

THE OUTLOOK

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WAXAHACHIE

402 N College Street
Waxahachie, TX 75165

August 2023

A Note from Fred

Sometimes, seeing changes taking place can be exciting. The parking lot in front of the cottage is being repaved as I write this article. Half of the parking lot has a new layer of black asphalt covering it. It is gorgeous. The tree stump and cracked areas are gone. This beautiful, new parking lot will welcome members and guests to Central Presbyterian Church (CPC).

On Sunday, August 6, I will be officially installed as the pastor at CPC. I am thrilled with this event that signifies another change in the life of the church. CPC had a wonderful interim pastor, Rev. Betsy Lockhart. The Pastor Nominating Committee and I are happy to have this process concluded with the Installation Service at 4:00 in the afternoon.

After dreaming about a new home for months, Kitty and I will move to our new home next week. Apartment life has its advantages, but we are ready to have all our items out of storage and in our new home.

Amidst all these changes, Jesus' teachings are timeless. He told us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind. We are also called to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. That message never changes.

Let us continue to grow in our relationship with God by following what the Word tells us. Jesus, who is the Word, says in John 14:15, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." One of the best ways to grow in our relationship with Christ is to love and to care for his people. As we move through the heat of the summer, let us remember to care for God's people. Kind words and grace go a long way in making a person feel loved. Let us seek to have the mind of Christ, who was always gracious and kind. These attitudes never need to change.

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

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

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

**Grace Presbyterian Women
2023 FALL GATHERING**

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

First Presbyterian Church
606 Mockingbird Lane
Weatherford, TX 76056
October 21, 2023, 9:30-2:00



Business meeting, Installation of Officers, Offering Collection, Keynote Speaker: Kristen Campbell, Communion/Worship Service, Mission Tables (checks and cash accepted for supporting missions through purchases).

Lunch will be served, \$10 payable by check made payable and mailed to: Grace First Presbyterian Church

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JUNE 2023

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Unrestricted donations | \$ 17,318 | YTD Unrestricted | \$93,631 |
| Other Income | 0 | YTD Other | \$70,250 |
| Total Income | \$17,138 | | \$163,881 |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$26,074 | YTD | \$ 136,594 |
| Net | \$ 8,936 | | \$ 27,287 |

Installation Service

August 6, 2023

4:00 pm

The Installation Service for Reverend Dr. Fred Thrower will be Sunday, August 6, at 4:00 pm. Following the service, there will be a small reception. Please take this opportunity to welcome our new minister and his family. We are grateful for his leadership at CPC.

Improvements to Central Presbyterian

If you have not seen all the clean-up and improvements at CPC, it is time you stopped by. We are very appreciative of all the work that has been done. Thank you! The flowerbeds, parking lot and walkways just look beautiful. Thank you.



Men's Second Saturday Breakfast

There will be a Men's Breakfast on this Saturday, August 12, at 8:00 am, in the undercroft. Please come and join us for food and fellowship.

Table Fellowship Sunday, August 20

We will have a Table Fellowship following worship, Sunday, August 20. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring a dish to share.



Community Garden

The Garden Group met each Wednesday morning this summer. We started meeting earlier to adjust to the summer temperatures. We enjoyed lots of tomatoes, eggplants, okra, carrots and corn. We planted watermelons and are waiting to enjoy them.

We will continue to meet in the mornings, until school starts. We will then return to our afternoon schedule.

Andrews Sunday School Class

The adult Sunday School class (Andrew's Class) will resume from 9:30–10:15 in the parlor on August 6.

We are seeking teachers for an exciting learning cycle of one month only! Responsibility for leading the study will rotate in monthly slots.

Pricilla Clore has volunteered to begin to lead in August. Please contact Dian Cooper if you would like to lead the class in September, October, November or December.

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MISSION/CONGREGATIONAL CARE

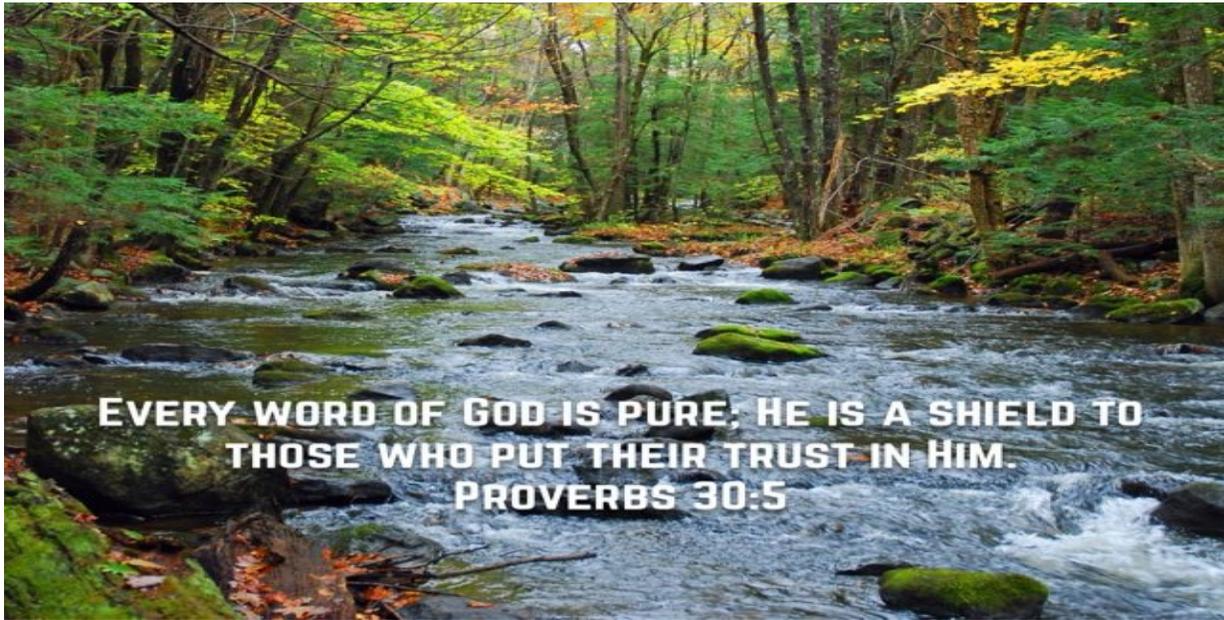
The TABLE FELLOWSHIP event has been moved to the third Sunday of the month. Our next Table Fellowship will be on August 20 immediately following worship, in the Undercroft. The menu will be announced the Sunday before.

The next MISSION/CONGREGATIONAL CARE Team meeting will be Sunday, August 13 in the Cottage immediately following worship.

The MISSION/CONGREGATIONAL CARE Team will host a reception for our pastor, Reverend Dr. Fred Thrower, in the parlor, immediately following the installation service at 4:00 on August 6. The sign-up sheet at the ramp door entrance will be available for those who wish to provide cookies for the reception on Sunday, July 30.

The MISSION/ CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM will organize a brunch for the returning teachers and staff at Marvin elementary, date, and time to be announced.

CPC will participate again in WOW (Worship Outside the Walls pending approval) which will be Sunday, October 1. The next planning meeting will be August 24 at 6 PM in the chapel at the first United Methodist Church of Waxahachie. Contact Gary Loper for more information and if you would like to attend.



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.



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?



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.

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.

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!



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 Worship Service 11:00 am

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August 2023



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 10: 00 Choir 10:30 Coffee 11:00 am Worship 4:00 Installation Svc. | 7 | 8 4:30 Caregiver's Support | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 8:00 am 2nd Saturday Men's Breakfast |
| 13 10: 00 Choir 10:30 Coffee 11:00 am Worship 12:00 Mission MT | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 10: 00 Choir 10:30 Coffee 11:00 am Worship Table Fellowship | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 10: 00 Choir 10:30 Coffee 11:00 am Worship Session | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |