



Crawford Methodist Church

The Methodist Messenger

July 2025



As many of you know Rev. Kent and Vicki were enjoying a well-deserved vacation this month, which means no article this time around. We will have a new article from Rev. Kent in August.

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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Remember:

Jacob was a cheater,
Peter had a temper,
David had an affair,
Noah got drunk,
Jonah ran from God,
Paul was a murderer,
Gideon was insecure,
Miriam was a gossip,
Martha was a worrier,
Thomas was a doubter,
Sara was impatient,
Elijah was moody,
Moses stuttered,
Zacheus was too short,
Abraham was old,
Lazarus was dead...

"God Doesn't Call the Qualified, He Qualifies the Called."

Youth Report

Hello Crawford Methodist Youth. I hope you all are having fun, staying safe, and keeping God first. It's getting hot out, please pray for everyone working outside in the heat.

We will continue local mission work this summer as weather permits, will update as projects pop up.

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: 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

The Sunday School verse is: **“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13**



Crawford will have a parade on July 4 to kickstart our Independence Day celebrations at Tonkawa Park. Line-up begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Crawford Elementary. The parade starts at 6:30 and will go straight down 4th Street and end at Tonkawa Park where you can gather to enjoy music, fellowship, a pie baking contest, a cake baking contest, an auction for the Crawford Historical Society Museum Project, Food Trucks and at dark a fabulous firework show!

Worship News:

We want to thank Joyce Hall for filling the pulpit while Kent was on vacation. It is always a blessing to see Joyce and to hear what she has to say.

On July 13th Kent will be recovering from knee surgery. Troy Starr, a friend of Lyndon and Tracy Love's, will be our guest speaker. Troy will also share his musical talents with us. Bob Gager from Shepherd's Heart will also be speaking. We will learn more about Shepherd's Heart and how we can continue to help with this very important ministry.

July

7th Joyce Holmes
 8th Mason Schmalriede
 8th Alex Galt
 13th Jacob Byers
 14th Heidi Elmore
 15th Barbara Kay Lovorn
 21st Patti Jones
 24th Journey Walpole
 28th Dub Holmes
 30th Rylan Shobe
 31st Deanna Coia
 31st Randy Veazey

6th Will and Sarah Snider-Cunningham



Prayer Requests

Pam Edwards
The Family of Raydean Damon
Jennifer Walpole's cousins, Jayce and Roman
(infant having seizures)
Cindy Raborn
Carrie and Talley Barnes
Family of Amy Derrick (father passed)
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
Megan Ayers (DeChaume)
Emma Harper
Nancy Way

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



Joyce Holmes
Boo Lynch
Larry Lawrence
Barbara Lovorn
Raydean Damon

Grandparents Sunday:



Do you have a favorite photo or two with you and your grandparents? If so, please text the photo to Kayla at 254-640-1232. We want everyone, not only the youth and children, share photos. Please start looking now for your favorites and send to Kayla. Thank you!

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.



WEEKLY OFFERING TOTALS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Financial Goal</u>	<u>Offering Report</u>
6/1/2025	\$2,930.48	\$760.00
6/8/2025	\$2,930.48	\$2,160.00
6/15/2025	\$2,930.48	\$970.94
6/22/2025	\$2,930.48	\$2,673.00



**CRAWFORD
METHODIST
CHURCH**

Crawford, Texas ~ Founded 1880
Independent Methodist Church

Coffee

PLUS + PLUS

10 am Sundays
in the Fellowship Hall
(Food & Fellowship)



Fourth of July

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle all of the Fourth of July vocabulary words. The words may be horizontally, vertically, or diagonally placed.



ADAMS
AMERICA
BARBECUE
COLONIES
CONGRESS
DECLARATION
EQUALITY
FIREWORKS
FOURTH
FREEDOM
HOT DOGS

INDEPENDENCE
JEFFERSON
JULY
LIBERTY
NATION
PARADE
REVOLUTION
RIGHTS
STATES
THIRTEEN
UNITED



July 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Men of Faith @ 10 a.m.	4 Pastor Kent mentoring @ Texas Juvenile Justice Dept. Independence Day Parade at 6:30	5
6 Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship @ 10 a.m.	7 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at the parsonage	8	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 Special Music Troy Starr Preaching Guest Speaker Bob Gager Youth afternoon service @4:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship @ 10 a.m.	14 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at the parsonage	15	16	17 Men of Faith @ 10 a.m.	18 Pastor Kent mentoring @ Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.	19
20 Update Prayer Requests Coffee Fellowship @ 10 a.m.	21 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at the parsonage	22 Newsletter articles due at noon	23	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 Potluck Youth afternoon service @4:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship @ 10 a.m.	28 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at the parsonage	29	30	31 Men of Faith @ 10 a.m.		