



# *Crawford Methodist Church*

## *The Methodist Messenger*

### *October 2025*



October can be a demanding month. We get to celebrate Halloween then Thanksgiving. We even get a serious glimpse of the Holiday Season with Christmas bearing down on us.

Our commercial wars of advertising and promotions of what it is selling comes to us very early on. (That's all good and well. We live in a market driven, free enterprise economy.)

But what is not okay is to allow our mission as believers and as the body of Christ, the Church, to lose its focus. So as we are having fun with our Trunk-or-Treat, plans for family Thanksgiving, and maybe putting Christmas items on lay-a-way, we are to remember:

"You are not your own,  
You were bought with a price.  
So glorify God in your Body."  
(1 Corinthians 6:20)

May we all give God the glory through His Son, Jesus Christ.

In Christ,  
Kent

**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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Organist: Karen Crockett

Pianist: Vicki Berry

Senior Bells Director: Marda Raley

## Youth Report

Hello Crawford Methodist Youth. I hope everyone is having a great school year. Summer is officially over. Remember as you work through your day-to-day activities, the power of prayer is always available. Use is 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

## WEEKLY OFFERING TOTALS

Date	Financial Goal	Offering Report
8/31/2025	\$2,930.48	\$2,070.00
9/7/2025	\$2,930.48	\$1,635.00
9/14/2025	\$2,930.48	\$2,935.50
9/21/2025	\$2,930.48	\$2,635.00



## Children's Class

### Six Weeks Focus: The Lord's Prayer Lesson: The importance of prayer

- Week #1 Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> – Glenda  
 #2 Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – Jenny  
 #3 Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – Cookie  
 #4 Oct 12<sup>th</sup> – Kelli/Kaye  
       Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – Lord's Acre  
 #5 Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> – Marda  
 #6 Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Clayton

The Sunday School verse is: **"Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying."**  
 (Romans 12:12)

Confirmation Class will continue every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday at 3:00 p.m.



We will have Trunk or Treat from 5:00 to 7:00 on  
 Friday, October 31!

## Prayer Requests

Tiffany Stadler  
Family of Charlie Kirk  
Chuck Raley  
Ruby Powers  
Joan Smith  
Beverly Jones  
Marilyn Judy  
Ronny Anderson (Amy's uncle)  
Peggy Michaels (Waynette's aunt)  
Rev. Kent Berry  
Cheryl Isbell  
Ernie Isbell  
Mark Norwood  
Nancy Jones  
Pam Edwards  
Riley Jenson  
Hunter McFarland  
Clem Kortis  
Russel Hall  
Joanne Smith

Larry Lawrence  
Berry Baize  
Cookie's daughter, Lynda King  
Terry Taylor (surgery)  
Debbie DeChaume  
Linda Vandiver  
Gene Clements  
Shirley Bullard  
Clarence Scott  
Michael Schmalriede  
Ukraine  
Israel Gaza War  
Eunice Boedeker (school counselor)  
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  
c/o Stoney Brook  
Rm 210  
151 Royal Dr.  
Hewitt, TX 76643

Barbara Lovorn  
c/o Stoney Brook  
Rm 605  
151 Royal Dr.  
Hewitt, TX 76643



# CRAWFORD METHODIST PUMPKIN PATCH

**October 1 - October 31**

Monday - Friday

4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Saturday

10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Sunday

12:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

**PUMPKINS RANGE FROM \$1-\$20**

375 West 6th Street Crawford, TX

Questions? Call (254)486-2361

All Proceeds Benefit Community Programs







**Lord's Acre is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Crawford High School Cafeteria. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The live auction will begin at noon.**

Due to popular demand, Coffee Plus will continue. We have a sign-up sheet in the narthex. We are asking that 2 people sign-up each week, one to make the coffee and one to bring food. Coffee Plus begins at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday morning, except 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck, in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there!



### **October**

3<sup>rd</sup> Berry Raley  
 4<sup>th</sup> Brian Brookshire  
 4<sup>th</sup> Ron Devorsky  
 14<sup>th</sup> Wade (Kent & Vicki's grandson)  
 18<sup>th</sup> Monty Burgess  
 19<sup>th</sup> Zoey Pomykal  
 20<sup>th</sup> Mike Snider  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Brady Walker  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Shelley Dunbar  
 27<sup>th</sup> Chris Collins  
 29<sup>th</sup> Lila Minnix  
 30<sup>th</sup> Linda Spencer  
 30<sup>th</sup> William Snider

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10<sup>th</sup> Steve and Jennifer Walpole  
 21<sup>st</sup> Michael and Connie Schmalriede

# BICYCLE DRIVE

OCTOBER 12 - OCTOBER 31



**CRAWFORD  
METHODIST  
CHURCH**

Crawford, Texas ~ Founded 1880  
*Independent Methodist Church*



**Please support our annual bicycle drive through a  
donation of a bicycle or a monetary donation to help  
benefit the members of our community and  
surrounding areas.**

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# Scavenger Hunt Food Drive



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26  
AFTER LUNCH**

**Methodist Church Youth Groups will be walking around town, knocking on doors and asking residents to donate non-perishable items to the Crawford Food Pantry. Every donation of food helps!**



**Food Pantry Needs: breakfast cereal, spaghetti and sauce, instant oatmeal, peanut butter and jelly, pancake mix and syrup, saltine crackers, snack crackers, granola bars, canned fruit, mac and cheese**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

**As October breezes sweep in, words related to this cozy month have scattered across the puzzle.**

**Can you help gather them all by searching in every direction—forward, backward, up, down, and diagonal? Once you spot a word, circle it and cross it off the list. Happy hunting!**



# October Word Search



## ACORNS

## APPLES

## AUTUMN

## AUTUMNAL EQUINOX

BAKING

## BONFIRE

BRISK AIR

## CHESTNUTS

CIDER

## COLUMBUS DAY

## CORN MAZE

COZY

## CRANBERRIES

## FALL FOLIAGE

## FOOTBALL

## GOURDS

# HALLOWEEN

## HARVEST

HAYRIDES

INDIGENOUS  
PEOPLES DAY

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

## LEAVES

## OKTOBERFEST

## PUMPKINS

## RAKING

SCARECROW



## SOUP

SPICE

SPOOKY

## SQUASH

## SWEATERS

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## October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Crawford Methodist Women meeting @6:00 p.m.	<b>2</b> Men of Faith @ 10 a.m.	<b>3</b> Rev. Kent is available for visitations.	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Coffee Fellowship @ 10 a.m.  Holy Communion	<b>6</b> Study on Joy @ 5:30 p.m.  Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at the parsonage	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Finance/Admin Meeting @6:00 p.m.	<b>9</b> Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry @ 10:00 a.m.	<b>10</b> Rev. Kent is available for visitations.	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Coffee Fellowship @ 10 a.m.  Bicycle Drive begins  Confirmation Class @ 3p.m.  Youth afternoon service @ 4p.m.	<b>13</b> Columbus Day  Study on Joy @ 5:30 p.m.  Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at the parsonage	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Men of Faith @ 10 a.m.	<b>17</b> Rev. Kent is available for visitations.	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Lord's Acre @11:00 a.m.	<b>20</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at the parsonage	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry @ 10:00 a.m.	<b>24</b> Rev. Kent is available for visitations.	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Joy Jar  Potluck  Food Drive Scavenger Hunt  Confirmation Class @ 3p.m.  Youth afternoon service @ 4p.m.	<b>27</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at the parsonage	<b>28</b> Newsletter articles due at noon	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Men of Faith @ 10 a.m.	<b>31</b> Rev. Kent is available for visitations.  Trunk-or- Treat 5-7 p.m.	