



# THE OUTLOOK

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF WAXAHACHIE

402 N College Street  
Waxahachie, TX 75165

November 2024

## A Note from Fred:

We need your help as we begin to look at our budget for 2025. On November 17, we will receive your pledge or estimate of giving. Our budget for 2024 is \$331,592. As a growing church, we want to see our budget grow. This year, our building insurance unexpectedly increased from \$21,000 to \$47,000.

Unexpected expenses arise with a historic building. While we have designated funds to cover some expenses, we would like to budget for updates. Our beautiful building requires a great amount of maintenance. Our building and grounds crew is working to make updates. This year we brought our electrical panel up to current code by replacing electrical fuses with circuit breakers.

Several years ago, our brothers and sisters had a vision to turn a lesser used area of the church into Fellowship Park. More than \$100,000 was spent to update the grounds. It has made a significant difference in the lives of our neighbors and in the life of our church by providing a gathering place for fun and fellowship.

We believe updating our children's area will have a similar impact. We are updating the children's area of the church. April Vasquez has been the Director of Children's Ministries for two years and is doing some marvelous things and creating new children's ministry opportunities.

Your support of Central Presbyterian Church is meaningful. If you can increase your pledge, we ask that you prayerfully consider raising it. Thank you for your love and support for all the saints here at Central Presbyterian and those for whom we as a congregation care.

In Christ's name,

Fred



## November Birthdays

Judah Woods	2
Karen Curry	7
Rusty Marchman	10
Michelle Burks	18
Meredith Hallett	14
William Hill	23
Dotty Smith	26
Marilyn Nash	26



*I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart.....*

Psalm 111:1

Please provide your birthday to the church office.

We, along with your friends, want to wish you a happy birthday!

## Fellowship & Worship Opportunities

**Children and Adult Sunday School Classes Sunday mornings, 9:30 am, Downstairs**

### Ministry Team Meeting Schedule

These teams meet immediately following worship:

**Worship**, First Sunday of the month

**Mission/Congregational Care**, Second Sunday of the month

**Discipleship**, Third Sunday of the month

**Finance/Admin.**, Third Monday of the month

If you want more information about the ministry teams listed, please join us for one of the meetings. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

**Jubilate Ringers** meet Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 pm

**Chancel Choir** meets Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm

### Presbyterian Women's Circle

#### Morning Circle

2nd Thursday of each month,  
10:00 a.m., in the parlor

#### Evening Circle

2nd Tuesday of each, 6:30 at the home  
of Rene Craig, 2052 Abela, Waxahachie.



**Memory Care Support Group** meets the 2nd  
Tuesday of each month, at 5:00 pm, in the parlor.

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast** Second Saturday, Each Month, 8:00 am, Downstairs

**Saturday Seekers** meet the first Saturday of the month. Please email Keith Campbell for more information at [keithc53@aol.com](mailto:keithc53@aol.com)

### SEPTEMBER 2024 FINANCIALS

Unrestricted donations	\$ 12,894	YTD Unrestricted	\$162,247
Other Income	\$	YTD Other	\$ 71,622
Total Income	\$ 12,894		\$233,869
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 22,862	YTD	\$240,101
Net	\$ 9,968		\$ 6,232



## Let Us Celebrate!

For thirty plus years Winnie O'Donnell has led our adult and children's handbell choirs. She has touched the lives of many through her leadership. Recently she decided to step down as the adult handbell choir director, but to continue to lead our children's handbells. Sunday, November 17, we will have a reception following worship to honor and thank Winnie O'Donnell for her loving leadership of our choirs. Join us as we say thank you for a job well done!

## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- ◇ This Sunday, November 3, Daylight Saving Time Ends. Please remember to set your clocks back an hour.
- ◇ During the month of November, we will be working on stewardship. There will be pledge cards in the bulletins and at the entrances of the church.



### Poinsettias decorating the Sanctuary

The church will be providing around five or six large Poinsettias for the front of the sanctuary. This will allow you to honor or remember your loved ones and help decorate the sanctuary. Order forms will be in the bulletins and at the entrances, beginning November 10. They will need to be completed and returned to the church office by Monday, November 25.

### *Greening of the Sanctuary & Table Fellowship Sunday, November 24*

We will be decorating the beautiful church sanctuary for Christmas. We would love for you to stay following worship for food, fun, and fellowship!

## BETHLEHEM REVISITED

6:00—9:00 pm

Friday, December 6

Saturday, December 7

Sunday, December 8

Friday, December 13

Saturday, December 14

Sunday, December 15



Central Presbyterian's Sanctuary will be open for Bethlehem Revisited. We would love for you to join us as a docent. It is a wonderful opportunity to share the beautiful sanctuary. Please call Johnna, in the church office 972-937-2924, for details.

## CONNECTIONS CLASS

**Interested in Joining Central Presbyterian Church?** Join Fred and others on November 3 and 10, at 9:30 AM in the cottage for our Connections Class. We will discuss what it means to be Presbyterian and what it means to be a member of Central Presbyterian. Please sign up in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

## NEWS ON THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Dear Friends,

I am so thankful and grateful to be your new choir director here at CPC. Since starting back in October, I have come to know the singers well and truly enjoy working with them each week. They are very talented group and truly dedicated to the church's music ministry. Working alongside Randy Arey is a joy. He's a fine musician and supports my vision and aspirations for the choir. The future looks very exciting indeed! Rev. Thrower is very encouraging and supportive of my work and always makes me feel right at home. I love his laugh! I hope to get to know each of you better in the weeks to come as well, and I love that you wear your name tags! Our sanctuary boasts a wonderful organ and choir loft. I'm sure you've noticed that there are a few vacant seats that need filling! I'd love to have you join the choir. There's no audition of any kind. I only ask that you enjoy singing and commit to regular Wednesday rehearsals. We'll be starting on Advent and Christmas music very soon so now's the time to get involved. Please contact me with any questions. I'd love to chat with you!

Grace and Peace,  
Ralph

## Saturday Seekers

The time has come again for us to gather together for Saturday Seekers dinner. This is a perfect group to join with no commitment required, if you're wanting to make friends with your pew-buddies. Once a month, we meet at a member's home for food and fun. The dinner is pot-luck style, but you're not required to bring anything, just yourself. **Guest are welcome.**

Saturday, **November 2nd**, we will be meeting at the home of **Eric and Fancy Jezek**. The **Jezek's** will be preparing **Ham and Turkey Breast** for the main dish. Please feel free to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert. Make sure to **'reply all'** to this email, so that we will know how many people are planning to come and what kinds of food to expect.

### **We will meet at 6pm**

Eric and Fancy's address is:

**189 Perennial Way Waxahachie, TX**

**Directions:** from Waxahachie - **Take Hwy 287 to Brown St. Go north approximately 1 block on Brown and turn right on Sagebrush. Follow Sagebrush for about 1.5 miles. Turn left on Perennial Way. We are the white house on the left, directly across from the park.**

If anyone gets lost or needs help, **call Eric at 254-913-2728.**

Looking forward to seeing everyone.



- Parent's Day Out, Saturday, November 30th (Time will be given soon)
- We will also be scheduling an event with Santa in mid-December, so keep an eye out!

We are looking for volunteers. There are forms at the front and side entrances of the church. We would love for you to help with Bible Class, work in the nursery, or help with Community Outreach Events. We would love your help!!



## “Sacks of Snacks”



Sacks of Snacks serves 33 children at Marvin Biological Academy weekly by supplying weekend snacks to take home. Thank you for your support!

We received \$500 worth of milk from Trinity Church on Marvin this week. This is a big help. We also received milk, juice, and Funyuns from Manna House in Midlothian.

Our need now is individual boxes/sacks of cereal. We include two boxes of cereal in each Sack of Snacks. Please check with Priscilla Clore or Rene Craig with any questions .



"Thank you so very much! Your generosity means the world to the Neighbors served by Waxahachie CARE. Our church was asked to provide 300 boxes of Hamburger Helper for their Thanksgiving food drive. We provided 441 boxes plus \$245 in cash to be used to purchase additional food needed for Thanksgiving. You have helped to provide Thanksgiving meals for families and individuals who do not have sufficient food. Thank you!"



Bonney Ramsey is our liaison to CASA of Ellis County. Court Appointed Special Advocates are volunteers who represent abused and neglected children in child protection court proceedings. CASA is a non-profit organization. Their volunteers represent the best interest of these children in court. The children they represent are often removed from homes and situations under emergency circumstances. The children may or may not be able to take their personal belongings with them in these situations.

For Christmas, we have been asked to help CASA care for these children. We are collecting gift cards. These cards will be given to CASA and used to purchase gifts for the younger children. Older children will be gifted the cards so that they can pick out and purchase their own clothes.

CASA suggests that cards be purchased from Target, Wal-Mart, or Academy Sports.

A card should not exceed \$50 in value.

Please consider providing a gift card for the children represented by a CASA volunteer. We will be collecting these cards through the end of November. You can deliver your card to the church office or to Bonney.

Thank you for your faithfulness.



### *Lay reader or liturgist?*

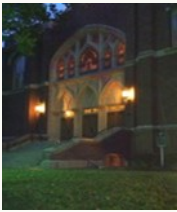
*Two terms that mean assisting in worship; reading the scripture, and leading other parts of the worship service on Sunday morning. We have a new year of worship opportunities with an opportunity for new leaders.*

*Please contact Alex Galeti at 516-473-4748 (call or text) or e-mail Alex Galeti@RaymondJames.com to learn more.*

**Jesus is calling—you?**

If you have an IRA, the IRS “reminded individual retirement arrangement (IRA) owners age 70 ½ or over that they can transfer up to \$100,000 to charity tax-free each year.” You can make a tax-free gift from your IRA to Central Presbyterian Church.

You may increase your giving through the gift of stock. An example of benefiting from giving stock. If you gave \$25,000 in today’s stock value and it was purchased for \$10,000, you would be able to take an income tax charitable deduction of \$25,000 and not have any capital gains tax. On the other hand, if you sold the stock, most people’s capital gains tax rate would be 15% or 20%. A fifteen percent rate would mean you pay \$2,250 (\$15,000 x 0.15) in capital gains.



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3 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Worship MT	4	5	6 6:00 Jubilate Ringers 7:00 Chancel Choir	7	8	9 8:00 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
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17 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 am Worship  Reception honoring Winnie O'Donnell SESSION	18 10:00 am Finance	19	20 6:00 Jubilate Ringers  7:00 Chancel Choir	21	22	23
24 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Greening the Church Table Fellowship	25	26	27	28  HAPPY THANKSGIVING	29	30