

THE OUTLOOK

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF WAXAHACHIE

402 N College Street
Waxahachie, TX 75165

January 2023

Greetings Friends,

Many blessings to you all as we begin a new calendar year. As we know, our journey together started on November 27th, the first Sunday in Advent, when we heard the prophet cry out to God, "Say something!" I pray we are ready to listen for God's response and are excited about the journey in Christ this year.

We will need to get organized! *Ordination and Installation Sunday* is January 22nd and the Session Retreat will be that same day immediately following worship. Elders will gather for a fellowship meal, take care of beginning-of-the-year-business, make Team assignments, and then coordinate our calendars for 2023.

Now, enough business! Thomas à Kempis wrote, "Plan to take time off, and give some thought as to what you'd do with that time; hopefully, you'll spend part of it reviewing God's favors to you in the past. What else? Lock up ye olde curiosity shop. Devote more time to reading your spiritual books than your survival manuals. Withdraw from casual conversations and leisurely pursuits. Don't contract for new ventures, and don't gossip about old ones. All these having been done, you'll find more than enough time to undertake a program of meditation. Most of the Saints did just that, avoided collaborative projects whenever they could, choosing instead to spend time with God."

Between now and January 22nd, spend time with God! Find rest for your souls. You all have been faithful servants of the Lord throughout 2022. We stepped out on faith and we received a wonderful year! God has been gracious to Central Presbyterian Church. Take time to ponder all the new opportunities for study, worship, fellowship, and mission, which are already in the first phases of being planned. Let your ideas and callings have time and space to grow. Have no anxiety, do not rush.

Let us all continue to walk in faith, forever listening to God before we take each step.

Peace,
Betsy





January Birthdays

Audrey Willett	1
Winnie O'Donnell	1
Philip Smith	3
Tom Crabb	12
Billie McCullough	23
Jay Barksdale	24
Bill Nash	25

He restores my soul. He leads in paths of righteousness.

Psalm 23:9

Please Prayerfully Consider...

Since Susie will be moving at the end of February, a replacement is needed to be our church PCHAS Ambassador. If interested, please let Susie know. It is a very rewarding experience!



The Community Garden Group visited Savvy Organic Gardens, the first week of January. We learned about weed control, successful above ground gardens using cinderblocks, and insect control. We also got to visit with the farm's donkey, as you can see. We enjoyed time away and to see how other gardens are grown.

FLOWER CALENDAR

Please consider honoring or remembering a loved one or event, by providing flowers for the sanctuary. There will soon be a new flower calendar on the wall for 2023. It will be by the north, ramp side entrance. Johnna will add the information to the bulletin and the entire congregation can enjoy the flowers on Sunday.

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 2022

Unrestricted donations	\$ 12,180	YTD Unrestricted	\$162,440
Other Income	0	Other	24,249
Total Income	\$12,180		\$186,689
Total Operating Expenses	\$17,632	YTD	\$174,841
Net	\$ - 5,452		\$ 11,848

What is a Church Elder Retreat?

Well first! It is January 22, 2023 Immediately following Worship!

Every Moderator of a Session has a different answer to this question. Here is mine:

We gather together for a fellowship meal after worship and then call the meeting to order to vote on an Omnibus motion which covers all the first-of-the-year business: to elect a Clerk of Session 2023 and a Treasurer 2023, when to hold Stated Session meetings, to approve Communion to be served on the first Sunday of every month and on holy days as designated on the Presbyterian Planning Calendar, to approve the budget for 2023, to call an Annual Meeting of the Congregation to review the 2022 Year End Report. Easy right!

After this, we make **Team Assignments** for our Administration Team (Finance/Personnel/Property), Communications Team, Worship and Music Team, Mission and Care Team, and Christian Education Team.

And then the fun stuff begins - Basic Elder Training Reminders!

Basically, we are reminded that Team Moderators call meetings and decisions are made via loving consensus. All planning decisions are made within the Team meetings and Motions (action items) are crafted in Team meetings, then sent to the Session, and then decisions are announced to the Congregation after approval from the Session. In my humble opinion, Stated Session Meetings should never last longer than an hour! The work of the church happens in Team meetings and the Session is serious about practicing permission-giving leadership.

Lastly, we Coordinate our Presbyterian Planning Calendars to include Team meeting times, bible studies, mission projects, special worship services, and fellowship meals. We literally get on the same page! Everything you ever wanted to know!

Peace,
Betsy

Making Contacts and a new Shepherding Program

The Congregational Care Ministry team is looking for volunteers who would be interested in making contact with our homebound members. Contact could be a card, a phone call, or an email, etc. We strive to include all of our congregation as important members of our church.

The Team also voted to form a "Shepherding Program" for the new members of our church. The purpose would be to pair new members with a "shepherd" who can help them feel welcomed, to introduce them to our church family, and to determine their interests in being a part of the work and ministry of our church.

Anyone wishing to volunteer with contacting homebound members or Shepherding new members should contact Dee Drecksage at 972-533-9564, or any member of that Team.

Thank You!!

Greetings, **friends, Ambassadors, Volunteers** and all who worked to make this year's Angel Tree drive for PCHAS such a success,

Thank you so very much! Your generosity was overflowing!

We received *several hundred gifts* for our children and we hope your anticipation of their excitement brings you light this Christmas!

We especially appreciate the extra effort you all made to deliver gifts for the kiddos to our Waxahachie campus. We know that was a trek for many of you. I want to extend a special heartfelt THANK YOU for the volunteers who helped us sort, inventory and group the bags for our programs over the following 2 days.

The below picture is not a comprehensive representation of all of the groups and individuals who donated, but please know how grateful we are for all of you.

I hope your Christmas is merry and bright, and full of generous Christmas cheer!!

Joy to the World!

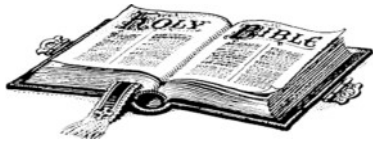
Diane



GREETERS IN JANUARY

The worship team is looking for individuals who would like to serve as greeters on Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service. If you are interested in participating, please call Cheryl Arey or Cheryl Loper to volunteer.

This is a great way to meet other members and friends!



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?

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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.



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.

Are you still receiving the CPC Monthly Newsletter, *The Outlook*, by mail? Sign up for e-mail-only delivery by contacting the office at cpcwax@gmail.com and help save on printing and postage.
Thank you.

Reminder

Please have your Newsletter contributions/submissions to both Nancy Post at ntposttx@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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January 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:45 Andrews Class 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary	9	10 10:00 PW WOMEN CIRCLE 6:30 Waxahachie Caregiver Support	11	12	13	14
15 9:45 Andrews Class 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary	16	17	18	19	20	21
23 9:45 Andrews Class 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary Session Retreat	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:45 Andrews Class 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary	31					