



The Good News Herald

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church
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July August 2023

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

Summer Sunday Schedule

8:30 and 11:00am Worship

9:45am-10:45 am Sunday School*

*Adult Sunday School and Combined Children's

Worship services available online
and in person. Additional
information inside



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SUNDAY FIESTA LUNCHEON AUGUST 13

12:00PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL



Summer is coming to a close and school is back in session for most children, youth and teachers in our area! Please join us for a congregational meal to celebrate the start of a new school year and the beginning of many wonderful Bible studies and programs at WCPC. Since it is the middle of August, and things are getting started early (most of us would still like to be on a vacation on a tropical beach) let's at least have a fiesta here on campus! Join us Sunday August 13 at noon (after the 11am worship service) for a Fiesta Luncheon! We will have tacos, enchiladas, nachos, rice and beans, queso and all the "fixins". There will be vegetarian and vegan options on the menu as well. So mark your calendars for Sunday August 13!

Dear WCPC family,

At the half way point in the year I want to use this space in the newsletter as a challenge to you and also to me.

The question "What would Jesus do?" is an important one. It sounds simple but it really isn't simple at all. Doesn't mean we are always going to do what Jesus would have us do, but it can help us move closer to that reality. Answering that question for a disciple is the point of life and the work of a lifetime.

What or who is a disciple? Someone who is following Jesus. Thankfully we don't have to be perfect. Jesus' first disciples make that clear enough but we do have to be intentional. We don't grow as disciples without making an effort.

Spiritual disciplines are necessary. Daily reading the Bible and having a prayer life are I believe essential. Spending time, if not daily, then as often as possible reviewing our journey.

I keep a personal journal. What has helped me the most in my discipleship through journal writing is going back and reviewing how God was at work in my life even when I thought God wasn't. Experiences that at the time seem so difficult, looking back months later, or a year or two later, I saw in a different light. I saw how God was at work. I can't tell you how much that encourages me.

Of course other disciplines are vital. Attending worship regularly. Being engaged either on Sunday or during the week in a small study group. We need other on this journey and they need us. You can find those groups at WCPC. Sunday School classes and mid-week studies. Places where you can learn and also get to know others in this congregation better. Taking care of planet earth is a spiritual discipline. Making certain that we are good stewards of the creation God's has entrusted to our care.

The giving of your time to support WCPC. The giving of your time to support our mission partners. Supporting WCPC financially. The funds given to WCPC fund our ministry and mission. They enable us to nurture the family of WCPC and impact those in our community and beyond most in need.

There are of course other spiritual disciplines. If you are interested in learning more about them please let Laura or me know. We would love to share them with you. Some might work for you. Others not so much. That's ok. Meditation is a spiritual discipline I've been struggling with for years. Can't seem to quiet my thoughts enough.

Easy to get so distracted that we forget what's most important. So I hope this review helps and encourages you. If you ever want to talk about it let me know.

There is a lot going on in July and August. Most of what you need to know is in this newsletter. Also remember to check WCPC's website for updates.

The whole point of everything that we do as a church family is to make and grow disciples who follow Jesus.

Your pastor and fellow pilgrim,



PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund was established to provide financial assistance to those in need who make requests to the pastors of WCPC. Primarily it is used to assist non-members, but on occasion funds are used to assist members with short-term needs. Individuals and families in the past have been helped with rent, utilities, car repair, and prescriptions. A person requesting aid meets with one of our pastors. Their needs are assessed and typically referrals are provided. As an example, if someone lives in the area supported by Interfaith of The Woodlands they are encouraged to contact Interfaith. Your pastors have the discretion to assist those requesting financial help if they believe the need is legitimate and other avenues of help have been explored and are either not available or have been exhausted. If you would like to make a contribution to this fund you are invited to prayerfully consider doing so. Please make certain that your check to WCPC notes that it is for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact either of our pastors.



Rev. Laura Grice

Dear Ones,

It's hard to believe that I took the last "subject-area" class toward my Doctor of Ministry degree over a year ago. I am now "ABD"- All but Dissertation in PhD terms. As of writing this letter, my research proposal has been approved by the director of Advanced Studies and my Faculty Reader at Austin Seminary. I am in the process of finalizing the Human Subject Research (sounds ominous, but it's really not) paperwork to submit to the Dean. Once Dean Aymer gives me the green-light, I will share more about my project and how you can be involved. You're supposed to be my research subjects.

Last summer my class was essentially a writers' workshop for pastor-wonderer-types. We wrote, read, and revised articles, sermons, pastoral letters, liturgies, etc. We were also asked to submit a poem or other creative writing piece. As I swelter in the summer heat, it made me think about a piece I wrote for class, so I thought I'd share it with you.

Grace and Peace,

Laura

Joy is a Thunderstorm

Joy, to me, will always be a thunderstorm.

I grew up at the edge of the Texas Hill Country.
Most summers meant some degree of drought.
To this day, there is no sound more comforting
than the rush of wind that precedes
a late afternoon rainstorm
in the middle of August,
near the end of a long, hot summer.

The rain dances and drums
as it hits the windows.
I wish it were possible to truly capture
the cymballic chatter of pouring rain
on a tin roof.
Lightning tickles the unnaturally darkened sky.
The thunder laughs
as it calls out from a distance,
and terrifies when it's so close it shakes the window panes.

And the puddles.
Oh, the puddles!
They almost shout, "Jump! Splash! Joy!"
as they lure this middle-aged woman
out to play as if she were a child,
filling her with memories of storms long past
and the mud fights of her youth at camp.

Don a rain jacket and boots
to spin and laugh
and allow the rain to wash away
the years and the worry
and the tension
and the fear that comes with growing up.

Just as quickly as the storm blew in,
it blows away.
Leaving the sweet smell of ozone
and damp dirt,
as the parched ground thirstily drinks her fill.
For a brief moment the sun shines
and the air is cool.

Fantastic and terrifying,
surprising and refreshing,
this is a Hill Country storm.
This
Is
Joy.

stephen
MINISTRY

Got the Summertime Blues?

We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down. If you are experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—you don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. The care of a Stephen Minister can make a difference in your life!

We welcome Mary Jo Chapman, Jennifer Robinson, Wendy Searfass, and Karen Seefeldt as our newest Stephen Ministers. They will be commissioned on Sunday, August 27th.

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY MORNINGS: 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	<u>Early Learning Program:</u> Constance Janisch, Director Chantal Porter, Administration	<u>Our Missionaries</u> Paula Cooper, Zambia Melissa Johnson, Zambia Jose Luis Clare, Peru Chenoa Stock, Peru Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado Escobar
<u>Associate Pastor</u> Rev. Laura R. Grice	<u>Mission Outreach:</u> Sonya Dias, Facilitator	<u>Administration:</u> Milton Thigpen, Financial Administrator Shirley Barclay, Dir. of Com	<u>Our Seminarians</u> Frainess Shawa
<u>Pastor Emeritus:</u> Rev. Dr. Charles Hendricks	<u>Children's Ministries:</u> Susan Duncan, Director		

SESSION MEMBERS

CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025
Mary Jo Chapman	Andre DuBruyn	Jane Chesney
Jim Holly	Cinda Hitchcock	Jane Harding
Debi McNaught	Stephanie Keiser	David Martinez
Mark Seefeldt	David Watkins	Brian Spears
Sami Whitehead Youth Elder		

BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025
Linda Allwood	Patty Ahern	Larry Copeland
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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.

- Members are asked to send prayer requests by email or comments on our worship livestream. 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). 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.



Sunday Education Opportunities

We offer a variety of Sunday School classes for adults each week. We

encourage you to try out several to find one that fits your spiritual formation needs.

If a formal Sunday School class is not what you are looking for, consider spending time in fellowship in the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, 9:45- 10:45 am

Connecting Through the Bible

HEB 301b & Zoom

led by Sue and Dave Watkins and Neville Walker

A fun, interactive discussion of ways we can connect with God. Using the N.T. Wright *For Everyone* series, this class is studying John. Great for those new or well-versed in Bible Study. This class meets in "hybrid" format. Please contact Dave Watkins for a Zoom link, if desired. In August, Connecting Through the Bible is taking some time off and will resume meeting in September.

Women Living In Faith Together (L.I.F.T) Parlor

contact Patty Ahern

This group is using the study *Living a Chocolate Life* by Deb Burma. This study invites participants to savor God's rich and endless supply of grace in Christ. This class meets in-person.

Texts in Context

HEB 303 & Zoom

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. This class meets in a "hybrid" format. Please contact Bob Campbell for a Zoom link, if desired.

Weekday Education Opportunities

Much like Sunday, we encourage you to explore the variety of spiritual formation opportunities that occur during the week.

MONDAYS

HEB 301b

Women's Bible Study

9:30-11:30 am

contact Ann Fleischmann

This group is finishing their study of the *Gospel of Luke*. Following that they will study the origins of the Apocrypha along with a closer look at Tobit. All you need is your Bible. If your Bible doesn't contain the Apocrypha, please let Laura know, she can get you the materials you need. New members are always welcome! This group meets in in person. Please contact Ann Fleischmann for more information. In August, the Monday Women's Bible Study is taking some time off and will resume meeting in September.

HEB 301b & Zoom

WEDNESDAYS

Wed. Morning Men's Bible Study Group

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. This group meets in "hybrid" format. Please contact David Jones for information or a Zoom link.

Wednesday Study Group

10:00-11:30 am

contact Sylvia Campbell

This group is using The Great Courses study—*Understanding the Old Testament*, by Robert D. Miller II, PhD. This video lecture-based study examines the Old Testament, shedding light on the impact of one of the world's most beloved books. This group meets in "hybrid" format." Please contact Sylvia Campbell for a Zoom link, if desired.

Wed. Evening Men's Study Group

Second and Fourth Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

led by Rev. Dr. David Jones

The focus of the study is the text for the upcoming Sunday sermon. Please contact David Jones for more information.

ON SUMMER BREAK...

Our Christianity and History Sunday School Class, the Moms' Group (4th Mondays), the Presbyterian Women's Morning Circle (1st Tuesdays), and the Circle of Blessings-Women's Circle (3rd Thursdays) are not meeting for the remainder of the summer. Please look for information about their upcoming studies for the '23-'24 school year in the September Newsletter.

If you have ideas for
an Adult Spiritual Formation Class,
please let Laura Grice know.
lgrice@wcpc-tx.org

Back in April there were some people poking around our church campus. It's okay - they were doing an Energy Audit. What is that? It is like a checkup at the doc. They looked at how we use energy at WCPC. They examined our records and interviewed our staff. And they found some great ways that we can maintain comfort for our people and at the same time reduce our use of energy. And the bonus - it saves us money!



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

Shining Light on Energy

In 2015-16, WCPC replaced incandescent and fluorescent lighting in most of the buildings with energy efficient LED lighting. These lights can reduce energy consumption by 75%! This is a big win for our budget and for the environment. Recently, WCPC again contracted with an energy expert who works with churches to reduce their energy use. The goal is to reduce carbon emissions through energy efficiency while saving on our energy bills. This is in line with the environmental overture adopted by the 225th PC(USA) General Assembly in July 2022. The overture recommends an environmental audit and the reduction of carbon emissions by 25 percent by 2030. In addition to energy efficiency accomplished with lighting, the heating and air conditioning systems (HVAC) are a major focus, particularly with the ways we manage our buildings. Successful reductions of energy use and carbon emissions rely on active involvement from all of us. Here are a few of the recommendations from the energy audit that we can accomplish:



1. Turn off lights when leaving a room;
2. Insulate hot water heaters and pipes;
3. Reduce heat and air conditioning usage through careful and focused thermostat control and scheduling (i.e., don't heat or cool unoccupied areas; don't overheat or over-cool areas during the night; keep temperatures at reasonable levels; example – setting at night for summertime unoccupied spaces – 78°F).
4. Apply professional grade weather stripping around all exterior doors.

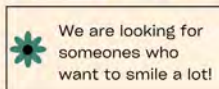
The Energy Audit Report has many more great ideas. To see the report for yourself please contact Cinda Hitchcock at cctx@att.net or 713.542.8245.

Brandon Lithgoe

A SMILE AND A GREETING



Needed



CONTACT MARY JO CHAPMAN :
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Evangelism Team is looking for individuals to share a smile and a greeting as a Sanctuary Door Greeter or Guest Table Greeter. What a great way to see old friends, make new friends and welcome our visitors. Please join us in this important life of the church. You can volunteer on Sign-up Genius by looking for Sunday Opportunities and go to tab Greeter and Welcome Table or contact Mary Jo Chapman at maryjo.chapman5206@gmail.com or 713-303-4443.

A NOTE OF SINCERE THANKS...

I was absolutely overwhelmed by the many lovely flowers, get- well cards, and prayers I received from the faithful congregation of WCPC during recovery from my recent surgery. Prayers were answered, and I am well on my way to a complete recovery. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. A special thank you goes to the Prayer Quilt Ministry for the absolutely gorgeous prayer quilt. The colors used in the quilt are my all-time favorite!

*Peace and love,
Mary Ann Thomas*



PRAYER QUILTS

The Prayer Quilters are getting organized again which means there will be more prayer quilts to select from the quilt album in the church office. We will meet at 1 pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month. All needle workers are welcome. Please consider joining us for creative fellowship in our mission for giving comfort and assurance of God's love. Contact: Nancy Kiefer 832-515-0711

WCPC Transportation Ministry



You don't drive at night? Car is in the shop? No transportation? The Transportation Ministry is here to help.

We are taking requests for WCPC adult church members needing a ride to and from church services and other special church events. We can only drive minor children if they are accompanied by their parent/guardian. The drivers are volunteer WCPC members. For your safety, the drivers have had a motor vehicle report and a background check.

We would like to thank the members who have already volunteered for this ministry! We are still in need of additional church volunteer drivers to make this important ministry a success. Please consider volunteering on the wcpc-tx.org website under SignUp Genius. To find Transportation Ministry sign up, chose the Groups drop down and you will find our sign up under On-going Opportunities, then click Transportation Ministry. There is no charge for the background check/motor vehicle report. Of course, you are always free to decline driving when the request does not fit your schedule.

Please feel free to contact Sue Davis at msdavis5@hotmail.com or 713-992-5655 or Larry Copeland at lcopeland1@gmail.com for any driving requests, to volunteer, or any other questions.

MISSION OUTREACH TEAM

Because God's love knows no bounds, the Mission Outreach Team (MOT) 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. WCPC has a long history of mission outreach and does not have to look very far to find people who are in need of love and care especially during these uncertain times. Now more than ever, it is important to share God's love, grace and mercy with neighbors, whether across the street, across town, across the country, or across the ocean.

That is because God's love knows no boundaries.

The Mission Outreach Team (MOT) will meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm via ZOOM. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Gary Chapman, Committee Chairperson at gary.chapman5206@gmail.com.

The next meeting is Tuesday, August 1st AT 7PM. Join us!

To view past presentations by speakers and Mission Outreach partners visit the WCPC website. Click the drop-down menu under Mission Outreach and select Mission Outreach Team Meeting Guest Speakers.

JULY/AUGUST FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

In July the WCPC volunteers will pack over 500 to go lunches and breakfast bags. WCPC is in need of the following items: individual packages of peanut butter or cheese crackers, individual boxes of raisins, soft & chewy (no nuts) granola bars, packets of instant oatmeal, cereal bars (Nutri-grain), Ensure (vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry only) and brown paper grocery bags. Breakfast and lunch bags will be packed the July 10th at Kids' Meals Warehouse and July 17th at WCPC in the serving line area of the kitchen. If you would like to help pack or decorate the bags, please contact Sonya Dias at sdias@wcpc-tx.org at (281) 363-2040 x 7.



Thank you to our Fabulous Tweens for working a shift at Kids' Meals. They spent their time packing up hundreds of sandwiches and snacks for lunch deliveries. The Tweens participated in a week of mission work as part of the Vacation Bible School at WCPC.



Meals on Wheels Volunteer Opportunity:

Deliver Meals on Wheels Breakfast Bag: Sign up for July 28 or July 29 at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/wcpcmw/>



Volunteer to help pass out breakfast bags at Lewis Park! Dates are: July 29, September 2, October 28 and December 2.



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT BREAKFAST IN THE PARK

Each Saturday morning Compassion United hosts a worship service and hot breakfast for the community they serve in Conroe 50-100 attend each week. WCPC is signed up to pass out TO-GO lunches following the program. This year's dates are: July 29, Sept 2, Oct 28, and Dec 2nd. Are you interested in helping out? If so please contact Todd Duncan or Sonya Dias.



Mission & A Meal

Save the Date!
July 26

MISSION & A MEAL:
Wednesday Night Dinner
open to all ages.
Bring the family!

Free and no reservations needed.
Join us the last Wednesday of July at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall for mission activities and a cookout! We will be decorating bags and packing breakfast bags for Meals on Wheels. We will be having burgers, hot dogs, chopped beef brisket and summer salad.



Looking for Volunteers to Deliver Breakfast Bags for Meals on Wheels

Are you looking for opportunities this summer to do service- are looking for a family opportunity that can include your kids or grandkids? We have the perfect mission opportunity for you to get your family involved in service this summer. WCPC has an opportunity to deliver Meals on Wheels Breakfast Bags to seniors in our community. These bags are not just food, but a way to do a much-needed check in on seniors through these HOT months of summer. Please consider picking a date and signing up to take a route! You will be given a week's worth of breakfast bags for each person. The routes are about 7-8 stops and should take 1-2 hours time. You can make a difference!



3 reasons why breakfast bags are MORE THAN JUST A MEAL!

- 1** It provides a shelf stable meal that they can save for later.
- 2** Seniors look forward to another social visit and it provides comfort in knowing the community has not forgotten them.
- 3** The delivery provides a weekend safety check.



Sign up to make the deliveries:
Friday 7/28 or Saturday 7/29
www.signupgenius.com/go/WCPKMOW

**Volunteers can sign up to help prepare meals
for The Montgomery County Women's Center
EMERGENCY SHELTER**

**Saturday, August 19
10:30 am - 1pm
WCPC Kitchen**



Every other month WCPC will prepare a meal for the MCWC emergency shelter along with the First Presbyterian Church, Conroe congregation. The two churches will rotate each month supplying the meal. WCPC will prepare the next meal on Saturday, August 19th at 10:30 a.m. at the church's kitchen. The menu is still to be determined. We will ask for baked goods from the congregation to supply the dessert for the meal. The shelter is currently housing 60 people and they look forward to the home cooked meal we provide. Future dates for meals for WCPC will be 10/21 and possibly 12/16. First Presbyterian Church Conroe will take July, September and November.

**QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT SUSAN SCHATZ, MOT
ADVOCATE FOR MCWC, 281-797-0433 (C), OR
SCHATZ4882@GMAIL.COM.**



YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

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TODAY'S TIP
FOR SETTING BOUNDARIES

Don't be afraid to be
assertive when it comes
to your boundaries.

See more:
WWW.MCWCTX.ORG



The Gathering Place


Patriotic Picnic

Mon. July 10th

Ice Cream Social

Mon. August 14th

Gathering Place (GP) 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. It provides a time of fun activities and fellowship in a safe, caring environment for the care partner during time where it may be difficult for a caregiver to find appropriate social activities for their loved one with memory loss.



If you would like to learn more about the GP of the Woodlands program at WCPC, please email Tricia MacDonald at patriciamacdonald1210@gmail.com



EARLY Learning PROGRAM

ELP wrapped up the school year with some of our new and old favorites! We celebrated our big kids with a very special Growing Up Chapel. Our families cherish these last few moments at ELP. The Pre-kindergarten students received a prayer pillow with all of our bible verses tucked in the pocket and the Transition Toucans receive a prayer quilt with their faces on them! Thank you Lisa Skinner for again making these treasures.



Our Noah's Ark Chapel was the highlight of the last week of school. Along with our Art in the Park event, it is wet, messy and so much fun!



We held our 2nd annual STEAM Camp at the end of May. Each day, the children learned about Science with a different book theme. We learned about color mixing, how animals eat, construction, and so much more!

We have many plans for next school year and we can't wait to welcome the children back in September!

Constance (Corky) Janisch - Director
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WCPC Children and Tweens



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8:30 & 11 am Worship no Sunday school	No Drop and Go	 Independence Day				
9:45 am Sunday school 8:30 & 11 am Worship	No Drop and Go					
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Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday school 9:45	Drop and Go 9-11:30 am contact Susan to be put on the Waitlist					

Children's Sunday School 9:45-10:50 drop off and pick up in CE building rooms 106 & 105. All ages 3rd through 6th grades combined for Summer in room 105, 4 years-2nd grade in 106. Childcare for worship at 11 am for under 4 years in HEB rooms 307-309. Childcare for the SS hour in CE Building room 106. 8:30 service childcare room 100.





Mission & A Meal fellowship for all ages will happen this July 26th. They each start at 5:15 with a mission activity and end with the meal. The dinner is picnic fare, hamburgers and hot dogs!



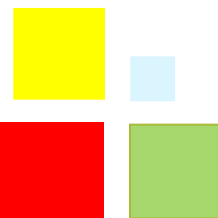
Worship Class will pause in July but will start back on:

August 20th for the 3rd-6th grades

August 27th for the K-2nd ages

Sept 17th 3rd-6th

Sept 24th K-2nd



Sunday School



9:45am Sunday School
8:30 & 11:00 am Worship
July & August



Children's Sunday School continues Hymns of Faith for **July**:

Sunday school is **9:45 –10:50 am** every Sunday in **July** in Room 106 and 105 in the Children's Education Building. In **August** SS is 9:45 again in rooms 106 Pre-K-1st, in 204 2nd-3rd and in 205, 4th-6th grades.

August 6th —No Children's Sunday School. Childcare is available for the **Children's Ministry Team Meeting at 9:30 –10:50 am**. Bring your backpacks and come for **Backpack Blessings** in worship!

August 13th, 20th, and 27th, & Sept 3rd and continuing into the fall regular Children's Sunday school is scheduled.



Drop & Go Childcare

Continues on Monday mornings 9 am – 11:30 am in the Hendricks nurseries for ages 18 months-7 years.

Dates are July 17,
July 24th,
And July 31st.

Aug is our hiatus for training, organizing and cleaning nursery rooms. Please reserve childcare with Susan sduncan@wcpc-tx.org



Meals on Wheels Breakfast Bags:
granola bars, instant oatmeal,
raisin boxes, cereal bars etc.

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



AUGUST



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Children's Ministry Mtg. 9-11 am Worship 8:30 & 11 am Backpack Blessing	7	8	9  Back to School	10	11	12
13 Children's Sunday school 9:45 Worship 8:30 & 11 am Noisy Offering!	14 Gathering Place 10 am-1 pm	15 ELP CPR & 1st Aid 301	16	17 ELP New Teacher Orientation & Training 301 9-3 pm	18 ELP staff Training 301 9-3 pm	19
20 Children's Sunday school 9:45 Worship 8:30 & 11 am Bible Presentation	21 Drop and Go 9-11:30 am rsvp to Susan	22	23	24	25	26 Youth Galveston Beach Retreat all weekend
27 Children's Sunday school 9:45 Worship 8:30 & 11 am	28 Drop and Go 9-11:30 am rsvp to Susan ELP Classroom Visits all week	29 	30	31		

No Sunday school for children August 6th. **SS** resumes for children Aug 13th at 9:45 am in rooms 106, 204 & 205. SS Kick-off for adults and youth is Sept 10th, after the Labor Day weekend. Child-care for worship for under 6 years in CE building room 100; in HEB rooms 307-309 for the 11 am worship time. Childcare and under 3 year SS for the 9:45 SS hour in CE building room 100.



7th-12th Grade

WCPC YOUTH

BEACH RETREAT

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!



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FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

TO REGISTER EMAIL
SBARCLAY@WCPC-TX.ORG

Youth Group Updates and Information



July/August Schedule

Sun, July 2	8:30 /11:00am Worship
Sun July 9-	8:30 /11:00am Worship Jr. High Jubilee 9-13
Sun July 16	8:30 /11:00am Worship
Mon July 17	Big Rivers Outing
Sun July 23	8:30 /11:00am Worship
Wed July 26	5:15 pm Mission and a Meal
Sun July 30	8:30 /11:00am Worship
Wed Aug 2	Mission Project /Build a Bed
Sun Aug 6	8:30 /11:00am Worship
Sun Aug 13	8:30 /11:00am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 12:00pm Fiesta Luncheon 6-7:30pm-Youth Group
Sun Aug 20	8:30 /11:00am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 6-7:30pm-Youth Group
Fri Aug 25	Beach Retreat
Sun Aug 27	8:30 /11:00am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School No Evening Youth Group

**Big Rivers =
Big Fun**
Monday July 17



Early Bird Special \$20

RSVP by July 10= \$20

July 11 and after = \$35

Join the youth at Big Rivers Waterpark
Early Bird RSVP \$20 includes admission
and all food and travel. If you sign up after
July 11 the price will be \$35.

The youth group will meet at WCPC
and travel together to the waterpark
Additional details TBD

RSVP to sbarclay@wcpc-tx.org

MISSION PROJECT August 2

Building Beds- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
The youth team will coordinate with WCPC
Mission Coordinator, Sonya Dias for details.
WCPC youth will leave early Wednesday
Aug 2 to travel downtown to build bunk beds
for Sleep in Heavenly Peace Mission Project.
Additional Details TBD

Confirmation Class Begins August 13

Email sbarclay @wcpc-tx.org to sign up
or for more information.

Youth Group

Sunday Evening 6-7:30 pm (Begins Aug 13)
Dinner, Bible Study, Fellowship and Fun!

Meet in Fellowship Hall for Dinner and then
the Youth Room for Study and Games.

Jr / Sr High

9:45-10:35am
in CE 200
(the youth room)

Includes 7-12 grade

The Sunday School class for 7th-12th graders is held
in the Youth Room. Leaders this year are Rebekah
Rydarowski and Nancy Hathaway.

CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 13.

Join us every week for

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

Sundays at 9:45 a.m.



Sign up for important updates from Youth Group.

Questions? Email sbarclay@wcpc-tx.org for assistance.

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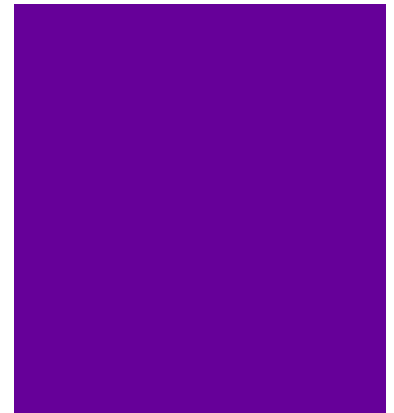
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WCPC Columbarium Purchasing Packets Available

Columbarium Niche Sales Progressing!

- Obtain a Columbarium Purchasing Packet (and an updated Niche Locator Map)
 - a. either in-person in the Columbarium box in WCPC's Workroom
 - b. or online through WCPC's website www.wcpc-tx.org/columbarium/
- Read the packet.
- Find and follow the instructions for purchasing a niche
 - a. either in the packet you pick up at church
 - b. or on WCPC's website.
- Consider making a donation to the Columbarium Fund if you're not purchasing a niche.