



Crawford Methodist Church

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EASTER IS A SEASON OF HOPE FOR A LIFE TIME AND ETERNITY

“In the bulb, there is a flower
In the seed, an apple tree
In cocoons, a hidden promise
Butterflies will soon be free
In the cold and snow of winter
There’s a spring that waits to be
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see”

The words from this great hymn by Natalie Sleeth’s “Hymn of Promise” seems to speak right out of the words of the wisdom life cycle from Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 as it gives witness to life as a cycle noting that “For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven”.

With the Easter season comes readings from the Acts of the Apostles as the church experiences the Holy Spirit. Then, we run the distance of 50 days between the Resurrection of Jesus and Pentecost.

Hope and Renewal
Triumph over death
Forgiveness and Reconciliation
Eternal life
Jesus the true Passover

But what does all this really mean? How does all this translate into my life and the people that touch my life?

It means that when we claim the resurrection of Jesus in our lives it claims Easter in a Good Friday World. It means that as an Easter people we believe that the lame can walk, the mute speak, and lepers are cleaned as the blind can see again. We believe in the impossible guided and given to us by the Holy Spirit.

Our job is to stay working for the Lord until we are called to be with him in heaven. In the meantime, we are to do what we can, where ever we can, for as long as we can. If we can just apply the advice of John Wesley to our lives that would be a good start to living out our Easter faith, Do no harm do good, and stay in love with God. Staying in love with God literally means maintaining a personal relationship with God through prayer, worship, and a commitment to living a life of faith It also means seeking to grow in a spiritual understanding and deepening of one’s connection with God and enjoying the wonderful sanctifying grace which allows us to grow in our ability to live Jesus.

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 Easter. It's a great time to remember the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for all of us. Be safe during school activities and never forget the power of prayer.

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

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>
3/31/2025	\$2,930.48	\$3,264.00
4/6/2025	\$2,930.48	\$2,920.00
4/13/2025	\$2,930.48	\$1,186.00
4/20/2025	\$2,930.48	\$2,865.00



Children's Class

Six Weeks Focus: Moses and the Big Ten **Lesson: Learning God's Rules**

- 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

Six Weeks Focus: The 23rd Psalm **Lesson: God's Promise to Guide and Protect Us**

- Week #1 May 18th – Jenny
 #2 May 25th – Cookie
 #3 June 1st – Kelli/Kaye
 #4 June 8th – Jenny
 #5 June 15th – Father's Day Breakfast
 #6 June 22nd – Glenda

May

1st Avery Ward
 5th Lori Galt
 10th Gayle Pate
 12th Kaye Clark
 15th Debra Veazy
 15th Brent Elmore
 15th Stacy Anne Puryear
 17th Nathan (Nate) Byers
 25th Rhonda Raley
 30th Caroline Cartwright
 30th Peyton Elmore
 30th Makenzie Dunbar
 31st John Bayer
 31st Amy Brookshire
 31st Rusty Leight

15th Nathan and Kelli Byers
 18th Dub and Donna Holmes
 28th Reg and Janette Baldwin





**CRAWFORD
METHODIST
CHURCH**

Crawford, Texas ~ Founded 1880
Independent Methodist Church



The
**Shepherd's
Heart**

FREE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY



- **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

Zoey's friend, Eden
Brenda Roland Walker
Hunter McFarland
Clem Kortis
Summer safety
Zoey's friend, Josh (broken leg)
Russel Hall
Kevin Finstad
Ken Harris
Joanne Smith
Regina Fox
Larry Lawrence
Berry Baize
Cookie's daughter, Lynda King
Steven Cribbs
Raven Jones
Beverly Jones
Mary Ellen Cribbs
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
Kathy Hickey
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



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.



Mother's Day

B	G	S	T	Y	A	Y	U	F	Q	H	L	S	Q	D
U	F	N	R	D	L	O	O	R	I	M	Z	P	D	X
F	F	W	I	I	W	R	V	B	E	N	K	E	Z	O
L	V	L	M	R	E	J	U	Z	U	P	X	C	Y	M
L	R	A	O	V	A	V	I	P	Q	I	R	I	R	H
P	F	F	E	W	B	C	H	J	I	M	B	A	O	A
P	E	R	Y	T	E	X	W	T	N	G	O	L	Z	C
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R	E	H	T	O	M	A	S	K	F	E	D	L	M	U
Q	K	M	L	U	F	A	M	A	M	A	W	O	Y	Y
Z	O	O	V	K	C	H	I	L	D	R	E	N	A	Y
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E	M	E	Q	F	K	I	S	S	E	S	F	V	C	Z
V	R	O	K	F	J	T	R	T	D	O	H	Z	Q	X
B	A	X	M	U	V	C	B	C	T	B	I	Y	G	N

BREAKFAST
FAMILY
HEART
MAMA
MOMMY
UNIQUE

CARING
FLOWERS
KISSES
MAY
MOTHER

CHILDREN
FOREVER
LOVE
MOM
SPECIAL



May 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Men of Faith @ 10 a.m.	2 Pastor Kent mentoring @ Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.	3
4 Holy Communion	5 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at the parsonage	6	7 Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m. Crawford Methodist Women @ 6:00 p.m. @ Rancher's	8 Men of Faith @ 10 a.m. Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry @ 10:00 a.m.	9 Pastor Kent mentoring @ Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.	10
11 Mother's Day Confirmation Class @3:00 p.m. Youth afternoon service @4:00 p.m.	12 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at the parsonage	13	14 Finance/Admin Meeting @6:00 p.m.	15 Men of Faith @ 10 a.m.	16 Pastor Kent mentoring @ Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.	17
18 Update Prayer Requests	19 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at the parsonage	20 Newsletter articles due at noon	21	22 Men of Faith @ 10 a.m. Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry @ 10:00 a.m.	23 Pastor Kent mentoring @ Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.	24
25 Senior Recognition Joy Jar Potluck Confirmation Class @3:00 p.m. Youth afternoon service @4:00 p.m.	26 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at the parsonage	27	28 Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.	29 Men of Faith @ 10 a.m.	30 Pastor Kent mentoring @ Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.	31