



THE OUTLOOK

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WAXAHACHIE

402 N College Street
Waxahachie, TX 75165

March 2024

A Note from Fred:

Central Presbyterian Church is growing! New people are attending the church, and ministries are being added. Some of the resources we previously used are no longer needed, but they are taking up valuable space.

Over the past forty to fifty years, Central Presbyterian Church has grown and brought in new resources, education materials, furniture, and books, lots and lots of books. Before I arrived, several people began to collect some of the resources we are no longer using, and they relocated them to the top floor in the two youth rooms. It is time for all of that to find a new home. If you are interested, you may rehome any of those materials.

On Saturday morning, April 6, you are invited to the church to “Come and Take It.” The church will be open on April 6th from 9:00-12:00 for anyone who would like to come and take any of those resources. From 12:00-3:00, we are hoping to have a bunch of people here to take the rest of those resources to the city dump.

It is never easy to let go of things that have made a positive impact on our lives, but these materials are now taking up space and are no longer relevant to our current ministries. You may have donated some of these resources and they still have meaning to you, so you are invited to take them with you.

Central Presbyterian is growing, and we need different resources from the ones we were using a few years ago. Seventeen years ago, the first iPhone came out. Today, almost everyone is using some sort of smart phone. Day Timers and Blackberries have gone the way of the slide ruler.

Ministry resources are changing. April 6 is a day for us to help prepare for future ministries. Hope you will be there.

Grace and peace,

Fred



March Birthdays

Garrett Woods	3
Katherine Woods	5
Susie Tickner	6
John Stockman	9
Bill Abbott	23
Diann Marchman	24
Benita Miller	25

Please make sure the church office has your birthday.
We would like to wish you a Happy Birthday.



He is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think.

Ephesians 3:20

MISSION/CONGREGATIONAL CARE MEETING

The Mission/Congregational Care Meeting will be held in the Cottage on Sunday, March 10, immediately after worship.

Our congregation partners with various non-profit organizations working in our community to assist under-served populations. We are looking for individuals or teams that will be liaisons between these organizations and his congregation. If you are interested in learning more about who these partners are and what you can do to make sure that CPC is serving these organizations, please come and join us for lunch in the Cottage.

We look forward to seeing you on March 10!

Lay reader or liturgist?

Two terms that mean assisting in worship, reading the scripture, and leading other parts of the worship service on Sunday morning. We have a new year of worship opportunities with an opportunity for new leaders. Please contact Alex Galeti at 516-473-4748 (call or text) or e-mail AlexGaleti@RaymondJames.com to learn more.

Jesus is calling—you?



Fellowship & Worship Opportunities

March 28—Maundy Thursday
Worship Service 7:00 pm

March 29—Good Friday
Worship Service 7:00 pm

Sunday School

Children and Adult
Sunday School Classes
meet at 9:30 am, Sundays,
in the undercroft.

Sunday, March 10, Daylight Savings
Time Begins—Set your clocks
1 hour Forward

EASTER EGG HUNT
FELLOWSHIP PARK
March 30, 11:00 a.m.

Table Fellowship

Sunday, March 17, following
worship, in undercroft

Ministry Team Meeting Schedule

These teams meet immediately following worship:

Worship, First Sunday of the month

Mission/Congregational Care, Second
Sunday of the month

Discipleship, Third Sunday of the month

If you want more information about the ministry teams listed, please join us for one of the meetings. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Jubilate Ringers meets on Mondays, at 6:30 pm.
Chancel Choir meets Wednesdays, at 7:00 pm.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast
2nd Saturday of each month
8:00 am, in the undercroft

Presbyterian Women's Circle meets the 2nd Thursday, each month, at 10:30 a.m., in the parlor.

Holy Week

God created us to celebrate, to rejoice and to remember. As March begins, we find ourselves in the season of Lent, a time for us to reflect on the sacrifice of Christ and the gift of new life we have been given. The final week of Lent begins on Palm Sunday, March 24, when we will remember Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem while the people shouted, "Hosana! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." While every Sunday is a little Easter, this day begins our celebration of Holy Week. It is a day of excitement. Between Palm Sunday and Easter, there are two days we remember more than we rejoice.

Maunder Thursday, March 28, we will have a communion service in the sanctuary as we remember Jesus caring for his disciples by washing their feet and then later instituting the Lord's Supper. **On Good Friday we will have a Tenebrae service**, a service of Shadows, which is like Advent's Lessons and Carols, but now the focus is upon Christ's passion and death. Candles will be extinguished as the evening moves forward until the Christ candle leaves the sanctuary. As the service concludes, the Christ candle returns to the sanctuary as a sign of the hope to come on Easter.

Saturday, at 11:00 AM, we will step away from the more intense reflections and host a community Easter Egg Hunt in Fellowship Park. Invite your friends and their children and grandchildren to join us for our Easter Egg Hunt, a bounce house and face painting. We are also asking our members to provide dozens of plastic eggs with candy, no nuts, for us to hide that day. You will learn more about this later in the month.

Finally, join us on **Easter Sunday, March 31 at 11:00 AM** for our Easter celebration as we rejoice that death has no hold on Jesus, but he rose overcoming death that in him we might have new life.

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

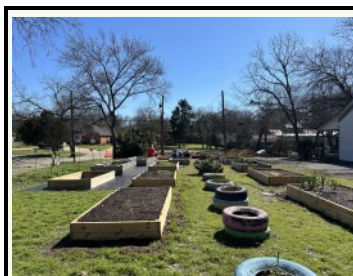
"Flowering of the Cross" is a church tradition practiced since ancient times to celebrate spring and the emerging new life in a very visual way. It is traditionally done on Easter Sunday morning.

During Holy Week a cross with a purple drape will be placed in front of the church. Then on Easter Sunday, members of the congregation are invited to gather blooming flowers and bring them to church to place on the cross.

Flowers may be placed on the cross during the sunrise service and throughout the day as people enter the church.

The "flowered cross" will then remain in front of the church through the following week which will offer a unique visual reminder of Christ's resurrection and new life and new beginnings.

It is hoped that all will participate and even bring extra flowers for those who may not have any. The beautifully adorned cross will also offer a great backdrop for Easter pictures for families and individuals after the church service.

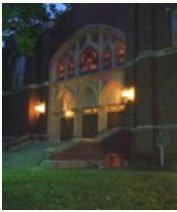


COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Garden Group has been planning and working towards spring. Last month, we added three more vegetable beds and repaired old ones. Thank you, Carl Holleyman, for donating your time, tools, and knowledge. It was a busy day and the garden looks beautiful. We have planted potatoes, cauliflower, and broccoli. We are looking forward to spring. We meet on Wednesday afternoons, around 4:15. Please join us!

JANUARY 2024 FINANCIALS

Unrestricted donations	\$ 19,209	YTD Unrestricted	\$ 19,209
<u>Other Income</u>	<u>\$ 46,597</u>	<u>YTD Other</u>	<u>\$ 46,597</u>
Total Income	\$ 65,806		\$ 65,806
<u>Total Operating Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 17,719 YTD</u>		<u>\$ 17,719</u>
Net	\$ 48,087		\$ 48,087



**402 N. College Street
P O Box 38
Waxahachie, TX 75168**

**Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 11:00 am**

Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm
Friday 9am-Noon

Phone: 972-937-2924

E-mail: Office: cpcwax@gmail.com

Pastor: cpcpastorwax@gmail.com

Web: www.waxcpc.org

Follow CPCWAX on social media:



MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 6:00 Saturday Seekers
3 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary Worship MT	4 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	5	6 7:00 Chancel Choir	7 10:00 PW Women's Circle	8	9 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
10 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary Mission MT	11 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	12	13	14 10:00 Church Life MT	15	16
17 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary Table Fellowship Following worship Discipleship MT	18 10:00 am Finance 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	19	20 7:00 Chancel Choir	21	22	23
24 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary	25 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	26	27 7:00 Chancel Choir	28 7:00 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY	29 7:00 PM GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP	30 11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt in Fellowship Park
31 EASTER 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary						