



# *THE OUTLOOK*

## CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WAXAHACHIE

402 N College Street  
Waxahachie, TX 75165

October 2022

Greetings Central Presbyterian,

*... ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies;  
and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.* Jeremiah 6:16



There is wisdom found on the ancient paths. I took this photo on a trail leading to Odessa Lake in Rocky Mountain National Park. I am grateful for the time off. I am grateful for the peace of body, mind, and soul found as I placed one foot in front of the other, walked along well-worn paths, and breathed-in the vast landscapes which surrounded me.

Every day, people were going up and coming down the trail. The people we met along the way were both silent and loud. We overheard words about things which seemed very important to our fellow hikers, and yet, meant nothing to us. We simply greeted one another as we passed with *good morning* or *beautiful day* or simply *hello*. No one asked about my political affiliation, my level of education, how much money I made, or even if I believed in God.

After walking many miles and greeting many people, I noticed a commonality. We were all happy, except for some little children who weren't quite sure why their parents had put them on the trail in the first place. We were all happy in the coming and going and living and breathing.

My prayer for the good people gathered at Central Presbyterian Church is we learn to find happiness on our journey together. I pray that we peacefully come and go, live and breathe, all in our own way and in our own time. A stranger said to me, as I apologetically stepped aside to let him pass, "*go at a pace that is safe for you.*" Remember, love one another, for we are all God's children walking the well-worn path through an ancient landscape.



Peace,  
Betsy

## Church Redevelopment Grant!

*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

Isaiah 43:19

On Thursday September 22, 2022, at the Stated Presbytery Meeting of Grace Presbytery, we voted to give Central Presbyterian Church a redevelopment grant of up to \$170,000. This money is to be spent supplementing the salary/benefits of our new *called and installed* pastor. It is to be distributed over a three-year term: \$90k the first year, \$50k the second year, and \$30k the third year. The Committee on Ministry along with the Church Development Committee will form a team to meet with our new pastor and Session. Together we will set benchmarks (or goals) for the growth and redevelopment of CPC, Waxahachie.

This is an exciting time for CPC and I hope very sincerely that this partnership will heal old wounds, set us on a path towards forgiveness, and grow a positive relationship with our larger church. May God grant us and grace and peace on our journey together.



### October Birthdays

Jo Ann Doan	7
Chase Barksdale	13
Margaret Felty	18

“And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

Romans 5:5

### Joys and Concerns in Our Prayers\*

*Martha Gracey (Dotty Smith’s mom) and her family, Mary Catherine Jolin (Melissa Hauffe’s mom),  
Donna Harris, Sydney Barr, Ron (Carl Holleyman’s cousin),  
Don Morris (Priscilla Clore’s brother-in-law), John Hamilton,  
Jeromy Wilson (nephew of Donna Lancaster), Mike Sonnier*

### FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF AUGUST 2022

Unrestricted donations	\$ 15,934	YTD Unrestricted	\$123,241
Other Income	218	Other	13,120
Total Income	\$16,152		\$136,361
Total Operating Expenses	\$15,555	YTD	\$123,912
Net	\$ 597		\$12,449

*“When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!”*

This is the opening verse to a wonderful hymn found in our *Glory To God* hymnal. When I began as choir director, in December of 2017, this has been my goal to allow this understanding be my guiding principle in working with the choir to provide music for worship. The choir (and the congregation in the singing of hymns) are always called to glorify God in all that is sung. The anthem and the music is never about performance or pride, but is always about moving the choir and the congregation closer to God through the music.

The church is blessed, and I certainly am blessed, with the wonderful, committed, faithful singers that make up our choir. Each Sunday we seek to honor God through our music. But as the writer of Ecclesiastes reminds us, *to everything there is a season* and my season as choir director of this wonderful and faithful congregation has come to an end.

Susie and I will be moving. The date is uncertain, but I am sharing this information now so that the search might begin for a new choir director. We are building a home in a 55 plus community in Liberty Hill, Texas, just north of Austin. This will put us 30 minutes from our children and granddaughters. While this has been a difficult decision to make, we have very earnestly sought God’s leading before we made a final decision.

As this search for a new choir director begins, the choir and I covet your prayers to find the person that God has chosen to lead the choir. I am ready to make that transition as soon as the new person is identified.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving this church through music and working with such wonderful people. Whoever is called as the new choir director will be equally blessed.

The final line of the hymn is my prayer for the search, for the choir and for the congregation:

*And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!*

Shalom!

Tom

## **The Andrews Class**

The Andrews Class is an adult class that meets at 9:45 each Sunday in the cottage. We have just begun a study called “How Jesus Became God.” We will see that belief in his Resurrection marks the beginning of Christianity throughout the world. We will read scripture and discuss how Christianity developed over the centuries. If Jesus had not been declared God at his Resurrection, his followers would have remained a small sect within Judaism whose leader ended up on the wrong side of the law and was crucified for his efforts. Every one is welcome to join us as we read and discuss “How Jesus Became God.”

## **CHRISTMAS WITH DIGNITY**

As we get closer to the holiday season, be on the lookout for the Common Ground, Christmas with Dignity Box. If you would like to donate toys, for their Christmas Store, you can place them in the box that will be located in the sanctuary. These toys are sold to the parents or guardians at a reduced cost. It benefits the children and our wonderful mission partner, Common Ground. It is a blessing to all!





# PARK and PRAISE

## Fall Festival

Saturday, October 15

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Central Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Park



**Music  
Games**

**Face Painting    Bounce House  
Free Food    Balloon Artist**

### New Job Opportunity Young Disciples Coordinator

We are beginning the search for a Young Disciples Coordinator!

- ◆ The YDC is expected to meet and greet families with young people as they arrive to worship on Sunday morning and invite them to participate in the Young Disciples Program.
- ◆ Prepare a special location in the worship space for all the young people to sit, if permission from parents is given.
- ◆ Prepare the lesson for each Sunday, along with supplies.
- ◆ Purchase supplies and provide receipts to the front office.
- ◆ The Director will be responsible, with the help of the Elder for Christian Education, to recruit adults over the age of 18 to serve as adult volunteers.
- ◆ Young Disciples Coordinator will coordinate with the Session and Pastor the scheduling of special performances.
- ◆ Plan special performances and coordinate rehearsal schedule with Young Disciples and their parents.

If you know someone who might be interested in this new position, please send them to the church office to pick up a job description.



# Fall Gathering!

## Grace Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

October 22, 2022

at  
Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services  
Foster Home Village  
156 Private Road 443, Itasca, TX 76055  
Keynote Speaker—Laura Fleming PCHAS Director of Development

9:30—10:15 Registration

10:15—11:30 Gathering/Business Meeting/Keynote Speaker

*The offering today will be designated for the ministry of PCHAS*

11:45—12:45 Lunch

1:00 Worship Service/Communion



### Register Now

Grace Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering 2022  
Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services  
Foster Home Village, 156 Private Road 443, Itasca, TX 76055

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_ cell \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH NAME AND CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

DETACH AND MAIL with a check for \$8 for lunch to :  
Meg Garver Hamilton, 2022 Shady Oaks Circle, Terrell, TX 75160  
AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



### *Thyme in the Garden*

The Garden Group was very busy this month. We planted some fall tomatoes, picked okra and eggplant, and we fixed our scarecrow for the fall. We also made wildflower seedballs and took them to Heritage Farms for children to throw in the fields. We are looking forward to the cooler weather and cooking with the plants we have grown. We still meet on Wednesdays, around 4:15. Stop by and visit!

## OPPORTUNITIES TO BE INVOLVED AND SHARE YOUR GIFTS



### Christmas Angel Tree

The PCHAS (Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services) Christmas Angel Tree Project is right around the corner! If you feel [led.to](#) provide gifts for a child this year, please let me know by mid-October so I can turn in the number of children we can sponsor. If you would like more information and/or would like to be included in the count (if you have not told me already), please contact me. Your participation will bring joy not only to the children and families, but to you, too! Thank you!

### 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.



Common Ground Ministries is looking for you to invest in the children on the east side of Waxahachie. Fall school year starts August 11, 2022, and goes through December 20, 2022. We need energetic, loveable, and generous men and women to mentor and tutor our students. If you would like to be a wonderful asset for us in our endeavor to speak into the lives of children and help them make positive decisions, please follow the QR Code to sign up.



### 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.

### GREETERS NEEDED FOR OCTOBER

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.

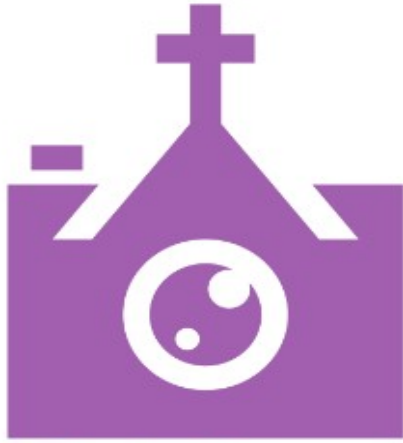
This is a great way to meet other members and friends!

### FLOWER CALENDAR



The 2022 Flower Calendar is on the wall in the side entrance by the ramp. There are still dates available. 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.





## 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,  
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### *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.

### **Reminder**

Please have your Newsletter contributions/submissions  
to both Nancy Post at [ntpostx@gmail.com](mailto:ntpostx@gmail.com) and Johnna  
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# October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Saturday Seekers 6:00
2 9:45 Andrews Class 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary	3 Wax. Home School 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	4 6:30 Worship MT Meeting in Cottage	5 First Christian Day School	6	7	8
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16 9:45 Andrews Class 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary	17 Wax. Home School 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	18	19 First Christian Day School	20	21	22
23 9:45 Andrews Class 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary 12:15 Session	24 Wax. Home School 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	25	26 First Christian Day School	27	28	29