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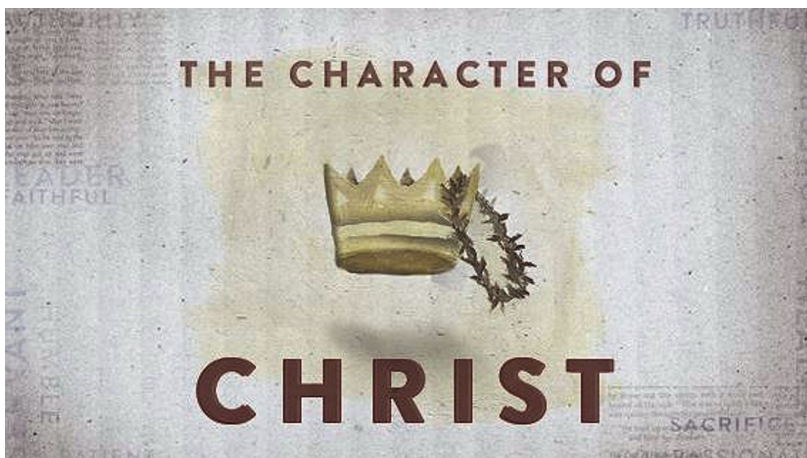
Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”² Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me.”³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron.⁴ He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.”⁶ They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

There’s an old saying that applies to this reading, “Nature abhors a vacuum.” When the people of Israel no longer heard Moses speaking of or demonstrating God’s power and when they no longer had Moses leading them. In his absence they went to Aaron and asked him to MAKE gods for them. In their defense, these were a people who were in slavery to Egypt for over 400 years before Moses came to liberate them. They were used to seeing and hearing about the Egyptian gods, so it makes sense they wanted something outside of themselves to worship.

How easily we are influenced when we feel lost and without guidance. In our society today so many turn to drugs and alcohol when they feel lost and without guidance just to feel safe and secure. And yet, they are anything but safe and secure. There is something to be said for numbing oneself to reality. So, the people of God felt safe and secure once Aaron made the Calf. They could see it; therefore, they believed in it. Although they could not see God, God could see them and sent Moses back to them. And when the people of God once again strayed from the unseen God, God sent Jesus to them. What is it about seeing that we trust so much? It seems we have so many things we can see that are in no way trustworthy.

May the God of Love and Hope be with you always, Wes



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th

AFTER WORSHIP

WE WILL CONTINUE OUR
PUTTING ON THE CHARACTER OF
CHRIST
STUDY.

Be sure to join us for this important **four Sunday Study**
held **in Disciple Hall** where we look at:

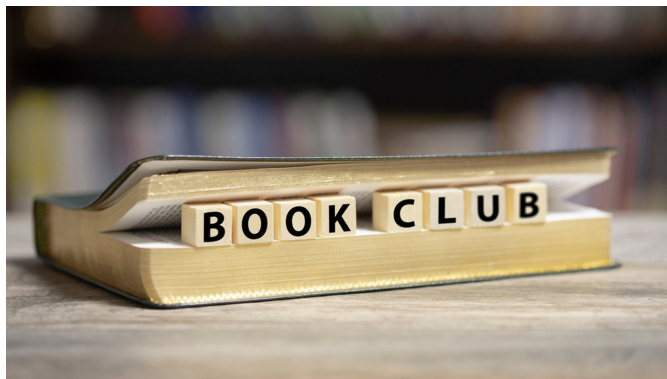
Learning to Live Without Anger

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.

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



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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!

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

FOLLOWING, 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.*



ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, the Feast of All Saints, the Feast of All Hallows, the Solemnity of All Saints, and Hallowmas, is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honor of all the saints of the Church, whether they are known or unknown.

From the 4th century, feasts commemorating all Christian martyrs were held in various places, on various dates near Easter and Pentecost. In the 9th century, some churches in the British Isles began holding the commemoration of all saints on 1 November, and in the 9th century this was extended to the whole Catholic Church by Pope Gregory IV.

In Western Christianity, it is still celebrated on **November 1st, by the Western Catholic Church as well as by many Protestant churches, such as the Lutheran, Anglican, Disciples of Christ, and Methodist traditions. The Eastern Orthodox Church and associated Eastern Catholic and Eastern Lutheran churches celebrate it on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The Syro-Malabar Church and the Chaldean Catholic Church, both of which are in communion with Rome, as well as the Church of the East, celebrate All Saints' Day on the first Friday after Easter Sunday. In the Coptic Orthodox tradition, All Saints' Day is on Nayrouz, celebrated on 11 September. The day is the start of the Coptic new year, and of its first month, Thout.**



NOVEMBER 1st

WILL BE

ALL SAINTS

SUNDAY

COME CELEBRATE

THE SAINTS OF

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

AS WE LIGHT CANDLES

IN MEMORY OF THEM.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

PLEASE BE SURE TO TURN YOUR
CLOCKS & WATCHES

BACK “1” HOUR

BEFORE YOU GO TO BED

SATURDAY NIGHT, OCT. 31st

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.

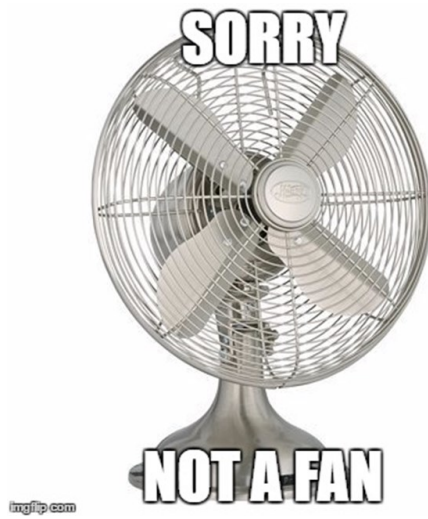
DEACONS

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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AND

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CCC Ball Cap

and

T-Shirt

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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.

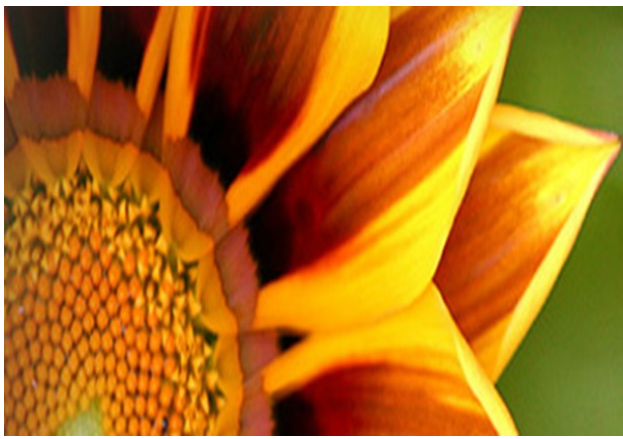
REMEMBER:

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 11	12:45pm	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 14	11:30am	CWF
October 15	4pm	Core/Steering Committee
October 16	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
October 18	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
October 18	12:45pm	Putting on the Character of Christ Study
October 25	12:45pm	Putting on the Character of Christ Study
October 25	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
October 25	6pm	Randy Sams serving
October 26	4pm	Cabinet Meeting
October 31	all day	Halloween



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 12:45pm 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 12:45pm 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

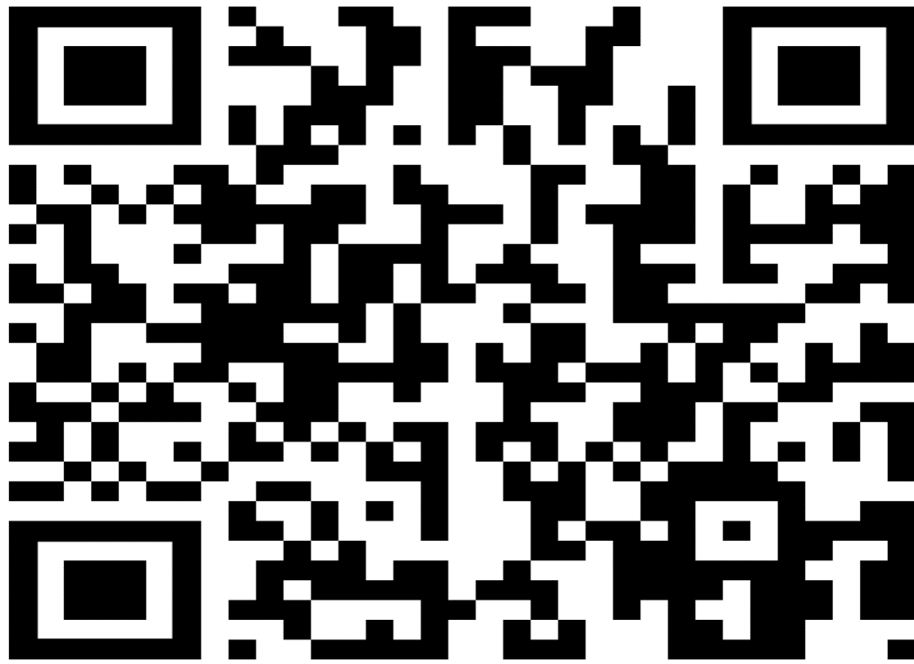
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 Worship Leader: Mike Martin
 Hospital Elder: Glenda Burkhart
 Flower Elder: Judy Shilling
 Deacons: Jack Carter & Joan Carter

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
Family of Annette Plhak, friend of Wes
Sheri Thomas
Twila Thomas
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 Burkhart's niece
Walter Morgan, friend of Teresa Crow
Kelly Scurlock, friend of Julia Carpetner
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 Burkhart's son-in-law

Homebound

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



Serving this Sunday
October 11, 2026

Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas

Worship Leader: Mike Martin

Hospital Elder: Glenda Burkhart

Flower Elder: Judy Shilling

Deacons:

October 4, 2026

Attendance: 28

Offering: \$2,407.88

This Sunday:

"The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"

Scripture:

Matthew 22:1-14

LECTIONARY FOR
OCTOBER 11, 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14