

# THE OUTLOOK

## CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WAXAHACHIE

402 N College Street  
Waxahachie, TX 75165

March 2023

Greetings Friends,

Exciting news!

**There is a Called Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>, for the purpose of approving the Terms of Call for a new Called and Installed Pastor.** Congratulations to you all and so much gratitude to the PNC for their work.

God has been gracious to us throughout this journey of transition. We have had many joys along the way and many difficult turns, but we survived! It has been an honor to walk with you through this time and I pray all good things for you in the future. My last day will be Easter Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>, where we will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and the beautiful gift of resurrection God has given to Central Presbyterian Church!

If I could give you one piece of advice before I go:

All churches have *conflicts* and have them often. When we gather a roomful of passionate Christ followers together, there will be passionate disagreements. This is by God's design. The challenge we have before us at CPC is peacefully walking through the conflicts we encounter, as children of God. Please continue to have the difficult discussions openly and honestly . Acknowledge that you alone do not have the resolution and together seek where God is calling you to go. Lastly, no one gets left behind, we travel together.

Please take a moment and remember how I found you in August of 2021. You were a very small gathering of the faithful few. We had 18 to 25 in worship. Our pledged income was low and unable to sustain the church. Now... can you see the Amazing Grace of God? Never forget this journey and the lessons you have learned.

Peace,  
Betsy





### Flowers for Easter

The church will again order a large flower arrangement for Easter Sunday Worship Service. There will be an order form in the worship bulletin on Sunday, March 19. You can donate in honor or memory of a loved one. The last day to contribute will be Sunday, April 2nd.

### Lenten Bible Study on Ecclesiastes

Seeking solidarity with Christ's own 40-days of fasting in the wilderness, during the season of Lent, we often give something up in order to reflect on our own limitations and mortality. In so doing, we seek to increase our own faith and dependence upon God. Although written long before the time of Christ's ministry on Earth, the book of Ecclesiastes takes us on a similar journey. Starting Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>, come join us as we reflect on this often-misunderstood book of the Bible to hear what words of wisdom it has for us this Lenten season.

### March Birthdays



Susie Tickner	6
John Stockman	9
Dian Marchman	24
Benita Miller	25
David Averett	28

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*

*Romans 12:2*

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

### FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JANUARY 2022

Unrestricted donations	\$ 15,115 YTD	Unrestricted	\$15,115
Other Income	250	Other	250
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 15,365</b>		<b>\$15,365</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 15,090</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$15,090</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ 275</b>		<b>\$ 275</b>

It is with great joy to announce that Robin Guy and Ruth Spurr will now represent CPC as Ambassadors to the Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) ministry! They both are excited about the opportunity to carry on the rich legacy CPC has had sharing in ministry with them. I am so thankful to Robin and Ruth for answering God's call to serve in this way, giving CPC the opportunity to help meet needs when asked. To all those who have helped provide Christmas gifts for children, pies and desserts in the past, thank you!

Serving as Ambassador has been a rich blessing to me as I am sure it will be for Ruth, Robin and all who participate in future opportunities! My prayers are with you all!

With heartfelt appreciation,

Susie Tickner



## Gilmont's Women's Retreat

April 28 – April 30



Bring a church or friend group, or sign up individually – either way, you will be in community!

This year's theme – “Grounded: Experiencing God's Presence Here and Now” – invites women of all ages to refresh, relax, and reconnect with God, creation, others and themselves. This weekend retreat is led by Rev. Jessie Light-Wells.

God calls us to be grounded: to root down, remember we are created good, to be planted in the here and now, and to give thanks for what is. Come and experience the joy of being grounded, and learn practices for grounding yourself in God's presence each and every ordinary day.

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Jessie Light-Wells serves as the Campus Minister and Executive Director of UKirk SMU, the PC(USA) campus ministry at Southern Methodist University.

## Let's get ready!

The session of CPC Waxahachie has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, March 19th, for the purpose of receiving the Pastor Nominating Committee report. We have a work day scheduled for Saturday, March 25th to clear out and clean up in the chapel and church library. Exciting new times are ahead!

If you have time and energy to spare help is needed preparing for the work day by packing up books, etc., and moving all to the top floor.

Please contact Priscilla Clore for more information or to volunteer. Phone/text 903-641-5544 or email [pclore@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pclore@sbcglobal.net).





## *Lent and Easter Schedule*

Lenten Bible Study on Ecclesiastes led by Dr. Katherine and Dr. Garrett Woods, in the cottage Sundays, February 19<sup>th</sup> through April 2<sup>nd</sup>. from 9:30am to 10:30am

Coffee Fellowship in the Parlor from 10:30am to 11:00am

Contemplative Prayer Practices led by Rev Lockhart, 12noon on Wednesdays - March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5, in the Cottage



## *Holy Week Schedule*

Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Maundy Thursday Communion Service—April 6, at 7:00 pm

Tenebrae Service—*The Last Seven Words of Christ*, April 7, at 7:00 pm

Easter Service—Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am

## "FLOWERING OF CROSS"

Submitted by: Cheryl Loper

"Flowering of the Cross" is a church tradition practiced since ancient times to celebrate spring and the emerging new life in a very visual way. It is traditionally done on Easter Sunday morning. This year Central Presbyterian Church will again participate in this ancient practice.

During Holy Week a cross with a purple drape will be placed in front of the church. Then on Easter Sunday, members of the congregation are invited to gather blooming flowers and bring them to church to place on the cross.

Flowers may be placed on the cross during the sunrise service and throughout the day as people enter the church.

The "flowered cross" will then remain in front of the church through the following week which will offer, a unique visual reminder of Christ's resurrection and new life and new beginnings.

It is hoped that all will participate and even bring extra flowers for those who may not have any. The beautifully adorned cross will also offer a great backdrop for Easter pictures for families and individuals after the church service.





## 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.

### Reminder

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

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

Thank you!

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

## 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.



### 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](mailto:AlexGaleti@RaymondJames.com) to learn more.



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