



Crawford Methodist Church

The Methodist Messenger

July 2026




Greetings,

As we near the 250 anniversary of the United States of America it is an honor to have served in the U.S Army Chaplaincy, and I share with you a word of appreciation to our church about my experience of the patriotic faith of each of you.

As a Chaplain, the Army Chaplaincy was established by an act of congress on July 29, 1775. Chaplains ensure religious freedom and advise commanders on ethical matters, but the core of our job is to nurture the living, care for the wounded, and honor the dead.

When I was serving our church in 2005, under a Title 10 mandatory order my family and I were serving you as your pastor and parsonage family. We were all affected by these deployments. My family and church stood tall in the saddle and provided faithful support to me, my family, and Country during these difficult times. I was reminded then that Chaplains are not here to justify war but to serve those whom fight in them.

We have a wonderful and faithful church family that deeply supports the sacrifice that we must all go through when our country experiences threat in foreign or domestic attack or violence.

So we can all say together “Pro Deo Et Patria” (For God and Country) and be proud to be an American. 

May your 4th of July and this year of national anniversary celebration bring you closer to the vision of the constitutional framers and let us continue to be here to lift each other up as equal individuals created by our Heavenly Father, and let us do so humbly in the love of God found in Jesus Christ as we celebrate our lives together.

By His Grace / In God We Trust

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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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Pianist: Vicki Berry

Senior Bells Director: Marda Raley

Youth Report

Hello Crawford Methodist Youth. I hope you all are having fun, staying safe, and keeping God first. It's looking like a hot July again this summer. Please pray for everyone working outside in the heat.

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>
5/31	\$3,364.13	\$1,129.00
6/7	\$3,364.13	\$2,780.00
6/14	\$3,364.13	\$2,260.00
6/21	\$3,364.13	\$2,182.00



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.

Prayer Requests

Brittany Bolin
Family of Mary Ellen Cribbs
Joyce Holmes
Dorothy Donaldson
Glenda's niece, Kaci
Family of Clinton DeChaume
Nancy Way
Kenneth Uptmore
Larry Hoelscher
Pattie Thomas
Joe Meadors
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 425
151 Royal Dr.
Hewitt, TX 76643

Barbara Lovorn
c/o Lynridge of Waco
5317 Speegleville Rd.
Waco, TX 76712

CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF FREEDOM!

Happy Birthday AMERICA

250 YEARS OF FREEDOM

★ JULY 4TH ★
TONKAWA PARK
 CRAWFORD, TX

- ★ **WASHER TOURNAMENT**
 Registration Starts at Noon
 Tournament Starts at 1:00 pm
- ★ **PARADE**
 Starts at 5:30 pm
- ★ **FIREWORKS**
 Start at Dark Thirty
- ★ **FOOD, ARTS & CRAFT & VENDORS**
 PLUS KIDS CORNER!

Entertainment & Much, Much More!

Join the Fun in the

CRAWFORD 4TH OF JULY PARADE!

- ★ PARADE LINEUP BEGINS AT 5:00 PM
- ★ PARADE STARTS AT 5:30 PM
- 📍 CRAWFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARKING LOT

THE PARADE WILL TRAVEL DOWN 4TH STREET AND END AT THE FOOTBALL FIELD.

★ **Best Patriotic Contestant Awards!** ★

A TOTAL OF \$500.00 IN PRIZE MONEY WILL BE AWARDED!

🏆 1ST PLACE	🏆 2ND PLACE	🏆 3RD PLACE
\$250.00	\$150.00	\$100.00

★ Decorate your float, golf cart, bike, tractor, wagon, or yourself in your best **RED, WHITE & BLUE** and come celebrate with us!

★ For More Details, Please Contact: ★

📞 CINDY VANNATTA 254-749-7664 📞 DONNA CONRAD 254-855-4733

TONKAWA WICKIUP MINIATURE CONTEST

SPONSORED BY THE
 Crawford Community Historical Society

APPROXIMATELY SHOE BOX SIZE

Do a little research and get creative!

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: July 2 at 5:00 TURN-IN AT CITY HALL.

WINNERS WILL BE DISPLAYED AS PART OF THE PERMANENT MUSEUM EXHIBIT FEATURING THE TONKAWA PEOPLE!

The GREAT American 4TH OF JULY BAKE OFF

★ CRAWFORD, TEXAS ★

Show off your **BAKING SKILLS** with secret family recipes or TikTok hacks!

ENTRIES DUE BY 6:30 PM TONKAWA PARK AT TABLES SET UP NEAR THE MUSIC TRAILER

Bakers of **ALL AGES** can compete! WHO WILL CLAIM THE 2026 TITLE???

July

7th Joyce Holmes

8th Mason Schmalriede

8th Alex Galt

13th Jacob Byers

14th Heidi Elmore

15th Barbara Kay Lovorn

19th Serenity Springfield

21st Patti Jones

24th Journey Walpole

28th Dub Holmes

30th Rylan Shobe

31st Deanna Coia

31st Randy Veazey

6th Will and Sarah Snider-Cunningham



Crawford Methodist Women Schedule

June: No Meeting

July: No Meeting

Wednesday, August 5th

Place: Church Fellowship Hall

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Program: Back to School

Hostesses: Janette Baldwin and Linda Leight

Wednesday, September 2nd

Place: Church Fellowship Hall

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Hostesses: Amy Brookshire and Linda Spencer

Wednesday, October 7th

Place: TBA

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4th

Place: Church Fellowship Hall

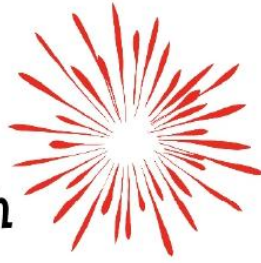
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Hostesses: Edie Snider and Laurie

Jesus and Satan were having an on-going argument about who was better on the computer. They had been going at it for days, and frankly God was tired of hearing all the bickering. Finally fed up, God said, "THAT'S IT! I have had enough. I am going to set up a test that will run for two hours, and from those results, I will judge who does the better job." So, Satan and Jesus sat down at the keyboards and typed away. They e-mailed. They e-mailed with attachments. They downloaded. They did spreadsheets! They wrote reports. They created labels and cards. They created charts and graphs. They did some genealogy reports. They did every job known to man. Jesus worked with heavenly efficiency and Satan was faster than hell. Then, ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, rain poured, and, of course, the power went off. Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld. Jesus just sighed. Finally, the electricity came back on, and each of them restarted their computers. Satan started searching frantically, screaming: "It's gone! It's all GONE! "I lost everything when the power went out!" Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours of work. Satan observed this and became irate. "Wait!" he screamed. "That's not fair! He cheated! How come he has all his work, and I don't have any?" God just shrugged and said, JESUS SAVES



July



Word Search

Find the words listed. Words may appear forward, backward, up, down or diagonal. Words may overlap and cross each other. When you have found a word, be sure to circle it and cross it off the list.

S K R O W E R I F Z N O I T A C A V
 L E V A R T C M W K T K F A G T W N
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- AMERICA
- BARBECUE
- BEACH
- BLUEBERRY
- CAMPING
- CORN
- FIREWORKS
- FLIP-FLOPS
- HAT
- HIKING
- ICE CREAM
- INDEPENDENCE
- JULY
- LEMONADE
- PEACH
- PICNIC
- RASPBERRY
- SANDCASTLE
- SHORTS
- STRAWBERRY
- SUMMER
- SUNDRESS



July 2026						
◀ June						August ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 11:30 am Men of Faith	3 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	4 Independence Day
5 Holy Communion Jennifer on vacation until Friday	6	7 Joyce Holmes turns 90! 2pm Faith First Exercise	8 6pm Finance/Admin Meeting	9 10am Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry	10 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	11
12 4pm Youth afternoon service	13	14 2pm Faith First Exercise	15	16 11:30 am Men of Faith	17 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	18
19 Update Prayer Requests	20	21 Newsletter articles due at noon 2pm Faith First Exercise	22	23 10am Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry	24 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	25
26 Joy Jar Potluck 4pm Youth afternoon service	27	28 2pm Faith First Exercise	29	30	31 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	