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FIRST
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CHURCH



THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE PLAN
NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Welcome

- ♦ We are glad you are here. If you have prayer requests, please fill out a card in the pew and place it in the offering plate.
- ♦ Restrooms are in the entrance hall, across from the cry room.
- ♦ For parents with active children, a glassed-in cry room is located at the back of the Worship Center and an unstaffed nursery is also available. Please ask an usher or an elder for assistance .
- ♦ Please silence all cell phones.

****Holy Communion****—We believe that in the Lord's Supper, we receive Christ's Body and Blood in the bread and wine. These elements are not mere symbols or transformed; they are given for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a guest, please speak with the Pastor before communing. Non-alcoholic wine is available in the top ring of each communion tray for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

May the Lord bless your experience with us today!

The mission of FLC Texarkana is to disciple and equip the faithful to care for all and reach the lost within our communities and world with the Gospel.

2. For what did Esau sell his birthright? (25)
 3. What did Isaac dig that his father had previously dug? (26)
 4. What was Esau's reaction when he heard that Isaac had blessed Jacob? (27)
- Discussion Question: Why do the sins of fathers often repeat themselves in the sons?

ANSWERS

Genesis 10-12, Psalm 19

1. To reach heaven; and to make a name for themselves so they would not be scattered
2. Babel
3. God would make of Abraham a great nation, bless him, and make his name great; To his seed would be given the land of Canaan.
4. Sent a plague

Genesis 13-15, Psalm 20

1. Wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.
2. Melchizedek
3. Tithes of all
4. 400

Genesis 16-18, Psalm 21

1. Her seed would multiply exceedingly
2. He will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him
3. Circumcision
4. 10

Genesis 19-21, Psalm 22

1. Sleep with them (sodomy)
2. Blindness
3. 100
4. Laugh

Genesis 22-24, Psalm 23

1. A ram
2. Jehovahjireh
3. The sand which is upon the sea shore
4. "I will go"

Genesis 25-27, Psalm 24

1. From Havilah unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as one goes toward Assyria
2. Bread and pottage of lentiles
3. Wells for water
4. He cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said to his father, Bless me, even me also.

BIBLE BINGE WEEK 4

QUESTIONS

Nov. 17 GENESIS 10-12, PSALM 19

- Jan. 19 1. Why did the people want to build a tower? (CH11)
2. What was the name of the city where God confused the languages? (CH11)
3. What promises were given to Abram? (CH12)
4. What did the Lord do to Pharaoh and his house because of Sarai? (CH12)
Discussion Question: Why is unity such a force to accomplish either good or evil?

Nov. 18 GENESIS 13-15, PSALM 20

1. What was the spiritual condition of the men of Sodom? (CH 13)
2. Who was king of Salem and priest of God Most High? (CH 14)
3. What did Abram give to Melchizedek? (CH 14)
4. How many years would the descendants of Abraham be afflicted in a strange land? (CH 15)
Discussion Question: Why is Melchizedek important?

Nov. 19 GENESIS 16-18, PSALM 21

1. What promise was given to Hagar? (CH 16)
2. What was prophesied about Ishmael? (CH16)
3. What was the token of this covenant between God and Abraham's descendants? (CH 17)
4. For how many righteous people would have the Lord spared Sodom? (CH 18)
Discussion Question: How does circumcision relate to water baptism?

Nov. 20 GENESIS 19-21, PSALM 22

1. What did the men of Sodom want to do to the angels that visited Lot? (CH 19)
2. What affliction did the angels put on the men of Sodom who came to Lot's house? (CH 19)
3. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born? (CH 21)
4. What did Sarah say God made her do? (CH 21)
Discussion Question: Why did Jesus say "Remember Lot's wife"? (Luke 17:32)

Nov. 21 GENESIS 22-24, PSALM 23

1. What was caught in a thicket that Abraham offered up as a burnt offering? (CH 22)
2. What did Abraham call the name of the place where he offered up the burnt offering? (CH 22)
3. In addition to the stars, to what would the number of Abraham's descendants be compared? (CH 22)
4. How did Rebekah reply when asked if she would go with Abraham's servant? (CH 24)

Nov. 22 GENESIS 25-27, PSALM 24

1. Where did Ishmael's descendants dwell? (CH 25)

THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE PLAN

TIME TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING SONG **"O Savior, Precious Savior "** *LSB #527*

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

For I know that my Redeemer lives.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so.

You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed

You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness

and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Almighty God and Father,

we confess, as Your people, our sinful human nature and the thoughts, words, and actions that are evil in Your sight. We need Your rescue. We need Your righteousness. We need a Redeemer. Mercifully draw near to us, O Lord. For the sake of Jesus Christ and His cross, rescue us from our troubles and cover our sin with true righteousness. Redeem our lives, that our days and deeds would be directed in Your peace. Amen.

Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all of your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh and by His authority, I therefore forgive You all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 14

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.

The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD?

There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous.

You would shame the plans of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge.

Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you

And also with you

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3:14-19, 12:1-3

The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Janet Ruper• Jennifer Simpson• Dennis Smith• Margaret Smith• Austin Taylor• Amelia Thomas• Luke Thomas• Zachary Thomas• Cody Voan• Charles Wagner• Rodney & Lisa Williams | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Various health concerns• Health and Healing• Cancer• Health and Healing• Stem cell transplant• Congenital disease• Congenital disease• Congenital disease• Serious Illness• Health and Healing• Rodney's cancer treatments & strength for Lisa | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vickie Smith• Linda Sue Rayburn (friend)• Lydia Arnold (Newt's Sister)• Gayla Fowler (family friend)• Jean Clement (grandchild)• Jean Clement (grandchild)• Jean Clement (grandchild)• Jill Mays (grandchild)• Mark & Shelia Oestmann (family friend) |
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In Military Service or working in war zones:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blake Sundbye• Dylan Vann, Active duty, Army• Zack Coulburn• Chad Bowles• Barbara Rutter | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Owens• Cpt. Tony Moritz• Technical Sgt. Clara DeShane• Technical Sgt. Will DeShane |
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We pray for unity and peace. We pray for our nation's leaders, as urged in 1 Timothy 2:1-2, that we may live peaceful lives. Grant them wisdom through many advisers, as stated in Proverbs 11:14, and let them govern with justice and integrity.

How to approach praying for others

Be specific:

- Praying for immediate needs can be impactful, such as asking for healing for someone who is sick or wisdom for someone facing a difficult decision.
- For strength and guidance:
Pray for strength, courage, and wisdom for loved ones as they face challenges and seek to follow God's will.
 - Example: "Please offer strength, courage and Your peace as [he/she] navigates this uncertain time".
 - To bear each other's burdens:
Recognize that praying for others is a way to fulfill the law of Christ by carrying each other's burdens.
 - Example: "Lord, help me to be a source of support and encouragement for them. Give me the courage to trust that you will protect and lead them".
 - For healing:
Pray for healing and restoration for those who are sick or struggling.
 - Example: "Lord, heal my loved one and comfort them in their time of need".

In an effort to keep this page up to date the names and requests will be updated every 4 weeks. If you would like for your request to remain on the list, please use a prayer request card or email Corrine at flctexarkana@gmail.com.

First Family PRAYERS

Praying for someone is a way to show you care about their well-being, especially when they are struggling. You can pray for things like strength, courage, peace, healing, or for specific guidance in someone's life.

Member

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| • Lydia Arnold | • Health and Healing | • Jennifer Montoya- | • Various Health |
| • Elaine Cranfill | • Health and Healing | Leopold | Concerns |
| • Georges & Sandra Drautz | • Health and Healing | • Ken Nielsen | • Health and Healing |
| • David Endsley | • Health and Healing | • Mark & Shelia Oestmann | • Health and Healing |
| • Debra Gardner | • Heart surgery | • Herman Plattner | • Health and Healing |
| • Celia Jones | • Health and Healing | • PJ & Tiffani Poole | • Health and Healing |
| • Cathy Jordan | • Health and Healing | • Sue Richter | • Arm surgery |
| • Renee Kurtenbach | • MS | • Lisa Sundbye | • Health and Healing |
| | | • Linda Thomas | • Health and Healing |

Friends and Relatives

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| • Michael Attaway | • Health and Healing | • |
| • David & Susie Blair | • Health and Healing | • Mark (sister and brother-in-law) |
| • Holly Bristow | • Heart attack | • Vickie Smith |
| • Janie Carl | • Health and Healing | • |
| • Marion Clark | • Health and Healing | • |
| • Ruby Coats | • Health and Healing | • |
| • Betsy & Bruce Cochran | • Bruce’s cancer treatments & strength for Betsy | • Vickie Smith |
| • Micah Cromer | • Suffers from seizures | • Vickie Smith |
| • Cody Cross | • Health and Healing | • |
| • Mary Gressett | • Health and Healing | • |
| • Theresa Griggs | • Health and Healing | • |
| • Brycn Hallowell | • Health and Healing | • Jimmy and Cherrie Curtis |
| • Peggy Harris | • Health and Healing | • |
| • Nancy Jacobs | • Health and Healing | • Sharen Steindorff (Mother) |
| • Maverick Johnson | • Health and Healing | • |
| • Yolanda Mueller | • Recovering from kidney transplant | • Mark & Shelia Oestmann (friend) |
| • Lynn Nymeyer | • Health and Healing | • |
| • Meaghan Page | • Brain Health | • Gayla Fowler (neighbor) |
| • Rori Parrish | • Cancer treatments | • Wayne Cranfill (family friend) |
| • Sam Prewitt | • Cancer | • Vickie Smith |

sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel for today is recorded in Mark 14:12-25.

Glory to You, O Lord!

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” He said to

them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR SADIE COLE SUNDBYE

INVOCATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BAPTISM

PRAYER

BLESSING

Through Baptism God has added Sadie to his own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in his kingdom.

Sadie, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore. Amen.

Week of November 16, 2025

16 Sun.	9:00am	-	Education Hour
	10:00am	-	Worship/Communion
	2:00pm	-	Pickleball
17 Mon.	11:00am	-	Online Zoom Bible Binge Class
	5:30pm	-	Girls Night Out @ El Chico
	6:00pm	-	Men’s Night Out @ The Burger Joint and Pizzeria in New Boston
18 Tue.	5:30pm	-	Serving the residents of Randy Sams’
19 Wed.	5:30pm	-	Crochet with Kellie
	6:00pm	-	Board of Elders
23 Sun	9:00am	-	Education Hour
	10:00am	-	Worship

Thanksgiving & Seasonal Needs at Randy Sams Outreach Shelter

Randy Sams needs a variety of items to provide for our annual Thanksgiving Day lunch and for the fall and winter months. Please contact Lori, our Kitchen Manager, at 903-792-7024 to let her know if you plan to bring any meal items for Thanksgiving.

Monetary donations are much needed and can be made via the QR code below, www.randysams.org, or via check to 803 Spruce St., Texarkana, TX 75501 (admin). Donation drop-offs are accepted 24/7 at 402 Oak St., Texarkana, TX (shelter).

Food:

Turkeys & hams
Rolls
Potatoes
Gravy
Cranberry sauce
Dressing (cornbread & stuffing: pre-prepared)
#10 cans of corn
#10 can of green beans
#10 cans of fruit cocktails
#10 cans of pinto beans
Onions & French dried onions
Cream of mushroom soup
Green bean casserole (pre-prepared)
Sweet potato casserole (pre-prepared)
Broccoli, rice & cheese casserole (pre-prepared)
Macaroni & cheese (pre-prepared)
Any additional sides (pre-prepared)
Salad & salad dressings
Desserts (any)

Paper Products & Sanitation:

Napkins & paper towels
Rolled plastic silverware
Disposable cups
Paper plates
To-go containers/boxes
Trash bags (45-55 gallon)
Hand sanitizer & masks

Clothing Items:

Coats
Sweatshirts/sweatpants
Long sleeve shirts
Pants
Scarves
Gloves
Blankets
Headwear (hats/beanies)
Hand/foot warmers
Men's boxers (new)
Women's underwear (new)
Women's bras

Hygiene Items:

Deodorant
Shaving supplies
Toothpaste
Soap bars (regular size)
Travel sized toiletries

Drinks:

Canned sodas
Bottled water
Sweet & unsweet tea

Misc: Cold/flu meds (OTC)

Donation QR Code:



SONG OF THE DAY "God Loved the World So That He Gave " **LSB 571**

SERMON **THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE PLAN**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart " **LSB #806**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation, for You have displayed Your power and Your provision in the merciful sending of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We praise You that He wore our flesh and bore our sins, and that He invites us to His Table to share in the fruits of His victory. Gather us in faith to receive the true body and blood of our Savior, Jesus, as those in need of His redemption. Give us hearts that overflow with gratitude and yearn for the nearness of our Redeemer, who died, who is risen, and who is coming again, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

LSB #619 "Thy Body Given for Me O Savior "

LSB #590 "Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy "

LSB #801 "How Great Thou Art "

LSB #537 "Beautiful Savior "

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Lord Jesus Christ, as You have enlivened our hearts through Your Holy Supper, keep us ever alert and awake, ready to meet You and rejoice in Your drawing near. By Your grace, allow us to stand in Your truth and lift our heads in firm faith, that free from fear, we would witness to Your redeeming love for us and for the world, for You live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

BLESSING

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.*
Amen.

CLOSING SONG “Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing ” **LSB #924**

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SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY...

- Preacher..... Rev. Scott Sundbye
- Elders..... Dan Bradshaw & Jimmy Curtis
- Altar Guild..... Gerda Lavender
- Reader..... Vickie Smith
- Head Ushers..... Derek Huffman & John Lanier
- Counters..... Mark Oestmann & Ron Jordan
- Audio/Visual..... Matt Smith & Crew

MEN’S NIGHT OUT: Come join us for Men’s night out at The Burger Joint and Pizzeria in Downtown New Boston on Monday, November 17 at 6 PM. If you need directions, please contact Dan Bradshaw or Jeff Fluegge.

WOMEN’S NIGHT OUT will be at El Chico Monday, November 17 at 5;30pm. All Women are invited for good food and fellowship. Contact Gayla Fowler for more information.

SERVING THE RESIDENTS OF RANDY SAMS’ OUTREACH SHELTER is this Tuesday, November 18 at 5:30 pm. Please contact Wayne Cranfill if you would like to volunteer or provide food.

COME LEARN TO CROCHET WITH KELLIE on Wednesday, November 19 from 5:30-8pm. Bring a snack to share. Crochet hooks and yarn will be provided. Please let Gayla or Kellie know if you want to attend.

THE BOARD OF ELDERS will meet this week on Wednesday, Nov. 19 @ 6pm

NOMINATIONS FOR 2026 COUNCIL AND BOARD POSITIONS: The Nominating Committee (Mark Oestmann, Wayne Cranfill, Clara Ayres, and Karen Bradshaw) continue to canvass the congregation for the various positions. If they call on you, please prayerfully consider filling one of many needed areas. Please ask if there is a Ministry Description available for the position of interest to give you an idea of the time and effort. Feel free to ask any board or committee member if you would like additional information.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY is now scheduled for Mondays at 11:00 AM. Pastor will explore the lessons we read during the previous week's Bible Binge Study, so make plans to join us to enhance your weekly reading!

LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY is December 6 at Roma's Italian Restaurant, 511 East 51st Street, Texarkana, Arkansas at 11:00 am. Please bring a gift not over \$20.00 to exchange if you like.

THE LWML is holding its annual Christmas Toy Drive for children supported by the domestic violence shelter. A collection box will be placed in the narthex throughout November to gather new toys for these children. Thank you in advance for helping to make their Christmas a little brighter!