



Crawford Methodist Church

The Methodist Messenger

June 2025



Summer is here and what a great thing it is for us to recovered by the bounty and providence to allow rain to bless our yards and gardens and harvests. We remain grateful for all our blessings. We have 2 of our youth that are planning on church camp at Glen Rose, Benny Jorden and Jacob Byers (we might also be sponsoring an additional youth from our community who is not a member of our church). Going to camp for about 4 or 5 days costs each camper \$500.00 to attend these days. All things considered the church camp experience can have a pivotal and transformational spiritual impact on a young life.

Our willingness to embrace the Shepherds Heart food distribution twice a month has led our church to what I like to call “A Target of Opportunity” for the Lord with all the attending positive affirmations of a vital work being carried out from within the heartbeat of our mission statement of:

Our mission is to become a community of believers
and followers of God; The Father, Son, 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.

When we think of ministry it becomes for us “Where the rubber meets the road”. While at Perkins School of Theology, SMU, the almost overused word for this type of ministry was called PRAXIS.

Praxis, is a process and active effort, and it refers to the practical application of theory or knowledge, often within a kind of bell curve grading system. It involves understanding a concept or theology of planning how to apply it, exercising the plan, and then reflection on the outcome to refine the understanding and plan for future work. In this part of the process of “where this rubber meets the road kind of ministry” translated to what we called in the military world of plans and operations an after-action report: and we always, and I mean always, did them. Christian Prais is about bridging the gap between theology and real-world ministry, while cultivating our experience more effectively. And if we let all that we do be done in love (1 Cor. 16:14) we will be blessed a thousand-fold and running over.

Ministry together is fun and profoundly meaningful.

In Christ,

Kent



**PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER,
BECKY CLARK!**

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Senior Bells Director: Marda Raley

Youth Report

Hello Crawford Methodist Youth. Summer is here! I hope everyone has had a productive and blessed school year. During your summer activities, remember the power of prayer. The Lord walks with you and is always available for a quick chat.

We will be taking part in local mission work this summer. I will update all as dates and scheduling become available.

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.



Children's Class

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

Six Weeks Focus: Love Never Fails

Lesson: Faith, Hope and above all, Love

Week #1 June 29th – Edie and Vicki

#2 July 6th – Marda (Independence Day)

#3 July 13th – Cookie

#4 July 20th – Kelli and Kaye

#5 July 27th – Marda

#6 Aug. 3rd – Clayton

June

7th Mary Ellen Cribbs

8th Dave Holmes

10th Boo Lynch

17th Clayton Pomykal

17th Austin Baldwin

22nd Michael Schmalriede

26th John Minnix

1st Jim and Waynette Ditto

1st Zach and Katelyn Coia

4th Mike and Edie Snider

12th John and Buffy Bayer

14th Bradley and Rikki Minnix





BINGO Night

*There is no cost to play. Bring something from home you
no longer love but someone else might!
Gather your family and friends for an evening of games,
prizes, and unforgettable memories.*

FRIDAY

**6.00 TO
7.00 PM**

**JUNE
6**

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Prayer Requests

The Harris Family
Riley Jenson
Family of Gary Gholke
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
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

Just a reminder that Sunday, June 1, will be our first coffee fellowship at the church beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will call this Coffee Plus Plus. We will have all kinds of goodies throughout the summer except on potluck days. We also will have different types of syrups to flavor your coffee and juice. This week we will have donuts 🍩! Next week we will have breakfast casseroles. We pray that this time of fellowship will strengthen the bond of our congregation and create new ideas for our growing church.



Willie Gomez will be selling watermelons for a donation after church on **Sunday, June 29**. The donation goes toward a mission project. He will be parked across the street at First Baptist Crawford.

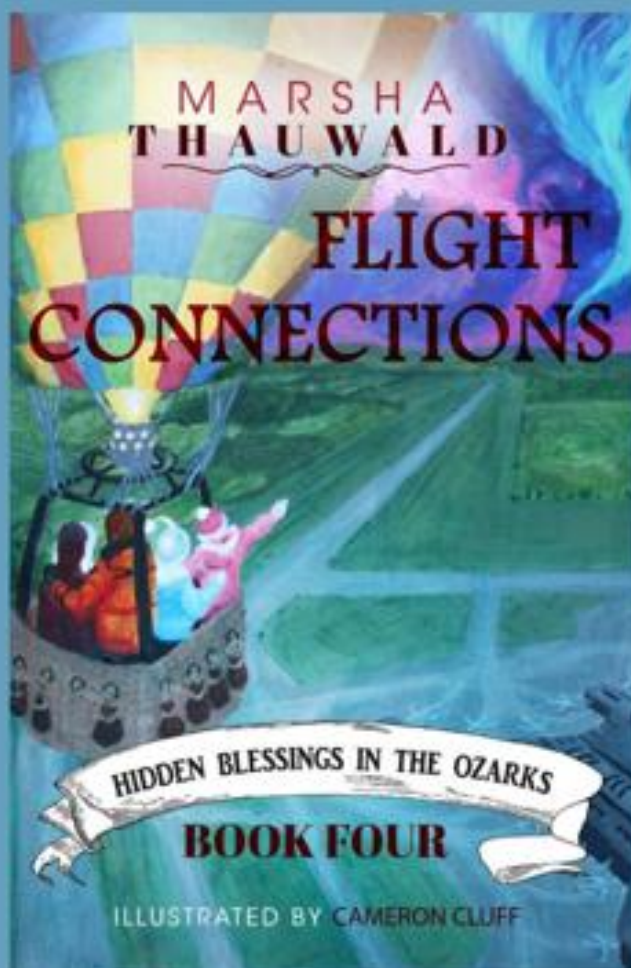
As many of you know, Rev. Kent has been mentoring at the Texas Juvenile Justice Department on Fridays. They have asked if our church could start taking clothing donations for approximately 13- to 19-year-olds who get released. If you have any clothes you would like to donate, please feel free to bring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



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

WEEKLY OFFERING TOTALS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Financial Goal</u>	<u>Offering Report</u>
4/27/2025	\$2,930.48	\$3,395.00
5/4/2025	\$2,930.48	\$2,940.00
5/11/2025	\$2,930.48	\$2,266.00
5/18/2025	\$2,930.48	\$1,425.00
5/25/2025	\$2,930.48	\$2,375.00



CRAWFORD
METHODIST
CHURCH

presents

Author Marsha Thauwald

June 28th

10AM

375 W 6th St.

Crawford Tx



Marsha Thauwald was an educator for over 35 years before becoming an author. Torn Pages, Lost Trail, Cross Ties, and Flight Connections are books in the **Hidden Blessings in the Ozarks Series**. Her first series included three titles and is called the **Southern Thyme Mystery Series**. When she's not writing, Marsha loves spending time with her family on outdoor adventures. Growing up in Texas, she now lives in the Southern Missouri Ozarks.

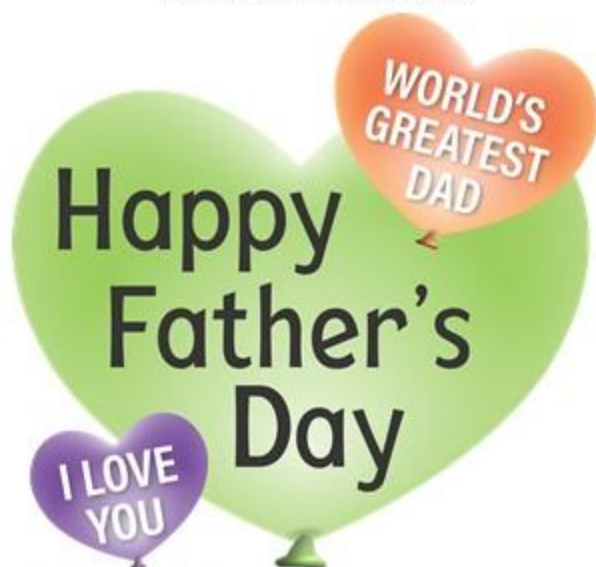


FATHER'S DAY

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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BREAKFAST	G	N	I	R	A	C	L	O	P	U	O	I	Q	A	S
CARD	T	T	I	O	L	S	N	O	L	J	L	V	P	C	T
CARING	T	F	Y	I	R	O	V	B	V	D	O	A	L	L	R
CELEBRATE	G	C	I	L	H	E	H	R	R	E	F	K	K	Y	O
CHILDREN	E	E	E	G	I	O	H	E	V	A	L	U	E	S	N
DADDY	V	G	B	P	L	M	N	A	V	S	W	P	N	S	G
FAMILY	A	S	I	I	S	I	A	K	F	B	R	G	B	Y	L
FATHER	R	T	D	H	C	E	H	F	R	L	E	R	C	G	A
FRIEND	B	A	N	A	P	A	R	A	I	E	H	A	O	S	I
FUN	Y	R	R	E	P	R	E	S	E	N	T	N	L	L	C
GIFT	T	D	T	P	R	V	O	T	N	D	A	D	D	Y	E
GRANDPA	D	L	Y	B	U	A	K	U	D	H	F	P	B	O	P
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The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.
Find and circle each word.



June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship @ 10 a.m.	2 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the parsonage	3	4 .	5 Men of Faith @ 10 a.m.	6 Pastor Kent mentoring @ Texas Juvenile Justice Dept. Bingo Night @ 6:00 p.m.	7
8 Youth afternoon service @4:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship @ 10 a.m.	9 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the parsonage	10	11 Finance/Admin Meeting @6:00 p.m.	12 Men of Faith @ 10 a.m. Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry @ 10:00 a.m.	13 Pastor Kent mentoring @ Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.	14
15 Father's Day Coffee Fellowship @ 10 a.m.	16 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the parsonage	17	18	19 Juneteenth Men of Faith @ 10 a.m.	20 Pastor Kent mentoring @ Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.	21
22 Joy Jar Potluck Youth afternoon service @4:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship @ 10 a.m.	23 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the parsonage	24 Newsletter articles due at noon	25	26 Men of Faith @ 10 a.m. Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry @ 10:00 a.m.	27 Pastor Kent mentoring @ Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.	28 Author Marsha Thauwald 10:00-11:00 a.m.
29 Coffee Fellowship @ 10 a.m. Willie Gomez selling watermelons after service	30 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the parsonage					