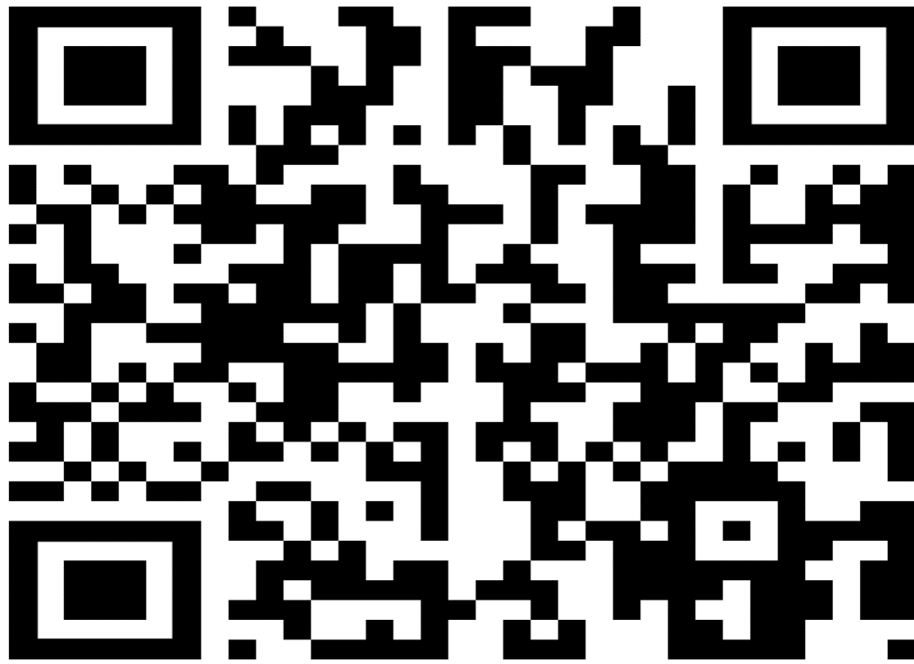
Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas
 Worship Leader: Mike Martin
 Hospital Elder: Glenda Burkhardt
 Flower Elder: Judy Shilling
 Deacons: Jack Carter & Joan Carter

October 18, 2026

Greeters: Glenda Burkhardt & Janell Dailey
 Worship Leader: Alice Coleman
 Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
 Flower Elder: Joan Carter
 Deacons: George Carpenter, Jr. & Julia Carpenter

October 25, 2026

Greeters: Alice Coleman & Diana Muckelrath
 Worship Leader: Mike Lamb
 Hospital Elder: Tom Crow
 Flower Elder: Teresa Crow
 Deacons: Glenda Burkhardt & Mae Rogers



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OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

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Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Jane Watson
Piper O'Kelly, friend of Teresa Crow
Sondra Bedwell
Billy Roy, friend of George & Julia
Tim Harvey, Jerry & Sheri Thomas' nephew
Judy Shilling
Christina and family, friend of Beverly Folmar

Ongoing Concerns

Laura Byas
Dorothy Alves
Mike Lamb
Beth Brine
Derek Rath, Janell Dailey's son
Sandra Lofler, Glenda Burkhardt's niece
Walter Morgan, friend of Teresa Crow
Kelly Scurlock, friend of Julia Carpetner
Annette Plhak, friend of Wes
Kim Baker Boyette
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 Farrel
Bill Griffin, Glenda Burkhardt's son-in-law

Homebound

Joe Frost, Sr., home
Betty Caudle, home
Margie Beeson
Midge Cooney, home
James Thompson, home
Susie Howdeshell, home
Bobbie Roberts, Pat Taylor's mom, The Villa room 207



Serving this Sunday
September 27, 2026

Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore

Worship Leader: Mike Lamb

Hospital Elder: Jack Carter

Flower Elder: Joan Carter

Deacons: Tami Hudspeth & Sheri Thomas

September 20, 2026

Attendance: 36

Offering: \$1,957.80

This Sunday:

"By What Authority"

Scripture:

Matthew 21:23-32

LECTIONARY FOR
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalms 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32