

THE OUTLOOK

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WAXAHACHIE

402 N College Street
Waxahachie, TX 75165

August 2024



A Note from Fred:

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells his disciples that they/we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth. Recently I have been waking up before the sun rises. I will grab a cup of coffee and go sit on the back porch and watch the sun come up. My backyard goes from an area that is hard to define to one that I can enjoy watching the wind cause the grass to dance back and forth. Light opens up God's creation from dancing grass and trees to beautiful artwork to amazing sunsets. Light helps us avoid obstacles in our path and see things that interest us to moving off the path we are taking.

Salt makes most food taste much better. And in limited quantities salt is good for our bodies. When Kitty and I would go down to Piedras Negras, Mexico, to work with Constructores Para Cristo, the groups were encouraged to have a little salt in their drink mixture to replenish the salt our bodies were losing from working in the extreme heat.

And you and I are the light of the world, the salt of the earth. Most of us realize we were created to help others. We were created to make the lives of other people better. We bring light into lives where there is darkness, and we bring flavor into lives that are bland.

As the school year is about to begin, I want to point to an on-going ministry we are working with where we serve as light and salt. Marvin Biomedical Academy (Elementary) is down the street. We have partnered with Marvin for many years, but as the church's leadership has changed, so has the school's leadership and many of the new leaders don't know each other. The new principal this year is Ms. Karin Polk and the new counselor is Ms. Heather Alverson. Please keep both leaders in your prayers. Our Marvin mission team, Fancy Jezek, Priscilla Clore, Rene Craig, Eric Jezek, and myself, will be providing breakfast for the staff on Tuesday, August 6; and as other needs appear we will seek to fill them. Our ongoing ministry with Marvin will be focused on providing food for students in need. Waxahachie ISD is keenly aware of the nutritional needs of some of the students and is asking that churches adopt a school to help students and staff. Since we are partnering with Marvin, we will be seeking to help their students. In the coming weeks you will hear more about our plans, but basically, we will provide bags of food that a student may take home for the weekend. The bags will include shelf life milk, a milk product that doesn't need to be refrigerated until it is opened, breakfast bars, some sort of protein and a few other items. We will be asking you to help us collect these items for up to 30 students a week.

In the future, you will continue to learn of ministries that Central Presbyterian Church is partnering with. Thank you for being the salt and light of the world.

Grace and peace,

Fred



August Birthdays

Dee Dreckshage	5
Judy Shank	5
Jacob Stelzer	18
Del McLane	22
Dale Montgomery	22
Isaac Woods	25
Ruth Spurr	30
Anderson Authier	31
Mary Ann McLane	31



Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Psalm 37:7

Congregational Care

A new team is being formed with CPC members and friends who are able to provide transportation for members and friends of our congregation that need transportation to doctor appointments, or other activities. A list of those accessible drivers is available through Johnna in the church office. Please feel free to contact her if a need arises.

Please provide your birthday to the church office. We, along with your friends, want to wish you a happy birthday!



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 Alex Galeti@RaymondJames.com to learn more.

Jesus is calling—you?



Flags Flying at CPC Honor our Nation and Benefit our Community

We will have flags placed on College Street by the Rotary Club of Waxahachie. The cost of these flags is \$100 each and the proceeds from the flag program provide funding for many community projects, including several of our mission partners. If you would like to donate to this program, please send your check to the church office and mark "Flag Program", in the memo line. Waxahachie Care, Hope Clinic, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, Baylor Medical Center, Gingerbread House, Common Ground Ministries and many other community organizations are served with these funds.



FLOWER CALENDAR

Just a reminder that the 2024 Flower Calendar is on the wall in the side entrance by the ramp. Please consider honoring or remembering a loved one or event. Johnna will add the information to the bulletin and the entire congregation can enjoy the flowers on Sunday.

JUNE 2024 FINANCIALS

Unrestricted donations	\$ 13,952	YTD Unrestricted	\$121,877
Other Income	\$ 25,000	YTD Other	\$ 71,622
Total Income	\$ 38,952		\$193,499
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 29,861	YTD	\$155,896
Net	\$ 9,091		\$ 37,603

Fellowship & Worship Opportunities

Children and Adult Sunday School Classes
will resume at 9:30 am,
Sunday, August 11, in the undercroft.

Ministry Team Meeting Schedule

These teams meet immediately following worship:

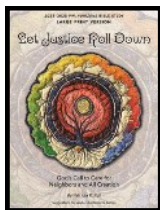
Worship, First Sunday of the month

Mission/Congregational Care, Second Sunday of the month

Discipleship, Third Sunday of the month

Finance/Admin., Third Monday 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.



Presbyterian Women's Circle

The Presbyterian Women's Bible Study will begin meeting in the fall. The morning group meets on the second Tuesday of each month, at 10:00 am.

An evening Bible Study is under consideration. If you are interested in the opportunity, please call Dotty Smith at 903-452-1746 or dottysmith@gmail.com

This year's PW/Horizons Bible Study is by author Patricia K. Tull. It is *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*. We are all called to care for neighbors and God's creation with all our hearts, with particular care for society's least powerful members who are disproportionately impacted by our unjust systems.

One-By-One Ministries here in Waxahachie is looking for women volunteers to help expectant and new moms who may feel alone or unprepared to be a parent. One-By-One Ministry equips women from local congregations to serve as mentors and match them with an expectant mom who is asking for help. Mentors offer support, friendship and love to the mom. Mentors also equip moms to be the best parent they can be, and finally, mentors assure moms of their value and worth, sharing the hope of Christ.

Mentors are **trained** to make visits with the mom using the **curriculum provided** by One-By-One. Moms are referred by pregnancy centers, health clinics, churches, schools and other community partners.

Mentors are expected to have at least one in-person meeting each month and on-going weekly contact by phone or text. Mentors meet with mom beginning prenatally and continuing until the child's first birthday. Mentors **do not** provide transportation, money or baby sitting.

One-By-One Ministries desires "to strengthen families, to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect through parent education, and improve the parenting skills of this generation to impact the next generation."

If you are interested in becoming a mentor or wish to know more about this opportunity to help an expectant mom, please contact Fancy Jezek, at fancyjezek@yahoo.com.



Save the Date!!!
All Women of the Church
Saturday, September 14

All Women, members and friends of Central Presbyterian, are invited to the Women's Luncheon. There will be food and fellowship. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and visit with current friends. We would love for you to attend.

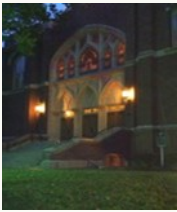
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Worship Outside the Walls
Sunday, September 29

CHILDREN'S
MINISTRIES

- Popsicles in the park Saturday, September 7th, at 11:00 am
- Parent's Day Out, Saturday, November 30th (Time will be given soon)
- We will also be scheduling an event with Santa in mid-December, so keep an eye out!

We are looking for volunteers. There are forms at the front and side entrances of the church. We would love for you to help with Bible Class, work in the nursery, or help with Community Outreach Events. We would love your help!!



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 Worship Service 11:00 am

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August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 11:00 am Worship Worship MT	5	6	7	8	9 Rehearsal	10 Wedding
11 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Blessing of the Backpacks Mission MT	12	13	14 7:00 Chancel Choir	15 6:00 Memory Care Support	16	17
18 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Discipleship MT	19 10:00 am Administration/ Personnel MT	20	21 7:00 Chancel Choir	22	23	24
25 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Session	26	27	28	29	30	31