



# *Crawford Methodist Church*

## *The Methodist Messenger*

### *May 2026*



#### Pastors Corner

On May 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 our church will be hosting the Crawford Senior Lunch in our Fellowship Hall, and I have bounced back and forth about what I would like to say this year. I always want it to be short but meaningful. This year our beloved grandson, Gareth, is graduating, and that makes it that much more of a special event.

Our little church has had the opportunity in community missions to be an extension of the Shepherd's Heart food ministry of Waco. On the trailer that carries our food from Waco to Crawford has printed on the side the words of one of our church's great saints, Jerry Lynch. Jerry's words were offered to all of her students while teaching and coaching in public school. Her words ring so very true to our heart today as well. She would tell them "Go Forth and be Leaders."

I have my talk settled on for our graduating seniors on this upcoming senior's lunch. And somehow or another, I will share them again with our seniors. We have words that inspire and motivate our love for each other, and the below words are also a connection rod to our heavenly Father.

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).

This kind of leadership is a gift from the Holy Spirit, and they connect up to all the scriptures from Genesis through Revelation summed up in the life and teachings of JESUS CHRIST. So, let us ponder the words from Proverbs 3:5-6, knowing that our Lord's eyes studied these very same words, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your path."

So, let us also embrace again in our hearts and call to mission in our world, "Go Forth and be Leaders."

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 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

**WEEKLY OFFERING TOTALS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Financial Goal</u>	<u>Offering Report</u>
3/22	\$3,364.13	\$821.00
4/5	\$3,364.13	\$3,337.00
4/12	\$3,364.13	\$1,170.00
4/19	\$3,364.13	\$2,120.25



### 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, "Christ gives me the strength to face anything." (Philippians 4:13)

### Prayer Requests

Nancy Way  
Kenneth Uptmore  
Larry Hoelscher  
Clinton DeChaume  
Family of Anna Mae Rogers  
Pattie Thomas  
Joe Meadors  
Dorothy Donaldson  
Kaci Luedke  
Tammy Westerfield  
Mike Patterson  
Karter Edenfield  
Loretta Willis  
Darlene Grigsby (John's aunt)  
Pata Potter  
Patrick Gardner

Tiffany Stadler  
Chuck Raley  
Beverly Jones  
Cheryl Isbell  
Mark Norwood  
Riley Jenson  
Clem Kortis  
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 Lynridge of Waco  
5317 Speegleville Rd.  
Waco, TX 76712

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



### May

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

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15<sup>th</sup> Nathan and Kelli Byers  
18<sup>th</sup> Dub and Donna Holmes  
28<sup>th</sup> Reg and Janette Baldwin

## Crawford Methodist Women Schedule

### 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

LET  
YOUR  
LIGHT

SHINE



*Upcoming Kinder  
through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade*

*Dinner provided for  
participants*

*Older kids are welcome to  
volunteer as helpers!*

**MATTHEW  
5:16**

**Vacation Bible School**

**June 14 - 16,**

**5:30 to 7:30**

**Hosted by Crawford Methodist**

**Church - 375 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street**

**in cooperation with**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**



# Women of the Bible

## Word Search

**DIRECTIONS:**  
Find and circle the  
**ALL CAP NAMES**  
in the grid. Look  
for them in all  
directions including  
backwards and  
diagonally.

**EVE:** First woman created  
by God

**SARAH:** Mother of the  
Jewish nation

**REBEKAH:** Wife of Isaac

**RACHEL:** Wife of Jacob  
and mother of Joseph

**LEAH:** Wife of Jacob  
through deceit

**JOCHEBED:** Mother of  
Moses

**MIRIAM:** Sister of Moses

**RAHAB:** Ancestor of Jesus

**DEBORAH:** Influential  
female judge

**DELILAH:** Influence on  
Samson

**RUTH:** Ancestor of Jesus

**HANNAH:** Mother of  
Samuel

**BATHSHEBA:** Mother of  
Solomon

**JEZEBEL:** Queen of Israel

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**ESTHER:** Persian queen

**MARY:** Mother of Jesus

**ELIZABETH:** Mother of  
John the Baptist

**MARTHA:** Sister of  
Lazarus

**MARY OF BETHANY:**  
Follower of Jesus

**MARY MAGDALENE:**  
Disciple of Jesus



## May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> Rev. Kent is available for visitations	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Holy Communion	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6pm Faith First Exercise	<b>6</b> 6pm Crawford Methodist Women	<b>7</b> 11:30 am Men of Faith	<b>8</b> Rev. Kent is available for visitations	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Mother's Day  Confirmation Sunday  9:30 a.m. Coffee Plus  4pm Youth afternoon service	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 12pm Class of 2026 Senior Luncheon  6pm Faith First Exercise	<b>13</b> 6pm Finance/Admin Meeting	<b>14</b> 10am Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry  Last day of school	<b>15</b> Rev. Kent is available for visitations  Graduation	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6pm Faith First Exercise	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 11:30 am Men of Faith	<b>22</b> Rev. Kent is available for visitations	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Joy Jar  Potluck  Update Prayer Requests  4pm Youth afternoon service	<b>25</b> Memorial Day	<b>26</b> 6pm Faith First Exercise  12pm Newsletter articles due	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10am Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry	<b>29</b> Rev. Kent is available for visitations	<b>30</b>
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