



THE OUTLOOK

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF WAXAHACHIE

402 N College Street
Waxahachie, TX 75165

May 2023

I am excited to become the new pastor at Central Presbyterian Church in Waxahachie, Texas! As some of you know, I am returning home to Texas. My parents bought their home where my father lives in Highland Park when I was six months old. My little sister lives in Dallas, too. I look forward to being closer to them and other family members.

My father grew up in Hartshorne, Oklahoma and my mother was raised in Weatherford, Texas. My parents met and married at Highland Park Presbyterian Church, where I came to faith. I met my wife, Kitty, there as well. Her father was an associate pastor, and her mother was one of the secretaries.

After graduating from SMU, I attended Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts. After two years, Kitty and I moved to Austin, Texas. I graduated from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and took my first call in Stone Mountain, Georgia, where I served as a youth pastor. From there God called me to the Alabama Presbyterian Church in Choudrant, (pronounced “shoe-drant”) Louisiana. Our first-born son, Thomas, was born in Louisiana. Then, I was called to the First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood, Texas. Our son Kaden was born in Kingwood during our eight years with that congregation. Fourteen years ago, we moved to Cary, NC, where I was the pastor at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church.

God has been leading and calling us, as a family, to these wonderful churches; and now, God has called us to Central Presbyterian Church. Kitty is a bilingual elementary teacher and hopes to teach in Waxahachie ISD. Thomas will be staying in Charlotte, NC, where he is studying civil engineering. He will graduate in December of 2023. Kaden is coming with us; he is studying online at the Berklee College of Music that is located in Boston. You may see him playing his guitar at various venues in Waxahachie. Also joining us in our move will be Kitty’s brother, Timothy Foley, and Kaden’s friend, Bella Nani.

I am looking forward to meeting you very soon.

Grace and peace,

Fred

May Birthdays

Ellen Stelzer	4
Priscilla Clore	6
Campbell Authier	16
Frank Guy	18
Marta Tingdale	18
Gracey Stelzer	19
Deborah McMillian	27
Jill Buie	31
John Meade	31
Kay Price	31

For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

Psalm 57:10 /NIV

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

Save the Date

CPC members and friends, mark your calendar for May 14 which is Reverend Fred Thrower's first Sunday in our pulpit. The Mission Congregational Care team will host an informal coffee time that day in the parlor from 10:15–10:45 to allow members and friends to meet Rev. Thrower and his family. We are all looking so forward to meeting and welcoming them to our ministry.

Thanks,

Cheryl Loper

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF MARCH 2023

Unrestricted donations	\$ 14,161	YTD	Unrestricted	YTD	\$45,584
Other Income	0		Other		250
Total Income	\$ 14,161				\$45,834
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 19,591		YTD		\$53,312
Net	\$ 5,430				\$ 7,478

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the warm notes of gratitude and generous love offering I received on my last Sunday. I have enjoyed getting to know you all and will continue to pray for the good people gathered at Central Presbyterian Church as you move into a hopeful future.

I spent most of the offering on the Lockhart Gardens. I have purchased large containers, many bags of potting soil, and flowers, lots of flowers. I will remember you all everyday that I sit in the peace of the garden, both this summer and for years to come.

Peace,
Betsy



2023 VBS

“It is time for us to start planning for our VBS event which is June 20 through the 23rd. This Sunday, April 30, immediately following worship there will be an organizational meeting in the Cottage. As many as possible volunteers are needed in order to present this Event to our church youth, the Common Ground Ministries youth, and any and all of our community that wish to participate. Please plan to attend our light lunch and planning session this Sunday. If you are interested but unable to attend please contact Cheryl Loper or April Woods.”

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Over the last few months, the Wednesday Garden Group has been working really hard. New raised beds have been added and we are busy filling them with vegetables. There are tomatoes, potatoes, onions, garlic, strawberries, carrots and sweet peas. With all the rain, things are growing really quickly. We are busy keeping things watered and the grass mowed. If you have not visited in a while, you should stop by and see the beautiful progress. We are so thankful for our friends and the time for fellowship. We even have two new members. Stop by on a Wednesday afternoon, after 4:00pm and share the fun.



Gingerbread Trails 2023

Central Presbyterian Church has been asked to participate on the Gingerbread Trail Tour this year. I know we are all excited to share our beautiful sanctuary with others and this is a wonderful opportunity.

The church will be open on **Saturday, June 3**, from **10:00 am to 4:00 pm**. It will also be open from **1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Sunday, June 4**. I will have a sign-up sheet for docents to welcome visitors. Each shift will be for **two hours**, and we need at least **two people per shift**, but would love to have more.

The church **sanctuary, parlor, and chapel** will be the only areas open for touring. Docents can hand out an information sheet about the church, and you are welcome to provide more.

Please let me know if you would like to volunteer. Send me the time and day that are convenient for you. Thank you!

Johnna Breedon
Administrative Assistant
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Men's Second Saturday Breakfast

There will be a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 13, at 8:00 am, in the undercroft.
Please come and join us for food and fellowship.



Grace Presbyterian Women 2023 Spring Workshop May 20, 2023 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Nor'Kirk Presbyterian Church
3915 Josey Lane Carrollton, TX 75007

Workshop Offerings PW 23-24 Bible Study Preview Led by Rev. Dr. Julie Adkins
Scripture Craft- Decoupage Doorknob Hanger Led by Rev. Elizabeth Lockhart
Art through Time Led by Rev. Dr. Julie Adkins
Moderator/Treasurer/Cluster Leader Training Led by CT:
Officers Mission Table Display/ opportunities to shop
23-24 PW Bible Study books available for purchase

*Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
Amos 5:24*



Waxahachie Caregiver Support Group

Every second Tuesday of the month, from 6:30 –7:30 pm, there will be a Waxahachie Caregiver Support Group Meeting at Central Presbyterian Church. The group is led by Marie Gardner, and it focuses on those who are caregivers or ones affected by Alzheimer's or dementia. Together you will:

- ◆ Exchange practical information on caregiving challenges & solutions
- ◆ Talk through issues and ways of coping
- ◆ Share feelings, needs and concerns
- ◆ Learn about community resources

This group will meet once a month, on the 2nd Tuesday. For more information, contact Marie Gardner at 214-450-3849.

Sign up for CPC updates and reminders by e-mail by contacting: cpcwaxnews@gmail.com

FLOWER CALENDAR



Please consider honoring or remembering a loved one or event, by providing flowers for the sanctuary.

There is a new flower calendar on the wall for 2023. It is by the north, ramp side entrance. Johnna will add the information to the bulletin and the entire congregation can enjoy the flowers on Sunday.

The outlook

Reminder

Please have your Newsletter contributions/submissions to both Nancy Post at ntpostx@gmail.com and Johnna Breedon at cpcwax@gmail.com by the 20th of each month.

No computer? No problem.
Please just submit to the office.

Thank you!



NOTICE FILMING IN PROGRESS

To include those who are not able to worship in person, worship services may be filmed.

We have reserved the back third of the sanctuary as a no-film zone.

Please sit where you feel most comfortable.



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.



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 Worship Service 11:00 am

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May 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	2	3 7:00 pm CPC Choir	4	5	6
7 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary	8 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	11 10:00 am PW Women's Circle 4:30 Caregiver's Support	10 7:00 pm CPC Choir	11	12	13 8:00 am 2nd Saturday Men's Breakfast
14 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary Welcome Rev. Dr. Thrower and his family	15 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	16	17 7:00 pm CPC Choir	18	19	20
21 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary Table Fellowship after Worship, in Undercroft	22 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	23	24 7:00 CPC Choir	25	26	27
28 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary	29 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	30	31 7:00 CPC Choir			