



Crawford Methodist Church
The Methodist Messenger
April 2025



Easter 2025

Easter is about the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and we affirm it is not an isolated event. From the beginning of time and creation itself God had in mind how divine love would enter back into the life of humanity. When we read Isaiah 53 we are struck with how God spoke through the Old Testament Prophets about how we would be delivered from our brokenness and rebellion against the moral precepts and statutes that have been given to us through the law and the prophets. I can remember my dad saying to people in a lighted hearted way once asked how was he doing that, "I'm as broke as the Ten Commandments." He didn't break all 10 commandments but he understood his poverty and inability to save himself.

No one in their right mind would argue that the 10 commandments are not valid and should be followed, but we are not capable of following the letter of the law without the grace and forgiveness of Jesus.

Easter shadows everything else with its love for us all in Jesus. All four Gospels of the New Testament shout from the highest rooftop about how Jesus saves us and provides us with the capacity to recognize our sins and gives us the capacity to forgive and be involved in a ministry of reconciliation. It is this power of love and forgiveness that breaks the darkness of life and ushers into our human condition, a hope that will not disappoint us.

Jesus lives but not before he goes through incredible suffering and public humiliation for us. His death was a hard one, but the life he offers us is a bright one of great promise.

Sincerely, In Christ

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Our mission is to become a community of believers and followers of God; the Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit. We gather to worship and become stewards and disciples who express our faith with others, nurture one another, and are in ministry with Christ.

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Youth Report

Hello Crawford Methodist Youth! I hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break season. Enjoy the weather before it gets too hot, summer will be here before you know it. Remember the power of prayer, it works, use it often.

Morning youth services are every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Youth afternoon services are on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 4 p.m. unless it falls on a holiday, then we will reschedule accordingly. Also, if there is any youth news I need to be made aware of (sporting events, birthdays, joys, or concerns) please send me an email, text, or call. If you would like to be added to the youth list for updates and youth activities, please let me know. See you at youth group, as always, bring a friend! --- Nathan "Nate" Byers, Youth Director

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7

Children's Class

Six Weeks Focus: Moses and the Big Ten

Lesson: Learning God's Rules

The Bible verse is, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

- Week #1 April 6th – Jenny
- #2 April 13th – Cookie (Easter Lesson)
- #3 April 20th – Kelli/Kaye (Easter Lesson)
- #4 April 27th – Marda
- #5 May 4th – Clayton
- #6 May 11th – Mother's Day Breakfast





Easter Sunday – Living Cross

On Easter Sunday, we will once again have a Living Cross. Please bring fresh flowers to be placed on the cross.

JOY JAR

This month's Joy Jar is for the Ministerial Alliance Fund. This fund helps members of our community when needed.



WEEKLY OFFERING TOTALS

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Financial Goal</u> | <u>Offering Report</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 3/2/2025 | \$2,930.48 | \$2,001.00 |
| 3/9/2025 | \$2,930.48 | \$1,581.00 |
| 3/16/2025 | \$2,930.48 | \$3,235.00 |
| 3/23/2025 | \$2,930.48 | \$2,108.00 |

April

6th Francis Raley

12th Sally Love

13th Reg Baldwin

21st Sarah Love

27th Camden Johansen

27th Laykes DeChaume

7th Ron and Suzie Devorsky

21st Rusty and Linda Leight

27th Chris and Karlie Collins



Beginning April 10th!



**CRAWFORD
METHODIST
CHURCH**
Crawford, Texas ~ Founded 1880
Independent Methodist Church



The
**Shepherd's
Heart**

FREE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY



**2nd & 4th
Thursday of
the month
starts at 10 AM
until gone**

- **Where: 375 West 6th Street Crawford**
- **Time: 10 AM until gone**
- **Who is eligible? Everyone is eligible**
- **More Information: Call 254 486 2361**

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Prayer Requests

Mike Cervi family
Karen Crockett
Regina Fox
Larry Lawrence
Berry Baize
Jody Thomas family
Jicky Reich
Family of Robert Hoffman
Family of Pat Aslin
Cookie's daughter, Lynda
Steven Cribbs
Raven
Beverly Jones
Firefighters and LA fires
Mary Ellen Cribbs
Matt Brown
Boo Lynch
Terry Taylor (surgery)
Debbie DeChaume
Reg Baldwin

Linda Vandiver
Gene Clements
Shirley Bullard
Clarence Scott
Michael Schmalriede
Ukraine
Israel Gaza War
Eunice Boedeker (school counselor)
Amy Caramanna
Clem Kortis
Patricia Gohlke
Kathy Hickey
Lynda King
Jennifer Coan
Ethan Valdez
Hannah Riley
Tally Barnes
Megan Ayers (DeChaume)
Emma Harper
Nancy Way

Please stop by and say hello to our members and Crawford residents in nursing homes!!



Boo Lynch
Larry Lawrence
Barbara Lovorn
Raydean Damon



You are welcome to attend our confirmation/membership class every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m.



Bible Study is every 1st and 4th Wednesday at 6 p.m.

As many of you know, Rev. Kent has been mentoring at the Texas Juvenile Justice Department on Fridays. They have asked if our church could start taking clothing donations for approximately 13- to 19-year-olds who get released. If you have any clothes you would like to donate, please feel free to bring them up to the church.





Easter Story

WORD SEARCH

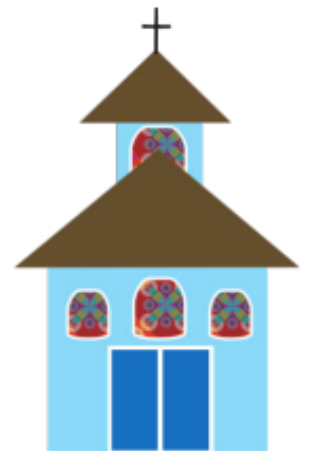
DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



APOSTLES
 BETRAYAL
 CAVE
 CHURCH
 CROSS
 CROWN
 CRUCIFIXION
 DISCIPLES
 FAITH
 GOOD FRIDAY

JESUS CHRIST
 JUDAS
 LAMB
 LAST SUPPER
 LENT
 MARY
 MIRACLE
 PASSOVER
 PENANCE
 PENTECOST

PRAYER
 REDEMPTION
 REJOICE
 RESURRECTION
 RISEN
 SAVIOR
 SON
 THORNS
 TOMB



| April 2025 | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|-----------|
| ◀ March | | | | | | May ▶ |
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | 1 Group Exercise class @ 5:45 | 2 Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m. Crawford Methodist Women @ 6:00 p.m. | 3 Men of Faith @ 10 a.m. | 4 Pastor Kent mentoring @ Texas Juvenile Justice Dept. | 5 |
| 6 Holy Communion | 7 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at the parsonage | 8 Group Exercise class @ 5:45 | 9 Finance/Admin Meeting @6:00 p.m. | 10 Men of Faith @ 10 a.m. Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry @ 10:00 a.m. | 11 Pastor Kent mentoring @ Texas Juvenile Justice Dept. | 12 |
| 13 Palm Sunday Confirmation Class @3:00 p.m. Youth afternoon service @4:00 p.m. | 14 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at the parsonage | 15 Group Exercise class @ 5:45 | 16 | 17 Men of Faith @ 10 a.m. | 18 Pastor Kent mentoring @ Texas Juvenile Justice Dept. | 19 |
| 20 Easter Sunday Update Prayer Requests | 21 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at the parsonage | 22 Group Exercise class @ 5:45 Newsletter articles due at noon | 23 Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m. | 24 Men of Faith @ 10 a.m. Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry @ 10:00 a.m. | 25 Pastor Kent mentoring @ Texas Juvenile Justice Dept. | 26 |
| 27 Joy Jar Spring Picnic Confirmation Class @3:00 p.m. Youth afternoon service @4:00 p.m. | 28 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at the parsonage | 29 Group Exercise class @ 5:45 | 30 | | | |