

The Good News Herald



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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May 2019

"An Inclusive Church Family: Loving, Sharing, and Serving Christ."



May 12 and 19 WELCOME TO WCPC

A class for guests interested in learning about the ministry and mission of WCPC.

May 12 and 19 at 9:45 am in Rm 302
Located in the Hendricks Education Building

Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Mexican
Food

May 29, 2019

11:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Join us as we celebrate friendships and fellowship at WCPC! This will be the last luncheon before the summer break starts! Enjoy lots of good food and homemade desserts! Bring a neighbor or a co-worker, the more the merrier! The WCPC staff looks forward to this event every month and we hope you do too!

SENIOR SUNDAY JUNE 02

GRADUATION SUNDAY: On June 2 WCPC will honor graduating seniors during the 11 am worship service. If you are a graduating senior in 2019 then please contact Sally Bowers to sign up. There is a reception during the Sunday School hour in the youth room. *Contact a youth team leader or Shirley Barclay, sbarclay@wcpc-tx.org to let us know if your senior will attend or to help plan the reception!*





Rev. Dr. David F. Jones
Pastor

Dear WCPC family:

This month Laura and I will be meeting with Officers-Elect to prepare them for their ministries on the Session or Board of Deacons. These men and women will then be examined by your Session later in the month and on June 9th at our joint service (11:00 am) ordained and/or installed as Ruling Elders and Deacons.

Before the Session, and later on June 9th, they will answer questions that will guide them in their work. Let me share those Ordination Questions with you now, as well as the two you, as members of WCPC will be asked:

a. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

I do with God's help.

b. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

I do with God's help.

c. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

I do and I will with God's help.

d. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

I will with God's help.

e. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

I will with God's help.

f. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

I will with God's help.

g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

I do with God's help

h. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

I will with God's help.

(1) will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will with God's help.

(2) will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will with God's help.

1. Do we, the members of the church, accept as elder andas deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? ***We do.***

2. Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? ***We do.***

As these women and men prepare to serve as leaders at WCPC I wanted to help you understand the depth of commitment they are making to you and to Christ. Please pray for them as they seek, not their will, not your will, not even the will of WCPC, but the will of God.

Your pastor,

WCPC HOSTS A WEEKLY AA MEETING.

Each Monday at 7:00 pm in Hendricks 301 a local AA group is meeting. If you know of anyone who would like to attend please share this information.



Rev. Laura Grice

Dear Ones,

It is hard to believe that it is already May! Where has 2019 gone? With May comes all sorts of exciting changes. Our seniors are getting ready for graduation and the exciting things life has in store for them. Our children, youth, and the volunteers that work with them are getting into high gear as they get ready for camps, conferences and Vacation Bible School. As a congregation we are preparing for a more relaxed schedule as summer approaches.

When I think back to my graduations (especially from high school), I felt like my whole world and whole life were ahead of me. After high school, I was “going away” to college and would finally be an “adult” and “on my own.” I know now how naive I was, but I am also extremely grateful to my home congregation for helping me to find a niche in church for my college years. Since I went to school blocks from this church, it was almost a certainty that I would be worshipping there, but they made me feel as though I got to make the choice about if and where I would go to church. As classes began that August, I was glad to know the campus minister, members of the college group, and that I had a place to call my church home. More importantly, I was glad to see my peers who had come to school in Austin from Houston or Dallas or San Antonio or the Rio Grande Valley had a place to call their church home-away-from-home too. Parents, family, and friends of new high school grads, and/or of more experienced ones, if your loved one is going away for school or work and would like a place to call their church home-away-from-home, please let us know. There are people, including me, who would love to make these kinds of connections!

Grace and Peace,

Laura

Stephen Ministry Is Your Ministry...

All Alone? Don't be. God doesn't want us to be all alone. God wants us to turn to others when things are bothering us. Stephen Ministers will walk with you through your troubles and be there for you when you need them. Need prayer? We'll be there for you. Following worship, Stephen Ministers are available for those in need of prayer.



WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY MORNINGS: 8:30AM & 11:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45AM-10:45AM

<u>Pastor:</u> Rev. Dr. David F. Jones	<u>Music Ministries:</u> Jonathan Aigner, Director of Music Sherry Hunter, Director, Bell Choirs Dr. Dave Faber, Organist	<u>Early Learning Program:</u> Cindy Mountain, Director Chantal Porter, Administration	<u>Our Missionaries</u> Paula Cooper, Zambia Jose Luis Clare, Peru Chenoa Stock, Peru
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<u>Parish Associate:</u> Rev. Warren Johnson	<u>Children's Ministries:</u> Susan Duncan, Director		

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CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020	CLASS OF 2021
Nancy Castro	Todd Duncan	Pierce Burnette
Jen Conner	Sheree Fleming	Lynne Gregg
Ria Du Bruyn	Megan Hansen	Audrey Keim
Bruce Lee	Betsy Whitehead	Tim Moore
		Andy Ward

CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020	CLASS OF 2021
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Barbie Hardy	Jane Harding	Louise Crider
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WCPC PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer is one of the greatest gifts God has given to us. At WCPC, we have the opportunity to participate in the prayer ministry as well as request prayers in several different ways.

- The Prayer Book is located in the foyer of the church. Members are asked to sign the book requesting prayers for themselves or others prior to the church service. Prayers for these individuals are included during the worship services and are added to the Church Prayer List.
- The Church Prayer List is available online (www.wcpc-tx.org) and at church on Sundays. Prayer requests may be added to or removed from the list by contacting Rev. Laura Grice in the church office (281-363-2040 ext. 2; lgrice@wcpc-tx.org). Please obtain permission from the person prior to adding their name to the prayer list.
- The Thursday Morning Prayer Group meets on Thursday from 9:30—10:30 am at the church. This group is led by Sally Lichtenwalter. Through the use of Lectio Divinia and Intercessory Prayer, the group prays for members, family, and friends that have requested prayers. Contact Sally Lichtenwalter (218-292-3152) for more information about this group.

During the next few months, deacons will be contacting members who have added the names of friends and family to the WCPC Prayer List. The purpose of these calls is to assure the member that the WCPC church family is praying for those who need our prayers.

Adult Class & Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning 9:45—10:45 am

The History of Christianity HEB 301a
led by Bill McCleary & Joe Christoffel
How did a persecuted sect in 1st-century Palestine rise to command such a massive influence on human culture, imagination, and spirit? Explore Christianity's first 1,500 years, from the disciples to the dawn of the Reformation with Professor Luke Timothy Johnson.

Lectionary Class HEB 303
led by Bob Campbell
In this class, we dig more deeply into the day's Revised Common Lectionary readings so that we can increase our understanding, enhance our worship experience and equip ourselves and each other to apply these biblical lessons in our daily lives.

Connecting Through the Bible HEB 304
led by Sue Watkins, Neville Walker and Dave Watkins
A fun, interactive discussion of the Gospel of Mark. Part of N.T. Wright's series, *New Testament for Everyone*, this study of the Gospel of Mark is an accessible and practical study for everyone. Great for those new or well-versed in Bible Study.

Parenting Class HEB 306
led by Mike and Tara Devoley
Are you the parent of a young child? If so, please join us as we seek to learn how to bring God's will into our life as parents. We will laugh together and form bonds as we try to navigate the hardest job we have; being a parent! We will also have the opportunity for fellowship together (childcare provided) on one Friday night a month! We are currently using a study on God's grace.

First Place 4 Health Parlor
led by Patty Ahern
This class is a Christ-centered weight-loss and healthy living program. This Bible study, addresses many issues of everyday life and provides opportunities for growth in Christ.

MONDAY

Women's Bible Study HEB 301b
9:30-11:30 am

Contact Ann Fleischmann
This group will be studying the book of Genesis. All you need is your Bible. New members are always welcome!

Moms' Group Youth Room/CE 200
Fourth Mondays, 9:30-11:30 am
Contact Marnie Bush

This year we will be reading *The Power of a Positive Mom* by Karol Ladd. This study offers seven principles that will help you and your child face the complicated issues confronting parents today including bullying, social media, single parenting, and more.

TUESDAY

Presbyterian Women Evening Circle
First Tuesdays, 7:00 pm in Member Homes

This group is using the Horizons Bible Study *God's Promise: I am with you* by Amy Poling Sutherlun. This study takes readers on a journey through scripture to consider God's most repeated promise, "I am with you," a promise of presence.

WEDNESDAY

Wed. Morning Men's Study Group Library
1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 am

led by Rev. Dr. David Jones
The focus of the study is the text for the upcoming sermon our pastor will be delivering.

Wednesday Morning Study Group HEB 301b
10:00-11:30 am
contact Sylvia Campbell

This group is using The Great Courses study- *Reading Biblical Literature: Genesis to Revelation*, by Craig Koester, Ph.D. This study offers a comprehensive, book-by-book analysis of the Bible from the fascinating perspective of literature and narrative.

Wed. Evening Men's Study Group Crust Pizza
1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm

led by Rev. Dr. David Jones
The focus of the study is the text for the upcoming sermon our pastor will be delivering.

THURSDAY

Circle of Blessings - Women's Circle
2nd Thursdays, 7:00 pm in Member Homes

This group is also using the Horizons Bible Study *God's Promise: I am with you* by Amy Poling Sutherlun.

Mission Outreach Team (MOT)

Because God's love knows no bounds, the Mission Outreach Team encourages the congregation of WCPC to be a servant people, witnessing to the light of Christ through actions and words so that the world might know the grace, peace, and love of God.

MOT meets at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of each month in Room 301B of the Hendricks Education Building (HEB) to discuss current mission outreach projects and consider new outreach opportunities. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7th.** New members as well as new ideas to engage in caring for each other and for others throughout our community, nation and the world are always welcome. For more information about MOT or mission outreach opportunities, please look on our website, www.wcpc-tx.org or contact Michele Stelter at mstelter@wcpc-tx.org or 281-363-2040 x 7.



Family Promise at WCPC in June

Family Promise of Montgomery County is once again coming to WCPC in June! We are looking forward to hosting **two** homeless families in the Hendricks Education Building (HEB) from Sunday, June 2 through Sunday, June 16. This year we will host a maximum of two families, unlike previous years when the Family Promise program maximum was four. Because of this new maximum, we will modify our program. What this means to you, our volunteers, is that all activities, including meals, will take place in HEB. If you sign up to prepare Family Promise Meals, for instance, instructions will change slightly since we will be serving in the HEB galley kitchen. Of course we will still need help with set-up (June 1 and 2), teardown (June 16), Van Drivers (depending on the families' transportation needs), Overnight Hosts, Laundry Angels, and Weekend Day Hosts. Like last year, you will volunteer through SignUpGenius on the WCPC website. We will have a table in the courtyard every Sunday throughout May to answer questions and to help you sign up (computer tablet/notebooks will be available). But you can always go to the WCPC website to sign up at your leisure. If you have questions, please contact Warren Evans at 713-299-7323 or Michele Stelter @ 281-363-2040 x 7.

How to Help a Stranger in Need

Have you ever been approached by someone at an intersection asking for money, food or help for their family? Have you ever asked yourself, "How can I help someone that is experiencing homelessness?" Here are some suggestions that might be helpful:

1. Talk to them with respect. Taking time to talk with someone experiencing homelessness in a friendly, respectful manner can give them a wonderful sense of dignity.
2. Give them food, coupons, or gift certificates, or refer them to a local service provider. Never give out cash. Giving rides is not recommended.
3. Recognize that people experiencing homelessness (and their problems) are not all the same. The person you meet may be a battered woman, an addicted veteran, or someone who is lacking job skills . . . sadly, the possibilities are endless. Call 211 for list of resources
4. Pray for people who are struggling or experiencing homelessness in our community. Your prayers are a source of strength and hope to men and women who are struggling with homelessness.

For more information contact Nancy Heintz, Project Manager for Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless, Houston at 713-348.9479 or nheintz@homelesshouston.org

Celebrate Patriotism At



The Gathering Place

Friday, May 17th
10:00am to 1:00pm
(Lunch is provided)
WCPC Fellowship Hall

The Gathering Place of The Woodlands at WCPC is a ministry for those who are living with memory loss and the people who love and care for them at home. The Gathering Place seeks to help both the care partner and the caregiver. If you or someone you know are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's, stroke, Parkinson's, or other dementia, you know that caregivers often find it difficult to do things such as run errands, visit friends, or just have free time alone. The Gathering Place provides the caregiver a few hours of free time or they may choose to participate along with their care partner or they may attend Common Ground, a caregiver support group which meets in the WCPC Parlor from 10:30 am to noon.

The Gathering Place provides a time of fun activities and fellowship in a safe, caring environment for the care partner during a time where it may be difficult for a caregiver to find appropriate social activities for their loved one with memory loss. The monthly programs vary, often featuring a festive theme to help the care partner identify with the current season, event or holiday. In a fun, interactive atmosphere, our volunteers offer music, games, chair exercises, crafts, reminiscing, guest performers, and a light lunch.

A representative from CarePartners or our care team helps determine if we can meet the family's need with our program. This is done by arranging for the caregiver and the care partner to attend The Gathering Place together for the first visit. We welcome the opportunity to speak with you. For more information, email Tricia MacDonald at patriciamacdonald1210@gmail.com.

WCPC Food Pantry Needs for May

The Food Pantry in the sanctuary narthex has expanded! In addition to serving the needs of our neighbors receiving assistance from the Interfaith Food Pantry, we are now able to serve two community groups which are often overlooked, preschool children who don't benefit from school lunch programs and homebound seniors through Kids' Meals and Meals on Wheels, respectively. Please bring your donations to the WCPC Food Pantry anytime.

Interfaith Food Pantry:

cooking oil, syrup, pancake/muffin mixes
 peanut butter, jam, diapers, baby wipes
 shampoo, conditioner, other personal hygiene items
 cleaning supplies (no spray bottles) & laundry detergent

Kids' Meals Lunch Bags:

snack size packets of peanut butter or cheese crackers
 snack size raisin boxes
 soft & chewy granola bars

Meals on Wheels Breakfast Bags:

individual packets of instant oatmeal
 cereal bars (Nutri-Grain bars)
 Ensure or Glucerna (vanilla, chocolate or strawberry)



PRESENT THE SPRING 2019

Caregivers CONFERENCE



SPECIAL SESSION
 Ask the Experts: Elder Law Panel

Free skill-building and informative workshops for family members caring for a loved one, including children with special needs.

Saturday, May 4, 2019
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Christ Church United Methodist
 6363 Research Forest Drive

FOR MORE INFORMATION
 Call Raymona Lewis, Interfaith of the Woodlands,
 at 281-367-1230 or
 Becky Villarreal, CarePartners,
 at 713-682-5995.
woodlandsinterfaith.org

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 Hearts at Home Senior Care
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2019 Peru Mission Trip

The WCPC Peru Mission Team will be joining First Presbyterian Church – Kingwood on their annual mission trip to the barrios of Lima. They'll depart for the hills of La Molina (Lima) on July 26th for a week. Like last year, they'll travel by bus daily to the mission site at the Devine Light Church in Manchay where they will provide a Medical Clinic for families in the community and assist the local congregation with Vacation Bible School for the children. The Mission Team will start collecting eye glasses and personal hygiene supplies in June to bring with them for distribution through the clinic. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter and future Life of the Church publications.

Pictures from the 2018 Peru Mission Trip to La Molina



Kids' Meals is in Montgomery County!

Kids' Meals has officially started in Montgomery County! They are currently delivering lunches on a daily basis during the school week to 30 preschool kids in Magnolia. They also have 50 preschool kids signed up through the Willis Parental Support Center and are in the process of signing up a group of kids in Conroe. The parent organization in Houston has given the Montgomery County Expansion Route a used van and is helping them purchase food at a discounted rate through the Houston Food Bank. This food is being kept in a stand-alone storage facility on the campus of a partner church in Magnolia.

WCPC has committed to helping the Kids' Meals Expansion Route provide the lunches to the 50 children signed up through the Willis Parental Support Center. We are currently providing 250 lunches twice a month to these children. We pack lunches on the second and fourth Mondays beginning at 9:30 am in the serving area of the kitchen. We pick up the lunches for delivery to the Willis Parental Support Center at 1pm the next day (the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month).

The WCPC & ELP Moms Groups monthly mission project is to help pack lunches on the second Monday during the regular school year. You are invited to join the Moms Groups in packing on the second Monday (childcare available with reservation) or the group packing on the 4th Monday. We also are developing a list of drivers to deliver the boxes to Willis. We have a couple of drivers delivering now on a regular basis, but we would like to have more on the list as back-up and because the number of children in the program is expected to grow as word gets out. If you are interested in packing and/or delivering lunches, please contact Michele Stelter at 281-363-2040 x7 or mstelter@wcpc-tx.org.



Delivering Health & Hope to the World

Project C.U.R.E. warehouse in Houston. Project C.U.R.E. (Commission on Urgent Relief and Equipment) is a national non-profit organization that sends unused, donated medical goods to countries facing poverty and disease. Our group helps sort, count and package boxes of donated medical supplies.

We will travel to the Project C.U.R.E. warehouse on **Thursday, May 23rd. Meet in the church parking lot at 8:15am to carpool.** We will work until 12:30pm and then return to the church around 1:30pm. To volunteer, please contact Sally Shu at 713-828-2577 or sally.f.shu@gmail.com. All are invited to participate!

If you would like to make a significant contribution to the healthcare and well-being of people in less fortunate countries, please join us when we travel to the



News from Chasefu Theological College in Zambia

Dear Mrs. Michele Stelter,

I am writing to say “Thank You” for the wonderful gift your congregation gave to Chasefu Theological College (CTC), Chasefu, Zambia in 2018. In addition to tuition for students, your gift has helped make possible meals for the twelve current CTC students, incentives for lecturers, salaries for support staff, vehicle maintenance and necessary general operating expenses required to run the institution. Please extend our sincerest thanks to your mission committee, session, and congregation. Your gift is a blessing from God to us.

Despite its shoestring budget, Chasefu Theological College- begun in 2007 through action of the growing Church of Central Africa Presbyterian Synod of Zambia (CCAP Z)- provides substantial pastoral training to Presbyterian students from Zambia, Malawi and Zimbabwe. Since its inception, 51 CTC students have completed training in theology and in an innovative “tool kit” of development methodologies which pastors use in poor communities to address both physical and spiritual needs of congregants and community members. The “tool kit” includes training in Community Health Evangelism (CHE), village savings and loan associations (VSLA), and in agriculture.

CTC infrastructure is progressing. Currently work is nearing completion on our impressive and lovely classroom/ administrative building. Students, faculty and administration are eagerly awaiting classroom and office furniture so they may begin using the building.

Chasefu, located in rural eastern Zambia, is currently off the electrical grid. We are pleased to have solar lighting at the library and student hostel, and will soon have also at the as yet unoccupied but nearly completed Principal’s House. Limited access to electricity is indicative of the current status of the theological college. Many of the needs of the theological students and lecturers at Chasefu are met in a minimal way. Anything that improves their quality of life at Chasefu is an immense gift. Please join with us in praying that God will continue to bless the institution and empower it to move forward in ways that confirm the students and lecturers as beloved children of God and individuals of significant value.

Again, thank you very much for the love and generosity embodied in your gift to Chasefu. Please know that we are praying for you as you pray for us.

In Christ,

Rev. Lazarus Chilenje, Acting Principal, Chasefu Theological College



Chasefu Students with
CCAP Z Moderator



Chasefu
Kitchen



Chasefu
Classroom



*Chasefu Students with
Lecturers, CCAP Officials
& PCUSA Mission Co-workers

* It should be noted that three of the five seminary students we have supported at Justo Mwale now work as lecturers or CCAP officials at Chasefu and are in the back row of this picture.

CONFIRMATION MENTORS NEEDED

The 2019-2020 Confirmation Class will be starting before you know it and these confirmands need MENTORS! Who can be a mentor?-YOU! Look for pictures posted around the WCPC campus and see if you recognize any of these kids. Even if you don't, volunteer to at least learn more about being a mentor by coming to **The Hendricks Building Library on May 19th during the Sunday School hour.** We will answer questions about time commitment and what to expect. We, as a congregation, pledged to support the growth of these kids. Here is a chance to do just that. If you can't attend during the Sunday School hour, then speak to one of the youth leaders for more information: Megan Hansen, Sally Bowers, Debi McNaught, Nancy Hathaway, Betsy Whitehead, Danelle Liddell or Marnie Bush.

YOUNG ADULT/MENTOR DINNER

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

We have started a new program for young adults (anyone who has finished High School), who live in or periodically visit the area. The group will meet once a month for a casual dinner with various "mentors" who can offer advice on anything from finances, to helping with resumes and job searches, reconnecting to a spiritual practice, or just provide a friendly ear to listen. Please text Sally Bowers at 713-823-2824 if you would like more information, want to be involved, or know someone who might want to be involved in this group.



WCPC Book Club

The WCPC Book Club is an active group who enjoy reading and discussion of the monthly chosen book. Come join us the second Monday of each month in the WCPC Library (in the Hendricks Education Building) at 7pm. All are welcome to join us for lively discussion.

The club members have chosen the following books for the next 2 months:

May 13 — *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann

June 10 — *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward

Open to all!!! . Contact Harry Sharp with questions 281-362-7896.



Check it out!

Over 1,000 catalogued books for adults and children are in our church library, located in the Hendricks Education Building.

Our Library catalog is online and available for browsing when you connect from the church website. Look for the "Resources" tab, then scroll down to [WCPC Library](#)

Here's a review of a new book in the Library, submitted by church member [Nick Zettlemoyer](#).

Jesus and After: The First Eighty Years, by E Bruce Brooks.

Warring States Project: University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 2017. 191 p. *WCPC Library Call No: 226.1 Bro*

This title from the *Studies in Early Christianity* series should be a "must read" for anyone interested in the emergence of the early Christian church. The book is organized into mini chapters, each of which presents a subject from the Bible or other sources, followed by Brooks' commentary.

The author separates early Christians into two primary camps, which he calls Alpha and Beta. The Alphas followed teachings of Jesus during his lifetime and thereafter. The Betas essentially represented the thinking of Paul. These two groups struggled against one another during the latter first and early second centuries. Among areas of disagreement was the doctrine of atonement, or forgiveness of sins. The Alphas argued that atonement came through good deeds, whereas the Betas claimed that Jesus' death itself had the power to save.

It is interesting too that only the Betas emphasized the Resurrection. Brooks does not make clear whether the Alphas believed in it at all. However, he does assert that the original version of Mark (the earliest Gospel) did not include it. The Book of Mark is an Alpha document that was amended by Luke to include Resurrection passages.

Among other surprising tidbits is that Jesus claimed **only six commandments**, rather than the ten in the Old Testament. Jesus adopted five of the original ten, but added one on fraud. The evidence Brooks presents is compelling.

Librarian's note: If you are interested in writing a review of one of the books in our library, send an email to jeschesney@gmail.com

Moms' Group of WCPC

A Fellowship and Support Group for Mothers: A Ministry of The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

May 6th Bible/Book Study 9:30-11:30 Art Room-CE This year we will be reading *Power of a Positive Mom* by Karol Ladd. Join us as we examine how our attitudes and actions can influence our families. You can order a copy of the book through Amazon. Contact Marnie Bush (marniebush@gmail.com) for more information. *RSVP to Susan

May 13th Mission Monday 9:30 -12:30 Fellowship Hall Kitchen/Art Room-CE Mission Monday is an opportunity for us to fellowship together while contributing to a local outreach mission. Join us for a day of service here on campus as we pack up bags for the Meals on Wheels Montgomery County (MOWMC) Breakfast Bag and Kids' Meals lunch bag programs. *RSVP to Susan Duncan at SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org for childcare.

May 18th Parent's Night Out 5:00-8:00 PM CHEB Nurseries This month's theme is Stuffed Animal Friends Parade. Kids will enjoy dinner (pizza), a movie (The Secret Life of Pets), and crafts right here at WCPC. Donations for pizza are gratefully accepted. RSVP to Susan Duncan (sduncan@wcpc-tx.org).

May 20th Moms' Meeting 9:30-11:30 Art Room-CE Sherry Burkhard from Mosaics of Mercy will come to talk about their program and help us create a mosaic to be given to individuals or families facing mental health or addiction-related struggles so they know that they are not alone. *RSVP to Susan Duncan at SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org for childcare.



For additional information contact any of the following Steering Committee Members:

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The Early Learning Program

of the Woodlands Community
Presbyterian Church



““Look at the wonderful things God made.” Job 37:14.

This has been an awesome year for all of us at ELP! Our year with the children is soon coming to end. For teachers and parents alike, this brings us mixed emotions. We celebrate that our babies are “growing up,” but we are sad all the same.

Many of our children will soon enter a new chapter of their lives as they close out the preschool years. We have poured our hearts and souls into teaching them, nurturing them, and helping them grow. Now that May has arrived, we simply wish they could stay here longer and stay little forever. We realize that time goes way to fast indeed!

As the Director of such a busy preschool program, I must be very intentional to pause often and reflect and to simply look at the wonderful things (and people) that God has made! As I do this, I also try to remind our parents to do the same. It is easy in this busy world we live in to lose sight of the reality that our children are not little very long. This reality can leave us feeling regretful of missed opportunities if we are not careful and intentional in what we spend our time doing.

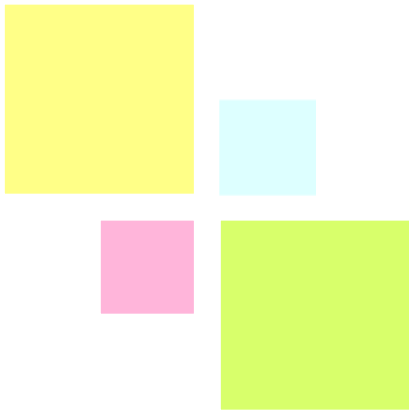
We are grateful to have the opportunity to serve God's children on a daily basis at ELP! This helps us to view the world from a child's perspective, and this helps us remember to stop and stand in awe of even the tiniest miracles like caterpillars turning into butterflies, or seeds turning into flowers. Maybe this child like view is what we should always cling to! Our days for this remaining school year together are few, but our hope is that our children and their families would stop to enjoy all the wonderful things this year has brought and remember WHO gets the credit! Thank you for supporting us this year! ELP loves being a part of WCPC, and we are honored to serve alongside you!




Cindy

Moms in Mission

Join Moms in Mission for our end of year luncheon on Wed., May 1, from 11:30 am -1:30 pm, at HeeJung Wescoat's home, 163 W Black Night, The Woodlands, 77382. Please bring a dish to share. For more information, email mimswcpc@gmail.com

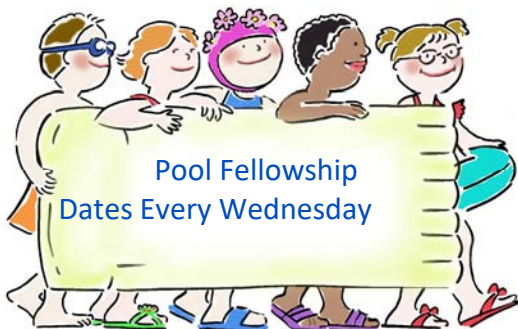




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		 1	WAM 4:15 chimes 2nd-6th 4:45 Choirs 3 yrs-6th 5:30 dinner 6:30 youth Bible study	2	Parents Fellowship 6:30-9 pm childcare in HEB nurseries, rsvp to Susan Tweens Party 6-8 pm	3 4
3rd Sunday of Easter Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday school 9:45 am	5 6 Mom's Drop & Go 9:00-12 noon HEB nurseries, rsvp to Susan	7	8 Last WAM 4:45 Choirs 3 yrs-6th in FH 5:30 dinner 6:30 youth Bible study	9	10	11
4th Sunday of Easter Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday school 9:45 am	12 13 Moms Mission 9:30-12:30 FH Childcare by RSVP to Susan	14	15 WAM Picnic at MacDonald's house, sign up and directions TBA last youth Bible study in youth room	16	17	18 PNO Pet Parade 5-8 pm in HEB nurseries, rsvp to sduncan@wcpctx.org
5th Sunday of Easter Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday school 9:45 am Teacher Reception- FH	19 20	21	22	23	24	25
6th Sunday of Easter Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday school 9:45 am	26 27 	28	29 Last Adult Luncheon 11:30 am	30	31 Last Day CISD 	



Children's Sunday School 9:45-10:50 drop off and pick up in CE building rooms 204, 105 and 106. 5th and 6th grade SS in 205. Please remember to sign your child in and leave a number or church location you can be reached in case of emergency.
 Childcare for worship and under 3 Sunday school in Hendricks Ed. Building rooms 307-309.



Join us every Wednesday evening in the summer June through August 7th from 5-7 pm at **Ridgewood Pool**. Grab your suit and goggles, pack a picnic dinner (or grab a pizza) and come swim with friends. We'll see you at the pool! **July 21st 6-8 pm join us for the All-Church Pool Party at Shadowbend! Free event!**

(Regular pool fees apply, Wednesdays)



March PNO sandbox fun!



CHILDREN'S
Ministry
NEWS

Sunday School

Children's Sunday School Bible Topics this month:

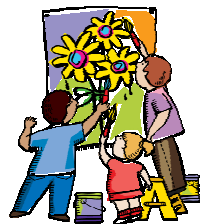
Pre-K-K **The Apostles**

1st-2nd **Parable of the Good Samaritan**

3rd-4th **Lectionary Saul meets Jesus, Acts 9:1-20, Peter & Tabitha, Acts 9:36-43, New Heaven & Earth Revelation 21:1-6**

5th-6th **Connect Unit 10 The Early Church**

Godly Play stories are The Great Family and The Good Samaritan



THANK YOU TO OUR
SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS



Teacher Appreciation Reception May 19th

for Teachers, Leaders and Helpers of All Age Groups!

Come and let us thank you for your all your help this year in W.C.P.C.'s Sunday School classes with a reception on **May 19th** in the Fellowship Hall after the 2nd service at noon *We really appreciate you!* We could not do Sunday School for our adults, youth and children's classes without your willingness to serve and share your faith this past year as Teachers, Leaders, Floaters, and Storytellers! We will also recognize your contributions at **11 am worship May 19th**.

Register and pay for VBS 2019 GForce online at wpcp-tx.org before it's *Too Late!* *Public registration is May 1st!*

VBS July 15th-19th

VBS Planning meetings on Mondays in June:
June 3, June 10, June 17, and June 24 in 204 from 9:30-12 noon

Childcare provided by reservation. **Volunteers**, use this opportunity to make a supply list and plan your lessons or help with decorating and craft preparations.

Children's Ministry Mission Statement: To nurture all to experience the unique joy of being a "child" of God.

... You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign to your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorpost of your house and on your gates.
Deuteronomy 6:4-8

Children's Ministry Continued

May 18th

Parent's Night Out Pet Parade

Let your kid's ages 0-10 years spend an evening 5-8 pm with friends, enjoy pizza dinner, a movie, games and crafts right here at WCPC in the Hendricks building nurseries. Bring their favorite stuffed animal for a Pet Parade. We will watch *The Secret Life of Pets*.

RSVP to sduncan@wcpc-tx.org.



May 26th marks the end of the regular Sunday school and worship schedules. To celebrate the end of Children's Sunday school we will have a celebration with mission projects, games and snacks in the Fellowship Hall. Parents and everyone else are very welcome to join us! Our Summer Worship schedule begins June 2nd at 11:00 am with one service and Sunday school before the service at 9:45 am.



Camp News

Summer Cho Yeh dates are June 9-15th, July 21-27th

So far 9 WCPC children and tweens have signed up for Camp Cho Yeh assistance this summer and will be using a portion of the funds raised from the Rummage Sale fundraiser to help them get there! Several others are also going without a discount. A very big **Thank You** to all the donors and volunteers for the Rummage Sale who made this possible!

Children's Summer Sunday School topic Presbyterian Offerings & Missions

**Beginning
June 2nd—July 28th
3rd-6th room 105
2nd and under in 101**

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Regular Children's & Tweens Sunday school classes will finish **May 19th**
May 12th we will combine downstairs in the Children & Youth Building for a festival celebrating mothers & our SS teachers!
May 26th Memorial Day Weekend we will combine in Fellowship Hall for Mission activity centers.

Summer SS begins June 2nd in room 105 at 9:45 for completed grades 3rd-6th. Younger Grades and Pre-K will meet in room 101.

Making cupcakes for Copperwood last summer



WAM END OF YEAR PARTY!

WAM END OF YEAR SWIM PARTY!

MAY 15TH

4:30 PM-6:30 PM

SWIM PARTY for Alleluia Choir, Angel Voices, Cherubs & Chimes at Tricia MacDonald's home. There will be a sign-up sheet during WAM to RSVP and list what foods you will bring to share. Ms. Tricia will provide hot dogs, buns, condiments and baked beans. Ms. Bonnie will provide drinks. Suggested additional items: apple slices, grapes, berries, watermelon, chips, pretzels, brownies. Other ideas welcome. We look forward to our end of the year WAM celebration!!

Sanctuary Choir

Wednesdays at 7:30

May 22 Last rehearsal

before summer break begins!

IMPORTANT WAM DATES

MAY 8 Wednesday, May 8, 4:30: END of YEAR PROGRAM - program with Angel Voices and Cherubs singing together, certificates and dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Alleluia Choir will also sing and Chimes will ring.

MAY 15 WAM end of year party off campus. The Jubilate Bells will have their last rehearsal at the church during their normal time. (No Wed. Night Dinner.)

WAM TIMES THRU MAY 1

Children's Chimes at 4:15pm (Grades 2-6)

Meet in the Narthex

Choirs at 4:45

Cherubs (ages 2-3) meet in CHEB 302

Angel Voices (4-2nd grade) meet in CHEB 301B

Alleluia Choir (Grades 2-6) meet in CHEB 305

Everyone is invited to dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30

Heavenly Metal Bells

Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 in the Narthex

Jubilate Bells

Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 in the Narthex

Sanctuary Choir

Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 in the Choir Room

Pool Playdates coming in June!

**Every Wednesday evening
5-7pm at Ridgewood Pool**

Grab your suits and goggles, pack a picnic dinner (or grab a pizza) and come swim with friends! We'll see you at the pool! Everyone is invited!

(Regular pool fees apply.)



Children | Tweens | Youth | All

May

3 Tweens mixer with 4th graders Pool party
3 Parents of Preschoolers Fellowship
18 Parent's Night Out
19 SS Teacher Appreciation Brunch

June

2 Graduation Sunday
7 Parents of Preschoolers Fellowship
2-16 Family Promise
22 Parent's Night Out
23-28 Sr High Celebration

July

7-11 Jr High Jubilee II
15-19 VBS

Aug 23-25 Beach Retreat

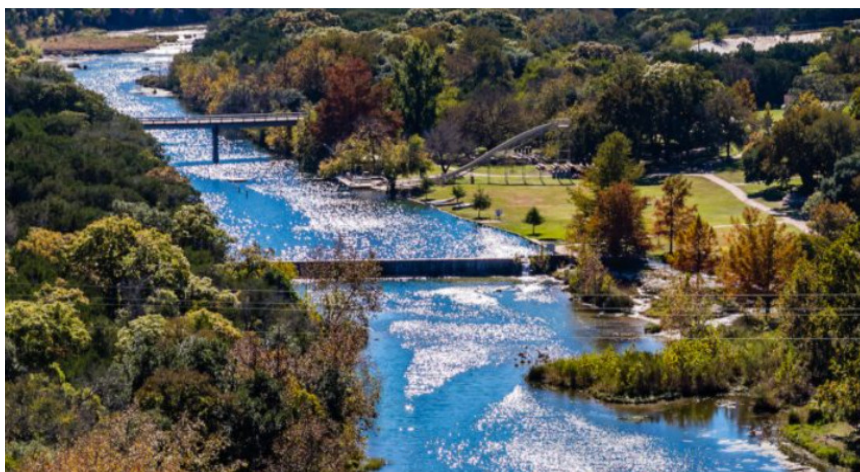
Wednesdays: Music programs begin at 4:15pm, dinner at 5:30, **Youth Mission Project at 6pm and Bible study at 6:10pm, Sundays:** Sunday school at 9:45 for all ages

4th Sunday Worship Class (gr K-2nd)

For additional dates & info visit wcpc-tx.org

Save the Date:

June-Aug	Camp Cho-Yeh
June 23-28	Mo Ranch Sr. High Celebration
July 7-11	Mo Ranch Jr. High Jubilee II
July 15-19	Vacation Bible School



REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR JUBILEE & CELEBRATION AT MO RANCH IS MAY 15! CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO FILL OUT A FORM AND RESERVE A SPOT FOR YOUR YOUTH. THERE IS LIMITED SPACE FOR EACH CONFERENCE!

Youth Celebration* June 23-28 \$550

Youth Celebration is a conference for high school students completed 9th-graduated 12th grade. It's a week filled with exploration of faith, worship, new friends and recreation. This conference begins on Sunday evening with the "big hello" and closes with the "big goodbye" on Friday morning. Conference activities include energizers, keynote presentations, worship and music, small groups, afternoon recreation and evening vespers. Join us June 23-28, 2018!

Jr. High Jubilee II* July 7-12 \$500

During Jr. High Jubilee, (completed 7th-completed 8th) youth come together to be inspired to grow in their faith by learning and living the words and deeds of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hundreds of youth participants will gather together in the Hill Country for an unforgettable Mo-Ranch experience that's filled with new friends, spiritual enrichment, worship, study and recreation.

Activities and recreation will include everything from taking a challenge on the Mo ropes course, dancing, games, energizers, vespers and popsicle parties, to aquathons, sports, evening movies, swimming in the beautiful Guadalupe, singing God's praises and more!

*Scholarships available

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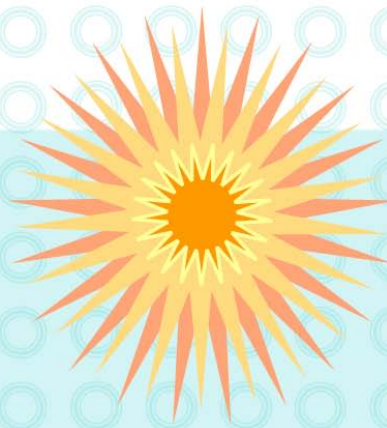
Megan Hansen megateer@gmail.com

YOUTH ADMINISTRATION

Shirley Barclay sbarclay@wcpc-tx.org

Please support the Youth & Tweens ministries of WCPC with your prayers, your time, and your talents.

Contact Sally Bowers or Megan Hansen with questions, to donate, and to volunteer.



Yoga Sun Salutations

Every Friday
09:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.



Gentle and Restorative Meditation

Every Monday
10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
Every Thursday
06:30 P.M. - 07:30 P.M.

Summer is around the corner. If you are thinking of doing something spontaneous, think of your well-being. You can enjoy practicing yoga with your friends and your family. Come to WCPC to practice Sun salutations in the morning hours with me and get energized.

If you had too much fun the previous weekend, then practice gentle and restorative meditation with soothing music with us every Monday and Thursday.

Rita Upadhyaya: TheWoodlandsLady@gmail.com

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church,

4881 W. Panther Creek Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77381

Entomologist Don Sands says, "Insects are the small creatures that run the world." Wow! You have heard of the food chain. Well that means the "bottom-up" effect of insect loss is very serious for all living creatures, including HUMANS! A major cause of this problem is pesticides. So let's all put on our thinking caps and roll up our sleeves to substitute pesticides with more sustainable, practices. Our lives depend on it!



W. C. PEEZY is the official Praying Mantis for the WCPC Creation Care Team.

Integrated Pest Management at WCPC?

After observing the exterminator spraying not only the base of the Fellowship Hall for ants and roaches, but also the entire Prayer Garden, the Creation Care Team realized that change was necessary. If ants and roaches are killed, so are butterflies, caterpillars and other beneficial insects.

The Creation Care Team has requested the Building and Grounds Committee to consider a different approach to controlling pests. In the 1950's, entomologists realized that pesticides were being over-used and insects were becoming resistant to them. The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach was then developed. IPM is applied to everything from agriculture, the initial focus, to homes, schools, and other buildings and properties. Texas law requires all school districts to have an IPM program.

IPM begins with prevention (e.g., removing standing water where might mosquitoes breed, removing food from an area). Prevention is often the most effective and economical and the only action needed.

Secondly, monitoring and pest identification are needed before any pest control action. Many insects (and bacteria) are either beneficial or harmless, and destroying them along with an identified pest may create other problems. The possibility of a pest at some future time is not a sufficient reason for pest treatment

Controlling Pests is the final step that might be taken once one has been identified, and many options are available. The first priority is choosing the less risky, and still effective control action. This might include physical removal of pests, targeted use of certain chemicals, such as pheromones to disrupt pest mating, or trapping insects. If pest monitoring indicates that less risky controls are not working, then additional pest control methods can be identified, such as targeted spraying of pesticides. **Broadcast spraying of non-specific pesticides should be a last resort.**



Communications Corner

Life of the Church: Articles due preceding Tuesday by noon.

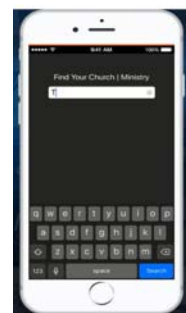
Newsletter: Articles due March 15 for the April 2019 newsletter.

Website: Information due Monday at noon . Send to communications@wcpc-tx.org.

Ways to stay connected!

Find all of this information online on our website at www.wcpc-tx.org

Download the **WCPC App!** First you must download the ShareFaith App then follow the below directions to find WCPC. This app will have Sermons, Peazy's Blog, Newsletter and more!



Find us on Instagram by searching for WCPC1981 or enter the address below

<https://www.instagram.com/wcpc1981/>

Find us on Facebook by searching for Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church or enter the address below

<https://www.facebook.com/wcpcWoodlandsCommunityPresbyterianChurch/>

Find the **Church Life App** under the GIVING tab on our website which tells the steps. This app will have the church directory which has the most updated contact information available.

This app is also a wonderful way to update your address, phone number and picture. Here is the link to the page:

<http://www.wcpc-tx.org/church-life-app-2/>

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- 1 - Click *MyWCPC* below.
- 2 - Select Need a Login?
- 3 - Enter Email, First & Last Name.
- 4 - Use the email you receive to set your password.

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- 1 - Go to your phone's App Store (Android or Apple OS)
- 2 - Download ACS Church life App.
- 3 - Log in with email & password.

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Use the Church life App for:

- Member Directory
- Set up Giving
- Update your photo
- Registering for Events

Please feel free to contact the church office for help or with any questions!

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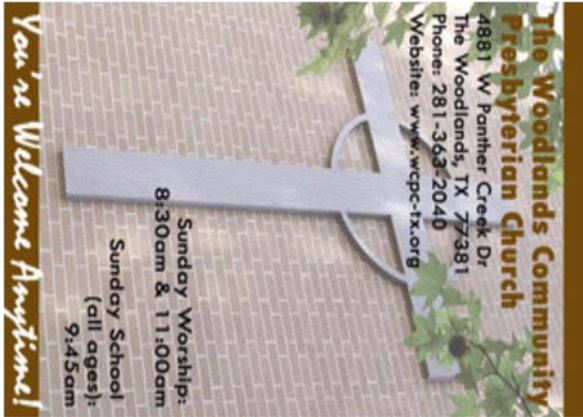
SUMMER 

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

June 2 – September 1st
One Worship Service at 11:00 am

June 2 – July 28th
9:45 – 10:45 Sunday School for all ages

August 4 – September 1st
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL




AED



Automated External
Defibrillator

Did you know there are now **two** AED's on the WCPC campus? One near the restrooms outside the Sanctuary, and a new one in the HEB hallway near the kitchen. Using the AED is easy - just follow the prompts. You too can be a lifesaver!



Congratulations!

We have been recertified as an
Earth Care Congregation for the 6th
straight year!