



*Crawford Methodist Church*  
*The Methodist Messenger*  
*April 2026*



Greetings Dear Friends and Church Family.

Our Little Holy Tent celebration was truly an opening of God's joy in spite of suffering and loss.

Our committee worked on this event held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> for 14 months and stayed the course with its work and dedication. The results of the effort brought over 230 people to praise God with the Toliver Baptist Choir of Waco. We were Holy Spirit spelled bound and the message that we received from Justin and Tasha Daniel gave us all a glimpse of the way we can walk through tragic events and see the light of Christ speaking words of thanksgiving and hope.

Our church continues to plow the out-reach ministries and projects:

Family Abuse Center

Operation Angel Tree

Salvation Army

Friendsgiving

Backpack Ministry

Operation Shoe Box -Christmas Child

Joy Jar

Annual Community Spring Picnic

New Opportunity "Hope for the Homeless "

Crawford Volunteer Fire Department

The COVE; Which has the mission to provide a safe place for youth experiencing homelessness to access the resources needed to thrive.

In conclusion, as we pass through GOOD FRIDAY and then arrive at EASTER, Resurrection Sunday, we can all be assured of the great compassion and unconditional grace Jesus has for us as we work for the KINGDOM of God on this earth.... And when he comes back on the second Coming – Our Lord will find us busy with his work.

I am humbled to be your pastor.

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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**Youth Report**

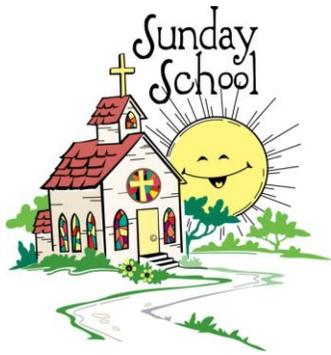
Hello Crawford Methodist Youth! I hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break season. Enjoy the weather before it gets too hot, summer will be here before you know it.

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**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Financial Goal</u>	<u>Offering Report</u>
3/1	\$2,930.48	\$1,635.00
3/8	\$2,930.48	\$3,498.10
3/15	\$3,364.13	\$1,651.30
3/22	\$3,364.13	\$821.00

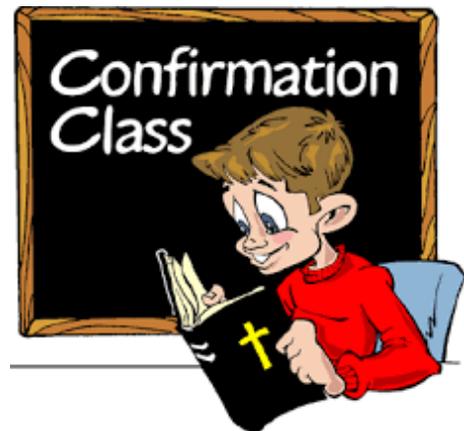


### Children's Class

We have children's Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Join us for crafts, music, fellowship and bible teachings.

This month's Sunday School verse is, "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. (John 14:12)

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



Coffee Plus begins at 9:30 a.m. every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there!

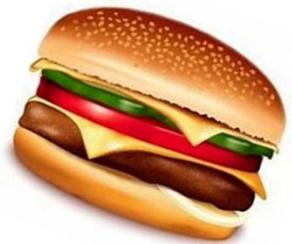
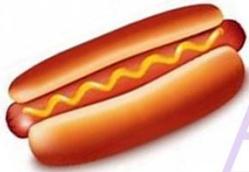
# Crawford Methodist Church

Invites **EVERYONE** to our

4th Annual Community

## Spring Picnic

Free event!  
Open to everyone!  
Waterslide!  
Food!  
Fellowship!  
Fun!



**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

**12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Sponsored by:



**Crawford  
Methodist  
Youth**



Please bring fresh flowers  
to put on our "living cross"  
Easter morning!



## Prayer Requests

David Brown Family  
Jabrill Smith (UPS)  
Dorothy Donaldson  
Kaci Luedke  
Coach Plumber  
Tammy Westerfield  
Mike Patterson  
Karter Edenfield  
Zoey's friend, Josh  
Travis Fass  
Loretta Willis  
Darlene Grigsby (John's aunt)  
Clinton DeChaume  
Pata Potter  
Patrick Gardner  
Tiffany Stadler

Chuck Raley  
Beverly Jones  
Cheryl Isbell  
Mark Norwood  
Riley Jenson  
Clem Kortis  
Berry Baize  
Terry Taylor (surgery)  
Clarence Scott  
Ukraine  
Israel Gaza War  
Jennifer Coan  
Ethan Valdez  
Hannah Riley  
Megan Ayers (DeChaume)  
Emma Harper



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



## **April**

6<sup>th</sup> Francis Raley  
12<sup>th</sup> Sally Love  
13<sup>th</sup> Reg Baldwin  
21<sup>st</sup> Sarah Love  
27<sup>th</sup> Camden Johansen  
27<sup>th</sup> Laykes DeChaume

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7<sup>th</sup> Ron and Suzie Devorsky  
21<sup>st</sup> Rusty and Linda Leight  
27<sup>th</sup> Chris and Karlie Collins

## **Crawford Methodist Women Schedule**

### **Wednesday, March 4th**

**Place:** Church Fellowship Hall

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Hostesses:** Kaye Clark and Jenny Minnix

### **Wednesday, April 1**

**Place:** Church Fellowship Hall

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Hostesses:** Gail Bolin and Glenda Smith

### **Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Place:** Rancher's (Gatesville)

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Program:** Mother's Day Celebration

**Hostesses:** Connie Schmalriede

### **June: No Meeting**

### **July: No Meeting**

### **Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Place:** Church Fellowship Hall

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Program:** Back to School

**Hostesses:** Janette Baldwin and Linda Leight

### **Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Place:** Church Fellowship Hall

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Hostesses:** Amy Brookshire and Linda Spencer

### **Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Place:** TBA

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Place:** Church Fellowship Hall

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Hostesses:** Edie Snider and Laurie



# EASTER



## WORD SEARCH

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### WORD LIST

ANGELS	CHICKS	FAITH	HEAVEN	MARSHMALLOW	RELIGIOUS
BIBLE	CROSS	FORGIVENESS	HOLY	MIRACLE	RESURRECTION
BLESSINGS	CROWN OF THORNS	GOD	JELLYBEANS	PALM	SACRIFICE
BOUQUET	DUCKLING	GOOD FRIDAY	JESUS	PASSOVER	SALVATION
CELEBRATE	EASTER SUNDAY	HAPPY	JUDASISCARIOT	PRAYER	TRADITION

April 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> April Fool's Day  6pm Crawford Methodist Women	<b>2</b> Maundy Thursday  11:30 am Men of Faith	<b>3</b> Rev. Kent is available for visitations  Good Friday service at 6:30 pm	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Holy Communion  Easter	<b>6</b> Easter Monday	<b>7</b> 6pm Faith First Exercise	<b>8</b> 6pm Finance/Admin Meeting	<b>9</b> 10am Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry	<b>10</b> Rev. Kent is available for visitations	<b>11</b> Community Wide Garage Sale
<b>12</b> 9:30 a.m. Coffee Plus  3pm Confirmation Class  4pm Youth afternoon service	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6pm Faith First Exercise	<b>15</b> Tax Day	<b>16</b> 11:30 am Men of Faith	<b>17</b> Rev. Kent is available for visitations	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6pm Faith First Exercise  12pm Newsletter articles due	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10am Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry	<b>24</b> Rev. Kent is available for visitations	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Joy Jar  Potluck  3pm Confirmation Class  4pm Youth afternoon service	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6pm Faith First Exercise	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 11:30 am Men of Faith		