

THE OUTLOOK

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WAXAHACHIE

402 N College Street
Waxahachie, TX 75165

September 2021



Greetings Central Presbyterian Church,

My vacation has come to an end. My husband and I hiked over 40 miles in the backcountry and I have taken pictures of peaceful mountain lakes, vast scenic vistas, forceful waterfalls and babbling brooks, yet, this is my favorite vacation photo. The flower is simple, the color is exquisite, the shape is perfect, and it's a thistle, a weed.

Hiking is a contemplative activity. The mind has time to reflect and to ponder. The thistle was my guiding image as I traversed along the difficult rocky trails, putting one foot in front of the other. I spent miles praying about the good people of Central Presbyterian Church, about the stories you have shared with me, about the sweet gardens you have planted, and about the simple, exquisite, and perfect thistle, a weed.

Along the many miles I imagined Central as God's garden, a beautiful collection of flowers, shrubs, and trees, vegetables, fruits, and herbs, and weeds. I had many thoughts and feelings emerge while pondering this garden metaphor. Mostly, I was concerned, because there has been some weeding in the Central garden. Weeding is not an inappropriate practice, sometimes it is necessary, but sometimes our labors can go too far. To pull a weed is to decide. We decide what is valuable and what is not. We decide what gets to be planted in the Central garden and what needs to be unearthed and discarded. As I walked, I wondered, have we made *merciful* decisions?

The truth is this, the weed is simple, exquisite, perfect, and has a place in God's garden. God's Good Garden is big enough for everyone. Putting this truth into practice is where our Transitional work will begin. As we move forward, *together*, I pray the decisions we make about the future of our beautiful garden will be made with caution, care, and compassion.

Peace,
Betsy





September Birthdays

Arlene Hamilton	2	Rebecca LeBreton	17
Bonham Burks	3	Catherine LeBreton	22
Patty Dickerson	4	Shirley Williams	22
Caryn Davidson	6	Kym Galeti	24
Glynn Killough	6	Rev. Polly Williams	24
Gary Loper	12	Judson Willett	27
David Gordon	17		

From the rising of the sun, to the place where it sets,
the name of the *Lord* is to be praised.

Psalm 113:3

Joys and Concerns in Our Prayers*

**Marilyn Englund Abbott and Bill Abbott, (son, Timmothy Englund passed away in Houston Texas),
Bobby McMillian, Kate & Blake Jones, Kelly Cameron,
Lisa Johnson, David Harris,
Jeromy Wilson (nephew of Donna Lancaster),
Jean Silvera, Barbara and Bill Hill, Cheryl Arey,
K. C. Browne (Kelly Cameron's dad), Pat Baldeschwiler,
Mike Sonnier, Karen Williams**

ANDREWS CLASS

The Andrews class has resumed meeting for Sunday School in the cottage 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!

FINANCIAL REPORT AS JULY 2021

Unrestricted Donations	\$62,023	Budget Year to Date	\$53,893
Other Income	\$25,284*	Budget YTD	\$18,109
Total Income	\$87,307	Total Budget YTD	\$72,002
Total Operating Expense	\$90,756		
Net Income over Expense	\$ 3,449		

* Includes \$23,200 Federal PPP funds

Save the date

ALL CHURCH GATHERING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 12:45 PM

On Sunday, September 25, we will have a gathering for lunch after church, followed by a meeting at 12:45pm, to discuss moving forward. Watch your email for more details.

This will be time of reflection and fellowship. It is also an opportunity to personally meet our Transitional Pastor, Reverend Elizabeth Lockhart and Presbytery Liaisons. We are thankful for their presence and guidance. We are “casting a wide net at this luncheon.” All are welcome to come and share your ideas, hopes, concerns or anything else on your heart or mind. We will also be answering questions you may have about the process for calling a new pastor. This is a time to be with friends and family and worship together. Hope to see you there!!



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Bill Abbott spoke at the Sunday morning worship service on August 8, 2021, to recognize the students who were awarded the Tenery Scholarships this year. These high school graduates are: Linda Blakeley, Kyleigha Cascella, and Bella Wickerham. Two continuing college students were also selected by CPC trustees.

They are Mia Hauffe and Bonham Burkes. The students present spoke to the congregation telling of their plans to attend college and thanking the Zsohar family for the opportunity.

A reception was held in the parlor following worship service. It was wonderful to greet the Zsohar family members and to congratulate the students in person.



Have a great year, students!

Thyme in the Garden

August News from the CPC Community Garden



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Early in August the garden team enjoyed working with about 40 Vacation Bible School kids, helping them plant pumpkin seeds and garden greens. Our challenge the next few months is to grow pie pumpkins for delivery to Waxahachie Care to be include in their Thanksgiving baskets. All of the VBS families were invited to return to the garden as they are able and help keep the pumpkins growing.

Most of August involved watering, picking tomatoes and keeping the hungry bugs out of our vegetable beds. With the start of school, we have returned to the Wednesday afternoon schedule. You will find us between 4:00 and 5:30 watering, pulling weeds and enjoying fellowship. Just follow the happy sounds and come grow with us!



Flowers for the Sanctuary

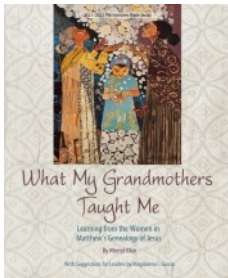
There are still dates to sign up and provide flowers for the sanctuary. Please be thinking of a special date you would like to honor or celebrate a loved one. The flower calendar is on the wall in the North entry. Donations to the Felty Flower Fund are also being accepted. You can write Flower Fund on your check and place in the offering plate.

MARTHAS

The Marthas took a break in July and August with the goal of being in person again in September. We will re-evaluate now since the rise of the Delta variant.

There is no such thing as "safety" in this world, but we can increase our good health by having strong boundaries, and using our common sense that God gave us.

Each person will find an answer. Respect that, and love one another.



Presbyterian Women's Circle

Presbyterian Women's Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 14th, at 10:00 to kick off this year's Bible study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*. Leading the study for our opening session will be Rev. Dr. Julie Adkins.

Please join us in the Sanctuary to study God's Word..



Give-a-Meal-a-Month – the Yellow Bags

Remember to shop for Give-A-Meal-A-Month in September.

Please consider continuing your support of 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 past months and keep this important personal mission project in your thoughts and prayers. Your ministry will help many people.

Give a Meal a Month Menu for September 2021

- Canned tuna
- Tuna Helper
- Canned greens like Glory brand
- Canned peaches
- Pudding mix

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

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



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 nposttx@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.

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Thanks

Patty Dickerson, Earth Care Congregation Ministry Team

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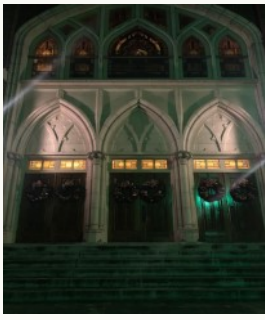
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September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary Live streaming Facebook	6 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	7	8	9 Finance MT	10	11 8:30 am Marthas Via Zoom
12 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary Live streaming Facebook	13 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	14 10:00 am Presbyterian Women	15	16	17	18
19 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary Live streaming Facebook	20 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	21	22	23	24	25
26 11:00 am Worship In sanctuary followed by ALL CHURCH GATHERING Watch your email for details	27 6:30 Jubilate Ringers	28	29	30		