



THE OUTLOOK

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF WAXAHACHIE

402 N College Street
Waxahachie, TX 75165

June 2021

Dear Siblings in Christ,

In Rodgers and Hammerstein's hit musical, *Carousel*, the character Nettie Fowler gives us the popular tune, *June Is Busting Out All Over*. So here we are with June "busting" out with some hope for God's children through the gift of the vaccine. Some hope for us to "bust" out of the difficult months we have faced. Some hope for us to "bust" into new life as a community of God's people. But I ask a question for us to ponder both individually and corporately. What will this "busting out" look like for Central Presbyterian Church and for the "saints" of this church?

Let me come at an answer through one of the vows we as Ministers of Word and Sacrament and each of our ordained elders take at the time of ordination and installation. It says, "Will you promise to serve with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?" What would it mean for Central Presbyterian Church to "bust" into our new life together with these four words as our foundation for our ministry?

With energy:

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy. (Colossians 1:12)

"Instead of worrying about what you cannot control, focus your energy on what you can create." — Roy Bennett

Miriam Webster defines energy as "dynamic quality;" "the capacity of acting or being active;" "a usually positive spiritual force." To begin our new life as God's community, where is God calling Central to focus our energy to be a positive spiritual force in God's world?

With intelligence:

¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers. (Ephesians 1:17)

Central is a community that loves passionately. So how do we discern who we are as loving community and where do we channel that love in a ministry for others that really matters, not to us, but to those we are choosing to serve? For if it makes a difference in the lives of others, it will make a difference in our own lives.

With imagination

Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us; ²¹ glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations, forever and always. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Or as Iranian-American writer and professor Azar Nafisi says: "You need imagination in order to imagine a future that doesn't exist."

How exciting for Central to imagine a ministry that opens new doors to a future that we cannot even yet imagine.

With love

And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. (Colossians 3:14)

Sometimes the heart sees what is invisible to the eye."

H. Jackson Brown, Jr. —author of *Life's Little Instruction Book*

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God's love for the people of Central Presbyterian becomes a bond of unity that cannot be broken. And with holy imagination our ministry moves into expressions of that love that might be invisible to us now, but will be revealed by God as we seek God's imagination for us. And as the line from the musical *Rent* says, "Give in to love, or live in fear." May we live in God's love and not in fear.

The song, "June is busting out all over" continues with these lines:

*But it's comin, by gum
We can feel it come
You can feel it in your heart
You can see it in the ground
You can see it in the trees
You can smell it in the breeze
Look around! Look around! Look around!*

With energy, intelligence, imagination and love the ministry of Central Presbyterian Church will "bust out" all over Waxahachie and beyond. So let's look around and look around and look around.

Shalom!
Tom Tickner



June Birthdays

Robin Guy	3	Martha Smith	19
Matthew Goss	6	Matt Authier	20
Cheryl Loper	7	Randy Arey	28
Hilary Locke	8	Pam Montgomery	28
Melissa Hauffe	16	Caroline Barksdale	30
Patrick Stelzer	16	Lynn Stockman	30

It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure.

2 Samuel 22:33

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF APRIL 2021

Unrestricted Donations	\$ 6,318	Year to Date Budget	\$ 7,699
Other Income	\$ 133	Year to Date Budget	\$ 2,687
Total Income	\$ 6,451	Total YTD Budget	\$16,837
Total Operating Expense	\$ 18763	YTD Budget	\$15,980

Report from CPC Finance/Trustee Ministry Team



Your Session has voted to return to worship in the sanctuary. Please be thinking of a special date you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary, to honor or celebrate a loved one and take this opportunity to sign up! The flower calendar is on the wall in the North entry.

Vacation Bible School

The MISSION and CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Ministry Teams of CPC are hosting and organizing a VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL this summer, August 2-5 in Bethlehem Revisited. Our church along with four others will join our youth ages K-5th grade on those dates from 8:30-noon to explore the Parables of Jesus. Invited churches are St. Paul Episcopal, First Christian, First United Methodist, Waxahachie Bible Church. Please contact Dian Cooper or Cheryl Loper for more details or to volunteer to help. The organizing team is also asking for your prayers for what God may do through this very ambitious effort.

Grandmothers & Grandfathers:

Good news! We are out of books for our Little Libraries!

Bad news! We are out of books for our Little Libraries!

If you have children's books your kids have outgrown and wish to donate them, there's a box in the classroom in the office. If you are unable to go out, give me a call and I'll figure it out. 972-217-5956

Thanks

Patty Dickerson, Earth Care Congregation Ministry Team



ANDREWS CLASS

The Andrews class has resumed meeting for Sunday school in the undercroft at 9:45 if you'd like to join them.

When you hear the words "congregational care" what thoughts come to mind? If you feel God's call to help explore ideas as we form a ministry team to serve our congregation, please contact me, Susie Tickner, new committee chair, at 214-205-5540 or tomtickner@sbcglobal.net.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

*Joys and Concerns in Our Prayers**

**Valerie Young, Jean Silvera, Barbara and
Bill Hill, Cheryl Arey,
Mary Jo Halbert, Johnna Wall,
K. C. Browne (Kelly Cameron's dad),
Mark Price, Pat Baldeschwiler,
Mike Sonnier, Karen Williams**

Thyme in the Garden

News from the CPC Community Garden

May brought plenty of sunshine along with regular rain showers so the community garden is thriving and producing an abundance of vegetables with a promise of more to come. Our weekly work time includes watering, feeding and inspecting for diseases or insect damage. The fun begins as we harvest super sweet peas, heads of broccoli or dig up handfuls of tan, red and purple potatoes. A surprise find was a very sweet, small round carrot that everyone agreed we should grow again.

Our monthly lesson included gathering some of every vegetable we could find. A search of spring vegetable recipes provided the perfect spring vegetable soup that everyone enjoyed. See the pictures and recipe below. Every vegetable in the recipe is growing in the garden.

We encourage everyone to visit anytime and harvest some vegetables to take home and enjoy, or just come and watch the garden grow. Workers are there every Wednesday afternoon from about 4 to 5:30. **Come Grow with Us.**



Spring Vegetable Soup from the Community Garden

- 2 tbs. olive oil
- 1 large spring onion thinly sliced into halfmoons including some of the green top
- 3 or 4 small new potatoes, peeled and diced
- 2 or 3 carrots, julienned
- Salt and fresh ground pepper to taste
- 8 cups vegetable broth
- 1 cup sweet green peas, shelled, or snow peas cut on the diagonal
- 2 cups fresh baby spinach leaves or other dark greens
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped parsley
- 2 tbs. chopped dill weed

In a soup pot over medium heat, warm the oil. Add the onion and cook until soft but not brown, 4 - 5 minutes. Stir in the potatoes, carrots salt and pepper. Add the broth and bring to a boil, reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer, uncovered, until the potatoes and carrots are tender, about 8 minutes.

Stir in the peas and continue to simmer until they turn bright green and just tender, about 2 - 5 minutes. Add the spinach, parsley and dill and cook about 30 seconds.

All the ingredients can be adjusted to suit your taste or what is available in the garden.

Serve hot. Makes 6 – 8 servings.

Adapted from a recipe in The Dallas Morning News, Wednesday May 12, 2021 by Ellie Krieger.

Well.... I finally made it!

Hey there friends!

Quick expectation check: I really don't like writing and I am not very good at it. BUT God is doing a lot of amazing things here and I want to share about them. So, if you found yourself on this page expecting a beautifully written update that is grammatically correct... I am so sorry but you have come to the wrong place (I probably won't even proofread this if I am being honest with you). Think of this more as a window into my mind where thoughts are easily derailed, there are always a few random squirrels, lots of laughter (mostly at myself) and a place grammar doesn't exist. I hope you enjoy (-:

What am I even doing?

I landed here in the Dominican Republic on April 22nd and I am so happy to finally be here (just 13 months later). I started working at the local school here and am focusing on building relationships with my coworkers (That is one of my coworkers in the picture) and students. Right now, I am working on getting all the vaccine records up to date for our kids. I am also developing curriculum so we can start training the staff in CPR, First Aid, and basic nursing practices.



My role here is very much so on the health care side of things- So lots of work and not always a lot of kids. I am praying though how to be in the grind of work but not lose my main purpose of being here- sharing the best news I have heard in my entire life- That Jesus Christ saw me, loved me and cared so much about me that He died on a cross for me so that I might spend eternity with him (Doesn't that just give you goose bumps.... I am so excited for heaven) and at the same time figuring out how to say all of that in Spanish. After my year in California, the Lord has given me this fire to want to share His love for His people so I am trying to figure out the ways God is calling me to do that here. (Thankful for those long convos with friends who listen and help me walk in wisdom)

What I am learning....

Chickens are so stinking mean. I run in the mornings and there is always this chicken on my path and EVERY morning it tries to fight me (this ferocious animal chases me and flaps its wings and makes the loudest sounds) and of course I scream and run away which makes everyone around laugh. It has become quite the morning event for some people. This chicken hides from me and then pops out and there are always people sitting across the street that are just waiting to see me scream and run away from a chicken (Think what you want but that chicken could scare a bear). But I think that perfectly sums up the lesson the Lord has been trying to teach me... Humility. It is hard to think you got life under control when a chicken makes you scream and pee your pants a little. I think that is where we as Christians are the strongest though... when we come before the Lord in full recognition that we need Him in every moment and every detail and we give Him access to EVERY part of our life. And that has been my prayer.... more of you God and less of me!



How is it going?

The common question I keep getting is "How's it going?" Well it depends on the moment if I am being honest. A friend told me once that life is like an EKG of your heart (the picture of your heart beat on the screen in the hospital) so praise God it's not flat lined. I don't think I have ever related more to a statement in my life. There are some moments here where I am at my peak, praising God. Most of those moments are filled with laughter because I said something completely wrong in Spanish, or playing with kids, or my time with the Lord in the morning. But just like an EKG my mountain top experience quickly plummets too. My most recent plummet came from when I went to grab this mysterious vegetable from the cabinet and there was THE BIGGEST AND FASTEST (please take time to notice that I said fastest... like we are talking ninja fast) SPIDER I HAVE EVER SEEN IN MY ENTIRE LIFE!!! After 30 minutes of screaming, a few tears, and half a can of bug spray that is 100% deet.... I killed it with a shoe. Then I continue to cook my mysterious slimy vegetable (after some reflection it could have been a fruit) and it tasted like GARBAGE. So yeah... I fought off the biggest spider I have ever seen for some weird slimy vegetable/fruit that tasted gross (Praise God for Ramen Noodles). But then I get a text from a friend or get to work on a cool a cool project and life goes back to okay... or at least until the next wave comes.

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But yeah, I think I am going to leave you with that little gem.... I mean I still have plenty more in my head but we can save that for another day. But in all seriousness, I pray this update, if anything, reminded you that Jesus loves you and there is no better way to live than a life in full obedience to Him (I pinky promise).

With love,

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Whoops... I forgot prayer request.... That is kinda important! I would love prayer for wisdom right now. That I continue to listen and wait on the Spirit to guide me and show me what work God has for me here (Not just good work but the work He has set apart for me) and continual growth in Spanish and relationships with my coworkers!



The Marthas via Zoom May 8, 2021

Present: Cheryl Arey, Priscilla Clore, Dee Dreckshage, Ruth Spurr, Lynn Stockman, and Susie Tickner.

The opening meditation was a reading from Ephesians 2: 8-10, followed by the opening prayer.

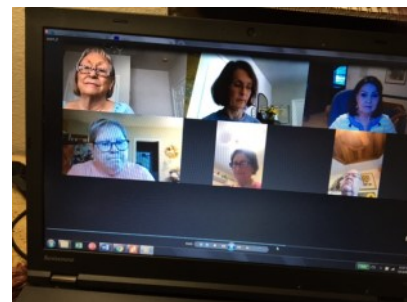
We again shared news of each other, and of those we contacted in the past month as part of our special friends outreach.

- Cheryl Arey talked to Louise, who is now at home. She did not connect with the Hills, keeps in touch with Mike Ramsey via Bonney.
- Lynn reported she talked to Jean Silvera and Kay Bower. Thanks to Lynn for setting up Take Them a Meal for members needing that service.
- Susie talked with Joann Doan and to Louise Barnett's son, Paul. She provided a phone number for him as well as Sydney Barr's daughter Bev. Johnna Wall is now home again with Dave.
- Martha reported prior to our meeting that she sent cards to Shirley Williams, Sydney Barr (get well and Mother's Day), and Pam Montgomery (Thinking of You). She stays in touch with Kay Bower and Jean Silvera also.
- Ruth reported that Jim Jordan had a mail return. We later spoke with him and he is still at the same address and phone number.

If you know someone we might add to our list, please contact Priscilla Clore at 903-641-5544 or e-mail pclore@sbcglobal.net.

Ruth provided updated assignments for the next three months as follow:

Arlene: Joann Doan, Johnna Wall, and Louise Barnett
Lynn: Joann Johnston, Christine Pope, and Mike Ramsey
Cheryl: Jean Silvera, Kay Brower, Pat Gorman
Martha: Pat Whatley and Vivian Nichols
Susie: Le Woodard, Ronnie Tapp, Jim Jordan, and Barbara/Bill Hill
Ruth: Sydney Barr, Pam Montgomery, and Shirley Williams



We will clean out the soup from the church freezer as it has been there since September last year.

Our next meeting will also be via Zoom at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 12th.

Cheryl closed our meeting with prayer.

**Save the date! Block off the time! Make a plan! Pencil it in!
Mark your calendar! Set aside the time!**

Planning is in the works for Presbyterian Women's Online Churchwide Gathering Event!

Dates: August 4 and 5, 2021

Time: To be determined

Highlights:

- Six hours of programming over two days
- Installation of the new moderator team for 2021–2024
- PW Business Meeting open for observation
- Worship and the Word
- Speakers and preachers, including a special message from Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, president and executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the PC(USA) and author of [*Beyond Greens and Cornbread: Reflections on African American Christian Identity*](#).
- And so much more!



Reflecting on the Theme

The 2021 Churchwide Gathering theme illuminates our way forward as we continue to navigate change and changing plans. “Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers” (Rom. 12:12–13).

“Rejoice in hope” is the scripture and theme that has guided our thoughts and hearts during these 17 months leading up to the 2021 PW Churchwide Gathering. Easter reminds us of God’s unfaltering love for each of us in Christ Jesus. As daffodils spring up, we are reminded of renewal and, perhaps, even new plans! As the hymn assures us, no matter what, “it is well, it is well with our soul.”* Amen!

*Hymn: "When Peace, Like a River" by Horatio Gates Spafford

Money Matters

You and your planning team have saved for the 2021 Churchwide Gathering. Why not stay the course and keep saving for Presbyterian Women's 2024 Churchwide Gathering? Consider your saving strategy so that you can sponsor additional participants for 2024 or lend support to PW's Annual Fund (the Mission Pledge) with an extra gift to help with expenses for the 2021 Gathering virtual service (stay tuned for details) and Business Meeting.

Presbyterian Women's Annual Fund (the Mission Pledge) makes possible every mission, program and resource of PW. Give now to support Presbyterian Women's witness in the world.

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neighbors caring for neighbors

Give-a-Meal-a-Month – the Yellow Bags

Please consider supporting the **Yellow Bags**. Take your kids or grandkids and let them experience personal mission or just do it yourself. Thank you for your help in the past and keep this important personal mission project in your thoughts and prayers. Your ministry will help many people.

The food will need to be brought to the church by Monday, June 28.

Give a Meal a Month Menu for June 2021

Canned beef stew

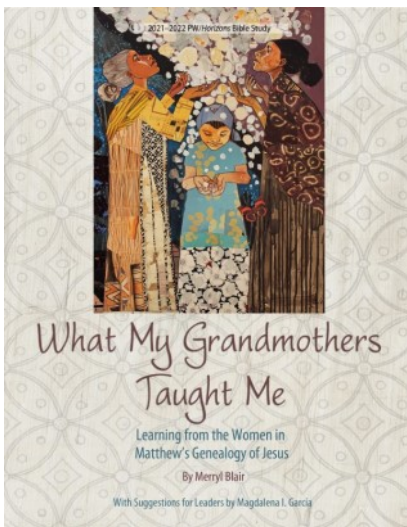
Canned carrots

Canned fruit cocktail

Cornbread or muffin mix

Optional items may always be included such as Milk, Jelly, Fruit Juice, etc.

Checks are always welcome – payable to CPC memo to CARE.



Presbyterian Women

The PW Study Books: WHAT MY GRANDMOTHERS TAUGHT ME: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus, by Merryl Blair, have arrived. They are in the church office if you would like to read it this summer. We will be using the book when we come back together in September for our regular PW meetings. Thank you to those who were able to attend the PW Spring Workshop last Saturday. The good introduction by Rev. Julie Atkins was appreciated.

Central Presbyterian Church

Preparations and protocols for face-to-face participation in the Sanctuary include worship services, weddings, funerals, recitals, concerts, etc. **Amended May 15, 2021 and approved by Session May 24, 2021.**

Preparation

1. Beginning date for in-person Worship was May 2, 2021. These amendments to protocols are made in response to CDC guideline changes released May 13, 2021. These protocols were approved by Session on May 24, 2021.
2. All audio/visual equipment and other accessories as needed will be set up earlier on the morning of service. Tom Tickner and Gary Loper are the contact persons for that procedure.
3. Check-in to the sanctuary will be from the main entrance on College Street and from the side entrance next to the cottage. The temperature of each person will be taken at the entrances.
4. Worshipers will continue to monitor their health and any illness that they have had. If they experience symptoms of any sickness, if they have been exposed to someone with Covid-19, or if they themselves currently have Covid-19, they will not enter our building or meet with members of the group. For those not feeling well and/or registering above normal temperature, they will be invited to view the service using our Facebook live broadcast.
5. Fully vaccinated persons may participate in events without wearing a mask and may disregard 6' distancing, unless desired. Persons not yet fully vaccinated are required to continue wearing a mask and will continue to maintain distancing from other worshipers. Ushers will assist worshippers with seating according to worshippers' circumstances and/or preferences.
6. For worship services, an usher station table will have printed bulletins and a collection plate for members and guests to use upon entering or leaving the sanctuary.
7. Restrooms will be available on all levels of the building. A sign in each restroom will ask users to please sanitize any surface touched using the provided equipment.
8. Sanctuary seating capacity may be limited to maintain social distancing for those not fully vaccinated at worship services and other events. Special circumstances for additional seating may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Allowing for 6 ft. distancing, the ground floor of the sanctuary can accommodate 35 people, and the balcony can accommodate an additional 35. Using both floors, a total of 70 could be seated. In addition, each side of the balcony could accommodate 7 temporary chairs for a total of 14 temporary chairs if needed.
9. A fully vaccinated person has had the required injection or injections, at least 14 days prior to the implementation of these protocol amendments.

The CDC Covid-19 guidelines will continue to be monitored and these guidelines will be updated as needed.

**Preparation and Protocols for using other parts of Church facilities
outside of Sanctuary for group meetings and/or gatherings.
Includes Undercroft and Parlor areas.**

Preparation/Protocols Revised May 13, 2021; Approved by Session May 24, 2021.

1. CDC guidelines will be observed.
2. As of May 13, 2021 CDC has said those who are fully vaccinated may be both inside and outside without wearing masks or social distancing.
3. Masks are no longer required for those who are fully vaccinated; however, those who are vaccinated may wear a mask at their discretion.
4. CDC has not rescinded masking and distancing recommendations for those who are not fully vaccinated.
5. For those who are not yet fully vaccinated, masking and 6 ft. distancing are still required for those attending the meeting.
6. Reservations: The room must be reserved on the church calendar by contacting Johnna with the date, time, and expected number to attend. This should be done within the week prior to meeting. Standing meeting times and locations can be arranged with Johnna. Meetings will take place in the room assigned.
7. Group leaders must sign-in group members. Temperatures of attendees will be taken. Hand sanitizer will be available on entry to the meeting. Sign-in sheet will be turned in to the church office at the conclusion of each meeting.
8. Attendees will continue to monitor their health and any illness that they have had. If they experience symptoms of any sickness, if they have been exposed to someone with Covid-19, or if they themselves currently have Covid-19, they will not enter our building or meet with members of the group.
9. Attendees will spray all surfaces they have touched with provided sanitizing solution when they exit the restroom they have used.
10. For the present time, only drinks in closed containers are allowed in the parlor.
11. For the present time, there will continue to be no shared food or drink in the undercroft.

The CDC Covid-19 guidelines will continue to be monitored and these guidelines will be updated as needed.



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.

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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Saturday Seekers

On the first and third Saturday of every month, around 6:00 pm, you'll find a group of happy Presbyterians gathered around a few appetizers, telling stories, and laughing. Saturday Seekers gives the people of Central a more intimate setting to get to know each other. This is a great group to join if you are new to our congregation or you're looking to get to know other members better. Our group is open to all and is hosted at different members' homes. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the email list, please let Jake Hibbard-Vineyard know at jake.hibbard@yahoo.com

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.

Serving Grace Cookbooks

The Marthas Group still has cookbooks for sale. The book, "Serving Grace Celebrating 100 Years" was produced to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our historic church building with all proceeds going to the Building Restoration Fund. The cookbook costs \$15 and can be purchased by contacting Arlene at a.p.hamilton@att.net, or Priscilla at pclore@sbcglobal.net or call the church office.



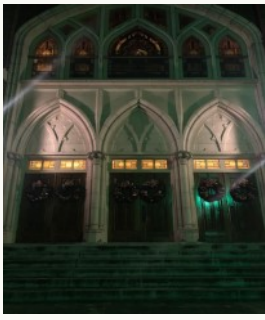
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You can update your own information and picture anytime you want, and connect with members directly through the app on your phone!



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June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	31st Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day	1 Worship MT 6:00 pm	2	3	4	5 Saturday Seekers
6 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary RSVP Live streaming Facebook	7 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	8	9	10 Finance MT	11	12 8:30 am Marthas Via Zoom
13 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary RSVP Live streaming Facebook	14 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	15	16	17	18	19 Saturday Seekers
20 11:00 am Worship In sanctuary RSVP and Live Streaming Facebook	21 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	22	23	24	25	26
27 11:00 am Worship Fellowship Park RSVP and Live Streaming Facebook	28 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	29 Session	30			