

The Central Christian 411



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Philippians 3:4b-14

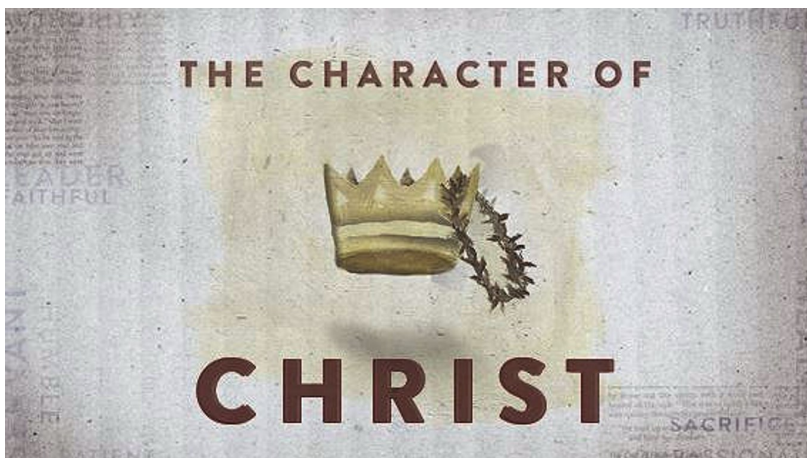
If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow, I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Paul is always eloquent in his letters and this passage from Philippians is no exception. In one fell swoop, he brags about his Jewishness, then brags about his conversion to Christ. This is not your usual kind of bragging, but the kind that says, "Yes, I am proud of my Jewish heritage, but I'm even more proud I found Christ Jesus. Just like a marriage, Paul saw the two become one; one in Christ. Then he tells his readers, "Press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of 'you', forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead." May we all press on toward the goal!

And may God the sustainer, encourage you forward, Wes



BEGINNING ON SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 4TH

AT 1 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



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

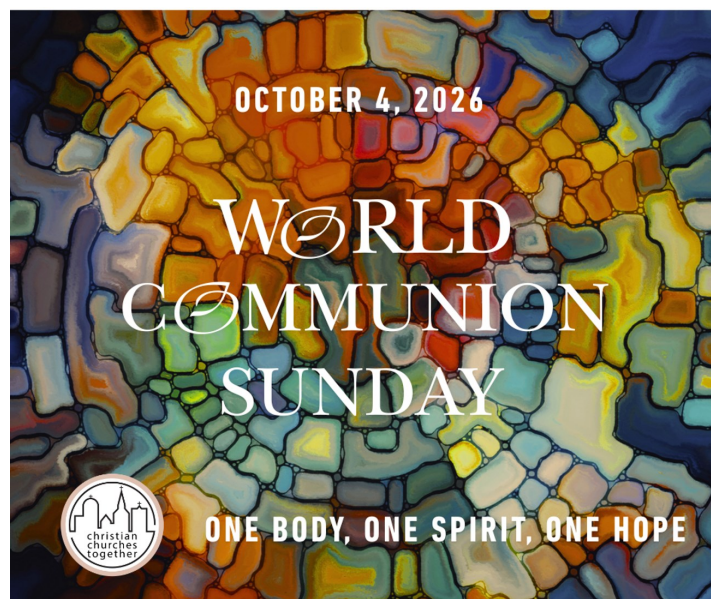
IN THE

COMMUNITY ROOM

From 1:30 to 3:00 PM

Fun4theBrain

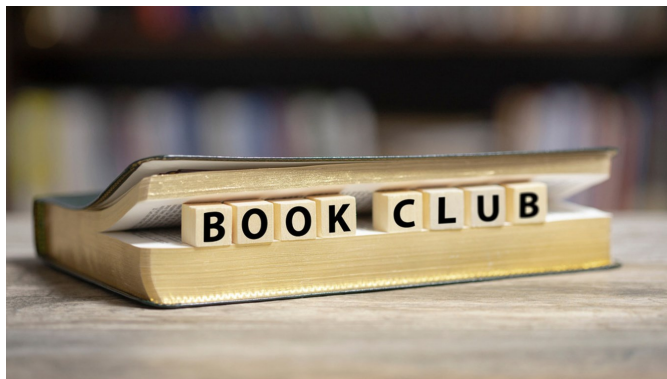
Y'ALL COME!!



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.



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.

Reading Ahead

IF YOU LIKE READING AHEAD:

IN NOVEMBER

OUR BOOK CLUB WILL BE DISCUSSING

THE LITTLE LIAR

BY

MITCH ALBOM

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



Stronger Together



toughkookie.org



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!

COMMUNITY **OUTREACH**

Giving back to the community

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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.”

Cabinet Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

WE WILL HAVE OUR
CABINET MEETING

AT 4 P.M.

IF YOU ARE ANY OF THE FOLLOW-
ING, YOU ARE ON THE CABINET:

Moderator, Vice Moderator, Board
Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant
Treasurer. The Chair of each Committee,
President of CMF & CWF.



The word *Halloween* or *Hallowe'en* ("Saints' evening") is of **Christian origin**; a term equivalent to "All Hallows Eve" is attested in Old English. The word *hallowe[']en* comes from the Scottish form of *All Hallows' Eve* (the evening before All Hallows' Day): *even* is the Scots term for "eve" or "evening", and is contracted to *e'en* or *een*; (*All*) *Hallow(s) E(v)en* became *Hallowe'en*.

Halloween or Hallowe'en (less commonly known as Allhalloween, All Hallows' Eve, or All Saints' Eve) is a celebration observed in many countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western **Christian** feast of All Saints' Day. It begins the observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints (hallows), martyrs, and all the faithful departed.

One theory holds that many Halloween traditions were influenced by Celtic harvest, particularly the Gaelic festival Samhain, which are believed to have pagan roots. Some go further and suggest Samhain may have been **Christianized** as All Hallow's Day, along with its eve, by the early Church. Other academics believe Halloween began solely as a **Christian** holiday, being the vigil of All Hallow's Day. Celebrated in Ireland and Scotland for centuries, Irish and Scottish immigrants took many Halloween customs to North America in the 19th century, and then through American influence Halloween had spread to other countries by the late 20th and early 21st century.

Popular Halloween activities include trick-or-treating (or the related guising and souling), attending Halloween costume parties, carving pumpkins or turnips into jack-o'-lanterns, lighting bonfires, apple bobbing, divination games, playing pranks, visiting haunted attractions, telling scary stories, and watching horror or Halloween-themed films.

*Some people practice the **Christian** religious observances of All Hallows' Eve, including attending church services and lighting candles on the graves of the dead, although it is a secular celebration for others. Some **Christians** historically abstained from meat on All Hallows' Eve, a tradition reflected in the eating of certain vegetarian foods on this vigil day, including apples, potato pancakes, and soul cakes.*

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.

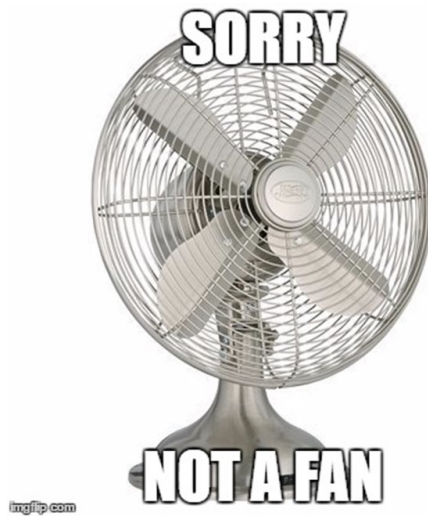
DEACONS

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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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.

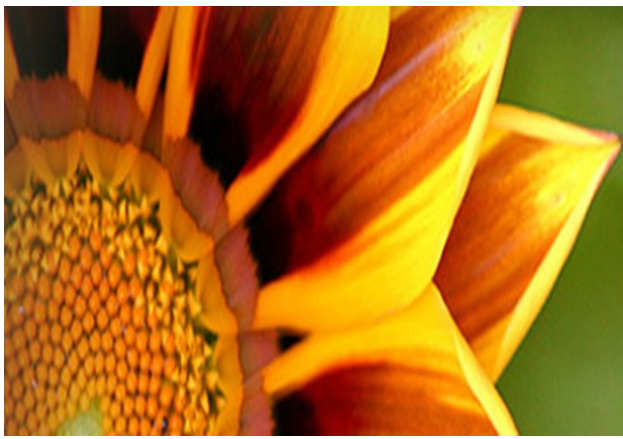
REMEMBER:

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

October 1	all day	World Vegetarian Day
October 3	1:30pm	Bingo
October 4	10:40am	World Communion Sunday/ Reconciliation offering
October 4	1pm	Putting on the Character of Christ Study
October 11	1pm	Putting on the Character of Christ Study
October 12	all day	Indigenous People Day
October 12	1pm	Book Club
October 12	2:30pm	Worship Committee
October 13	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
October 15	4pm	Core/Steering Committee
October 16	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
October 18	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
October 18	1pm	Putting on the Character of Christ Study
October 25	1pm	Putting on the Character of Christ Study
October 25	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
October 25	6pm	Randy Sams serving



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.

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 1pm Christ Study	5	6	7	8	9	10
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25 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 1pm 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: Glenda Burkhardy
 Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
 Flower Elder: Connie Spears
 Deacons: Tom Crow & Teresa Crow

October 11, 2026

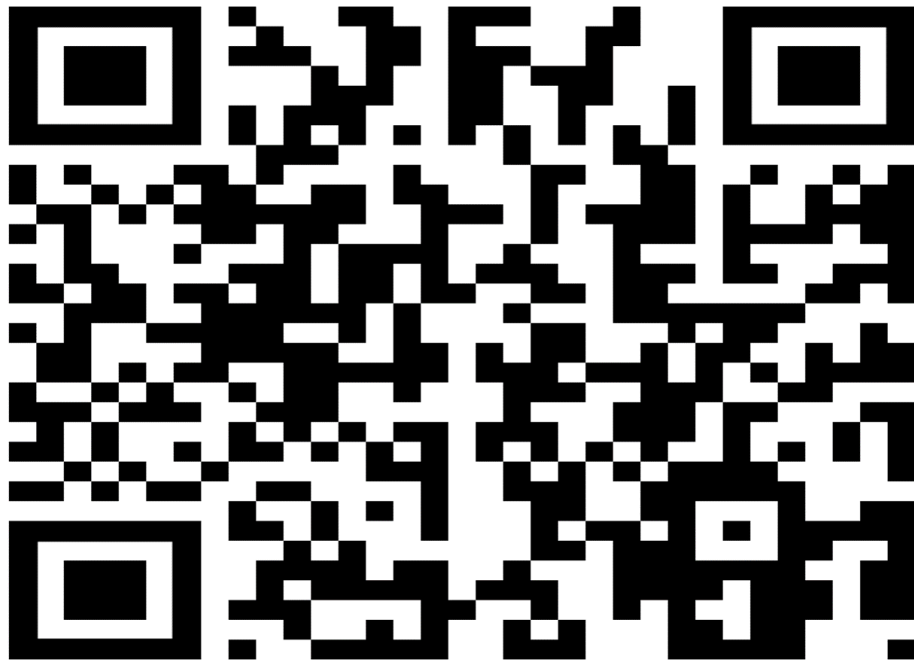
Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas
 Worship Leader: Mike Martin
 Hospital Elder: Glenda Burkhart
 Flower Elder: Judy Shilling
 Deacons: Jack Carter & Joan Carter

October 18, 2026

Greeters: Glenda Burkhart & Janell Dailey
 Worship Leader: Mike Lamb
 Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
 Flower Elder: Joan Carter
 Deacons: George Carpenter, Jr. & Julia Carpenter

October 25, 2026

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



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QR CODE
TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

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Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Denton Dailey
Sheri Thomas
Twila Thomas
Jane Watson
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
Piper O'Kelly, friend of Teresa Crow
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
October 4, 2026

Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth
Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhardt
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons: Tom Crow & Teresa Crow

September 27, 2026

Attendance: 23
Offering: \$2,267.95

This Sunday:

"Radical Acceptance"

Scripture:

Matthew 21:33-46

LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER 4, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalms 19

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46