



Crawford Methodist Church

The Methodist Messenger

August 2026



Our Beliefs

At Crawford Methodist Church, we join millions of Christians who have traditionally affirmed the Apostles Creed as a summary of key points we believe are true, as explained in the Bible and passed down through the living church and around the world and across the centuries.

We are an evangelical church because the Gospel message represents everything we need to revive the blessing of God's salvation through Jesus Christ.

It is no small matter that we affirm:

1. Scriptures
2. Tradition
3. Reason
4. Experience

These four aspects blend into our lives with the great assurance of God's calling to be God's people, on earth as it is in heaven. We are completely integrated into God's proposed grace extended to us through Baptism and the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion (It is also called The Eucharist; which means Great Thanksgiving).

We celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. For the month of August, I will be preaching from Romans 10: 9-15 and it is titled "Blow your trumpet: Seek the Lord".

"The Word that saves is right here,
As near as the tongue in your mouth,
As close as the heart in your chest."

It's the word of faith that welcomes God to go to work and set things right for us. This is the core of our preaching. Say the welcoming word to God - "Jesus is my Master". God's work of doing in us what he did in raising Jesus from the dead. That's it" (Romans 10: 9).

Our understanding of "The Priesthood of All Believers" (Romans 1, Peter 2-5, and 1 Peter 2: 2-9). Also integrate all believers into a direct access to God directly through Jesus, who is the final high priest. So, as believers we can offer praise, prayer, and service as living offerings. We all have very unique and individual calling to serve God as equals in his kingdom. What ordained ministry calls us to embrace is the idea of "Representative Ministry within the Body of Christ", maybe something like congressmen that is elected to represent U.S. Citizens. It seems to me that scripture and tradition teach that certain gifts are given to us all for the common good. And the Holy Spirit decides who gets each gift, but what is also powerfully stated is that all the gifts of the spirit are useless if they are not driven by love. I invite you to read Corinthians Chapter 12 as a way of supporting a believer's understanding of Christian witness and life in the spirit.

What we believe at Crawford Methodist Church is grounded in the love of God through Jesus Christ, and that becomes our witness and life within the Body of Christ, the Church.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

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 are staying safe and keeping God first. It's been very hot and dry out so please pray for our farmers and ranchers during this dry spell. They work hard to provide our nation with the food and supplies we need; let's lift them up.

As we begin the new school year, don't forget the power of prayer. Let's start the first semester by putting Jesus first and spreading the love he has for all of us.

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>
7/5	\$3,364.13	\$4,030.00
7/12	\$3,364.13	\$2,775.00
7/19	\$3,364.13	\$2,701.56
7/26	\$3,364.13	\$1,740.00



JOY JAR

This month's Joy Jar is for school supplies.

Prayer Requests

Family of Bert Lopez
Lucynda Garcia - cancer
Gene Clements
Kelsey Jones
Booger DeChaume
Brittany Bolin
Joyce Holmes
Dorothy Donaldson
Glenda's niece, Kaci
Nancy Way
Joe Meadors
Mike Patterson
Karter Edenfield
Loretta Willis
Darlene Grigsby (John's aunt)
Pata Potter

Patrick Gardner
Tiffany Stadler
Beverly Jones
Cheryl Isbell
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.
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August

1st Ellie Puryear

14th JM Finstad

18th Dusty Lynch

18th Jeffrey Holmes

25th Christy Walker

27th Ray Hickok

4th Randy and Debra Veazey

11th John and Jenny Minnix

20th Berry and Marda Raley

21st Lori Galt



Crawford Methodist Women Schedule

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

Back 2

School

BACKPACK
BELL
BOOKS
CLASSROOM
ENGLISH
GYM
HISTORY
HOMEWORK
LOCKER
LUNCH

MATH
PAPER
PENCIL
PRINCIPAL
QUIZ
RECESS
REPORT CARD
SCHOOL BUS
SCIENCE
TEACHER

SCHOOL

K	O	U	E	C	F	R	M	U	Q	N	G	Y	Y	V	J	S	A	R	V
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August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Holy Communion	3	4 2pm Faith First Exercise	5 CMW Meeting at 6pm	6 11:30 am Men of Faith	7 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	8
9 4pm Youth afternoon service	10	11 2pm Faith First Exercise	12 School Begins 6pm Finance/Admin Meeting	13 10am Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry	14 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	15
16	17	18 2pm Faith First Exercise	19	20 11:30 am Men of Faith	21 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	22
23 Joy Jar Potluck 4pm Youth afternoon service Update Prayer Requests	24	25 Newsletter articles due at noon 2pm Faith First Exercise	26	27 10am Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry	28 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	29
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