



Crawford Methodist Church

The Methodist Messenger

October 2026



If you put a scripture on your cemetery grave stone marker, "What would it be"?

Personally, I keep changing my mind about what scriptures I would like people to see on my headstone after I am done with this side of life. So, here are a few favorites of mine that I share with you as we approach our Fall in October.

1. "The Lord preserves the simple" (Psalm 116:6) which I understand has more to do with how we learn to lean on God and not on our own cleverness' or pride. Which means that Simple people turn to God for everything (not bad for a starter).
2. "If you declare from your heart. 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10: 9). That is like getting a signed check with the amount left out because it is good for an infinite amount of God's resources.
3. "Take a good look, friends, at who you were when you got called into this life. I don't see many of the brightest and the best" among you, not many influential, not many from high society families. Isn't it obvious that God deliberately chose men and women that the culture overlook's and explodes and abuses, show these "nobodies"? That makes it quite clear that none of you can get by with blowing your own horn before God. Everything that we have-right thinking and right living, a clean slate and a fresh start-comes from God by way of Jesus Christ. That's why we have the saying. "If you're going to blow a horn, blow a trumpet for God" (1 Cor.1:26-31) Well, that is too long for a tomb stone scripture unless it simply says "Blow your horn for Christ".

Well, there you have it What scripture do we want printed on our headstone? I keep changing my mind on that but Francis Raley says that I need to buy a lot at our Crawford Cemetery or there will not be any left to buy. Admittedly, I find great humor in that but please know this, that I will eventually decide through default on a favorite scripture to put over the resting place of my bodily remains. I pray that your October and Fall season is a welcoming one and filled with many wonderful experiences.

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 pray you all are doing well and having a blessed start to your school year.

The pumpkin patch will be up and running in October so please sign-up to volunteer. Youth group will be working the pumpkin patch on our regularly scheduled Sundays.

Also on October's schedule is Lord's Acre. The Youth will help seat visitors and work in the kitchen. It's always a lot of fun and all money goes to our community.

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>
8/30	\$3,364.13	\$1,375.00
9/6	\$3,364.13	\$3,620.00
9/13	\$3,364.13	\$1,710.00
9/20	\$3,364.13	\$2,056.00

Prayer Requests

Logan Armstrong
Russel Family
Family of Gene Clements
RJ Taylor – cancer
Dub Holmes – surgery
Ronald Warren
Family of Bud Abel
Cherish Fanning – cancer
Dorothy Donaldson
Debbie Kalal
Millie Ward's friend, Amy
Lucynda Garcia - cancer
Gene Clements
Kelsey Jones
Booger DeChaume
Brittany Bolin
Joyce Holmes
Glenda's niece, Kaci
Nancy Way

Joe Meadors
Karter Edenfield
Loretta Willis
Darlene Grigsby (John's aunt)
Pata Potter
Patrick Gardner
Tiffany Stadler
Beverly Jones
Cheryl Isbell
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 St. Joseph's
Care Center
Room 111
609 Johnson Dr.
McGregor, TX 76657
Code to enter: 5600#

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



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

The poster is framed by various watercolor illustrations of autumn foliage and berries. At the top left are orange and red oak leaves. Next to them is a branch with yellow-green leaves. To the right are two red acorns on a branch and a cluster of orange berries. On the left side, there are purple berries and a cluster of red berries. On the right side, there is a single red maple leaf. At the bottom, there are more yellow and orange leaves, a cluster of purple berries, and several mushrooms. The text is centered and reads:

Crawford Methodist Church presents

LORD'S Acre

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER BENEFITING COMMUNITY MISSIONS

CRAWFORD HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
OCTOBER 18, 2026

Free Will donation
lunch served
11AM-1PM

Fajitas, sides, desserts

LIVE AUCTION
SILENT AUCTION
CHILDREN'S SILENT AUCTION WITH
ITEMS STARTING AT .25 CENTS

HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS, SALSAS
& JELLIES FOR SALE

October

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

10th Steve and Jennifer Walpole
21st Michael and Connie Schmalriede



Crawford Methodist Women Schedule

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



**We will have Trunk or Treat at 5:30 on
Saturday, October 31!**

The Safety Response Committee has created a plan for emergencies. We have floor plans in designated areas to help in evacuation and shelter in place during emergency events. Fire extinguishers and fire blankets are in proper areas. A fully equipped medical emergency first aid bag and AED are in an accessible marked location. Now we need each member's help by filling out an emergency contact form and turning it in to the office. We pray that none of this ever has to be used, but are thankful the Lord has blessed us with a team willing to do what is necessary to keep us as safe as possible.

Emergency Contact	
Your Name:	
Emergency Contact Name:	
Phone:	
Alternate Phone:	

Faith 1st Exercise

Come join Francis and Janette doing wall pushups on Tuesdays at 2 PM.



Christian Halloween

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

rosefromthedead
 familyfun
 candycorn
 costumes
 giving
 Jesus
 died

trickortreating
 treatbags
 halloween
 Savior
 prayer
 bible
 love

goodiebags
 religious
 Christian
 buried
 ghouls
 abram
 God

fellowship
 scripture
 pumpkins
 ghosts
 gospel
 candy

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 11:30am Men of Faith at the Crawford Cone	2 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	3
4 Holy Communion	5	6 2pm Faith First Exercise	7	8 10am Central Texas Food Bank	9 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	10 10am CMW distributing pumpkins at nursing home
11 9:30am AED and First Aid refresher 4pm Youth afternoon service	12 Columbus Day	13 2pm Faith First Exercise	14 6pm Finance/Admin Meeting	15 11:30am Men of Faith at the Crawford Cone	16 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	17
18 Lord's Acre	19	20 2pm Faith First Exercise	21	22 10am Central Texas Food Bank	23 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	24
25 Joy Jar Potluck 4pm Youth afternoon service Update Prayer Requests	26	27 2pm Faith First Exercise Newsletter articles due at noon	28	29	30 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	31 Halloween 5:30 pm Trunk or Treat