



# The Good News Herald

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2023

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



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## SUNDAY AFTER CHURCH LUNCHEON

# SEPTEMBER 10

## 12:00PM

## FELLOWSHIP HALL

Sunday Morning

Worship Schedule

8:30 and 11:00 am

Worship

9:45 am –10:45 am

Sunday School

Worship services  
available online  
and in person.

# TRUNK OR TREAT FRIDAY



## OCTOBER 20

## 5:30-7:30PM

## WCPC PARKING LOT

Dear WCPC family,

I hope that you have had time over the summer months to relax and spend time with family and friends. Maybe even some adventures along the way. Jullie and I spent time with our grandchildren and invested a week of my vacation installing a pond in our backyard which Jullie designed. It was hot and difficult, but we loved working on it together.

It is all about relationships and I hope, as you read through this newsletter you will see opportunities for you to grow in your relationship first with Christ and then with other members of this household of faith.

We have Sunday School for all ages of course, and four adult classes all with very different focuses. Please review those opportunities and try one or all of them out and see what is the best fit for you. We also have mid-week Studies. Presbyterian Women's Circles that met at different times monthly. All of these classes provide an opportunity for those attending to get to know others and walk along with them in their journey.

If you are a guy looking for other guys to connect with, I invite you to join the Men's Wednesday Fellowship that I lead in the Hendricks building every Wednesday morning at 7:30 am. We have coffee, snacks and invest our time first in supporting one another and then focusing on the text for Sunday's sermon. If that doesn't work the same format is used on the first and third Wednesday at Crust Pizza beginning at 6:30 pm. We enjoy pizza and time sharing our lives with one another. If you would like more information, just give me a call or email me at [djones@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:djones@wcpc-tx.org)

Dinner Groups return to WCPC this fall. An opportunity for six to eight people to meet in someone's home for dinner, followed monthly, or as agreed by the group, with each participant in that group hosting dinner. The host provides the main meal and the others in the group bring sides, etc. It's a great way to get to know people better and grow new relationships. Signups start in September. For more information or to sign up, contact Mary Jo Chapman at [maryjo.chapman5206@gmail.com](mailto:maryjo.chapman5206@gmail.com)

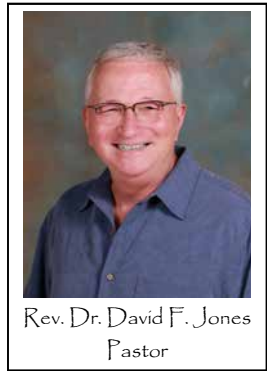
WCPC's Music Ministry is putting together an ensemble group of youth (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) along with adult instrumental musicians to play for two events this semester at WCPC. The music for this ensemble is intended to be simple and accessible for all our musicians. No auditions are necessary, just a willingness to practice your part and participate in rehearsals. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Conner [jenniferconner79@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferconner79@gmail.com)

And always everyone is invited to participate in our Hand Bell Choir and the Sanctuary Choir. For more information, please contact [jaigner@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:jaigner@wcpc-tx.org)

And there is MISSION! So many opportunities to get involved in helping others and getting to know other who also have felt the call to reach out beyond themselves to meet the needs of others.

And let's not forget on Sunday, September 10 following the 11:00 am worship a Church Luncheon and then on September 27 the return of the Adult Fellowship Luncheon. I hope you come for the meal and stay for the fellowship!

Your pastor,



### 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,

There's something special about this time of year. While it's been years since I've been bound to an academic calendar by virtue of being either student or teacher, I still feel a surge of excitement when "Back-to-School" sales and happenings start. Although my teaching career was brief, there's something special about the smell of freshly sharpened pencils and the bright colors of brand new packs of markers and crayons. New blocks of brightly colored sticky notes make me practically giddy! For the past several weeks, the WCPC campus has been a busy place as teachers from ELP and All Ears! along with our nursery staff have been classrooms and learning spaces ready for our new school/program year. I love when we get back into the rhythm of programs and study at the beginning of every fall. It brings with it a similar excitement that opening new school supplies Children and youth Sunday School classes and fellowship gatherings started mid-August, and our adult studies and classes that took time off this summer resume in September. If you haven't found a Bible Study or Sunday School class yet, now would be a good time to try something new as you grow in your faith. This year, I am looking forward to leading our Confirmation class for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders with Pastor David. I encourage you to check out our calendar for upcoming church events including fellowship meals, Trunk or Treat and more! This should be an exciting year here at WCPC.

Grace and Peace,

*Laura*



## PRAYER QUILTS

The Prayer Quilters meet at 1pm on the first and third Thursdays each month in room 303 in the Hendricks building. All needle workers are welcome. Please join us for creative fellowship in our mission for giving comfort and assurance of God's love. Contact Nancy Kiefer 832-515-0711



### Got the End of 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. .**

**WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY MORNINGS: 11:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45AM-10:45AM**

<b>Pastor:</b> Rev. Dr. David F. Jones	<b>Music Ministries:</b> Jonathan Aigner, Director of Music Sherry Hunter, Director, Bell Choirs	<b>Early Learning Program:</b> Constance Janisch, Director Chantal Porter, Administration	<b>Our Missionaries</b> Paula Cooper, Zambia Melissa Johnson, Zambia Jose Luis Clare, Peru Chenoa Stock, Peru Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado Escobar
<b>Associate Pastor</b> Rev. Laura R. Grice	<b>Mission Outreach:</b> Sonya Dias, Facilitator	<b>Administration:</b> Bob McArdle, Financial Administrator Shirley Barclay, Dir. of Com	<b>Our Seminarians</b> Frainess Shawa
<b>Pastor Emeritus:</b> Rev. Dr. Charles Hendricks	<b>Children's Ministries:</b> Susan Duncan, Director		

**SESSION MEMBERS**

CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026
Andre DuBruyn	Jane Chesney	Kristen Campbell
Cinda Hitchcock	Jane Harding	Chris Chagla
Stephanie Keiser	David Martinez	Mark Seefeldt
David Watkins	Brian Spears	Steve Schlacks
Claire Keiser-Youth Elder		

**BOARD OF DEACONS**

CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026
Patty Ahern	Larry Copeland	David Chesney
Sue Davis	Bruce Lee	Ria Du Bruyn
Peggy Harris	Sarah Parker	John Erickson
Deb Mason	Rebekah Rydarowski	Karen Gonzales
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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.



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 Education Opportunities

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

#### 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 Revelation. 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.

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

Parlor

contact Patty Ahern

This group is using the study *The Fitting Room* by Kelly Minter. This study explores what it means to "clothe" oneself with the character of Christ (Col.3:12). 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.

#### Christianity and History

HEB 306

led by Joe Christoffell & Bill McCleary

This class explores & discusses faith related topics using video courses. Their current study is *Christianity of the Reformation* led by Dr. Brad Gregory. This class meets "in-person".. This class meets "in-person".

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

### Weekday Education Opportunities

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

#### MONDAYS

##### Women's Bible Study

HEB 301b

9:30-11:30 am

contact Ann Fleischmann

This group is studying the book of Acts this spring. All you need is your Bible. New members are always welcome! This group meets in-person. Please contact Ann Fleischmann for more information.

##### Moms' Group

Fourth Mondays, 9:30-11:30 am

Youth Room/ CE 200

Contact Stephanie Keiser

This group meets regularly for fellowship, mission (The Gathering Place) and for a Bible study. Their Bible study is *The No-Homework Bible Study: Group Hug* by Christine Tate and meets on the 4th Monday of the month. Please contact Stephanie Keiser for more information.

#### TUESDAYS

##### Presbyterian Women Morning Circle

Parlor

First Tuesdays (Sept.-May), 10:00 am

Contact Jane Chesney

This group is using the Horizons Bible Study *Sacred Encounters* by Olive Mahabil. This study invites participants consider Jesus and Jesus' disciples who shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people. This group meets "in-person". Please contact Jane Chesney for more information.

#### WEDNESDAYS

##### Wed. Morning Men's Bible Study Group

HEB 301b & Zoom

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

HEB 301b & Zoom

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

Crust Pizza

First and Third 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.

#### THURSDAYS

##### Circle of Blessings-Women's Circle

HEB 303 & Zoom

Third Thursdays (Sept.-May), 7:00 pm

contact Debra Martinez

This group is using *Deeply Rooted: Knowing Self, Growing in God* by Christopher Maricle. Using the metaphor of a tree, this study explores how knowing God and knowing self help the soul grow. This group meets in "hybrid" by request. Please contact Debra Martinez for more information.

*It seems like every fruit or veggie I get has one of those cute little ID stickers attached. I know it is a great thing for the stores. But each little label contains sticker goo and plastic, and they are not compostable. It is sometimes a challenge for my little mantis claws to pull them off. But I am going to persist, because I want to throw my produce scraps into the Zero Waste barrel. And stickers in the Zero Waste barrel is a no-no. I just ❤️ Zero Waste!*



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



**Zero Waste:** Since the Zero Waste barrel has been in our front parking lot, we have been able to deposit our food waste and other compostables for free. This free period ends for individuals on October 31. Thereafter, those who want to continue conserving water and landfill space by using the bin can sign up at [www.zerowastehouston.com](http://www.zerowastehouston.com). 1) Click on "Click Here to Sign Up", 2) Select Add to Cart on "Self Serve Subscription", 3) Select WCPC under "Self Serve Location". On this page, click on "View More Details" for more information.

**WCPC Energy Study Recommendations:** Individuals can help reduce WCPC's carbon footprint and save money by turning off lights when leaving a room (*even if leaving only for 23 seconds!*). We can also help by being mindful of thermostat settings: when cooling is required in an occupied room, 73° is the recommended temperature; for unoccupied rooms, the recommended temperature is 85°. When heating is required for occupied rooms, 68° is recommended; Unoccupied rooms should be kept at 55°. For a copy of the Energy Study, contact Cinda Hitchcock, [cchtx@att.net](mailto:cchtx@att.net).



## WCPC Transportation Ministry



You don't drive at night? Car is in the shop? No transportation? The Transportation Ministry is here to help. Please feel free to contact Sue Davis at [msdavis5@hotmail.com](mailto:msdavis5@hotmail.com) or 713-992-5655 or Larry Copeland at [lcopeland1@gmail.com](mailto:lcopeland1@gmail.com) for details on the program, any driving requests, to volunteer, or any other questions.



Hello youth and adult musicians of WCPC!

We are putting together an ensemble of youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) and adult instrumental musicians to play for two events this semester at WCPC. The music for this ensemble is intended to be simple and accessible for all our musicians. No auditions are necessary, just a

willingness to practice your part and participate in rehearsals. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Conner [jenniferconner79@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferconner79@gmail.com). If you are interested in participating, please fill out the Google Form here. <https://forms.gle/Gv3rj72DefE3kFok8>

**Rehearsals:** 5:15-6 pm in the choir room (sanctuary), 6 pm dinner with the youth group, if desired. These are just some possible dates for rehearsals, firm dates will be communicated later.

September 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>

**Performances:** December 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> Alternative Market

December 24<sup>th</sup> Children's Christmas Service at 5 pm, we would play before the service begins



**THE SANCTUARY CHOIR** is made up of volunteer members and regular attenders of WCPC. Rehearsals are held Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9pm, and the choir sings weekly in worship at 8:30 and 11 from August—May. Previous musical or choral experience is helpful, but not required. All who enjoy praising God and leading others in worship through song are invited to join us. Please contact Jonathan Aigner at [jaigner@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:jaigner@wcpc-tx.org) with any questions.

The Jubilate Bells ring a variety of traditional and contemporary sacred handbell repertoire. We ring once a month in worship at both services from September to May. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 in the Narthex. For more information, contact Sherry Hunter at [sherryhunter@comcast.net](mailto:sherryhunter@comcast.net).



ELP is excited to start the new year! The teachers learned so much at our back to school training. We learned about

strategies for the classroom for inclusion of children with autism, ADHD, and children joining us from the All Ears! Program. We will be incorporating prayer extension in the classroom and at home with our new "Prayer Bear" program. We also had so much fun!

We have so many fun and welcoming activities to help our families know they belong here. Each child has a special moment to bring their family in to meet their new teachers. This is not just for the little one, but it helps the parents

know we are all here for them as well! In the mornings of September 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, we will have a free coffee bar for our parents. Please join us for "Donuts for Grownups"! This helps them make the connections to other parents and caregivers. We all know how vital being connected is. On September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am, we welcome our new families to join us for a short informational session and it provides them with more opportunities to ask questions about ELP and WCPC.

We end the month with a Sensory Day where the children explore all their senses. The highlight is the Sensory Walk where they take their shoes off and walk through cotton, oobleck, coffee and cooked spaghetti! Our bible verse, "I am wonderfully made", reminds us that God made us all intentionally, uniquely and for a purpose!

October brings another busy month. We welcome our families to our Family Nights on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. We love to show them all we do each day! We look forward to partnering with the other parts of the WCPC Children's Ministries for Trunk or Treat on October 20<sup>th</sup>. We wrap up the month by inviting our families back to the Petting Zoo! Our bible verse for October, "A friend loves at all times" is such an important reminder for us all!



## WCPC DINNER CLUB GROUPS FORMING NOW FOR 2023-24!

Get to know your WCPC family better through good food and fellowship opportunities with a good old-fashioned dinner party. Sign up during the first three weeks of September, either on Sign Up Genius or at a courtyard table. Groups will be notified in October.

General guidelines:

- Small groups of 6 to 8 people, combining both couples and singles, will be formed. One person in each group will be assigned as leader to coordinate the dinners.
- Dinner groups typically meet monthly as determined by each group.
- Each household will have the opportunity to host in their home, providing the main dish & drinks with the others providing side dishes and dessert. The group may also choose to meet in restaurants.

Watch for sign-up tables in the courtyard on September 3, 10, and 17 or go to the Sign Up Genius page on the WCPC website, <https://www.wcpc-tx.org/>. Click on Sign Up Genius, then *Special Opportunities*. Groups will be notified in early October.

For more information or to sign up, contact Mary Jo Chapman at [maryjo.chapman5206@gmail.com](mailto:maryjo.chapman5206@gmail.com).



**Adult Fellowship  
Luncheon**

11:30 am  
Fellowship Hall

**WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 27  
AND  
OCTOBER 25**



# 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](mailto:gary.chapman5206@gmail.com).**

**Tuesday, September 5th we will hear from a representative from Montgomery County Overdose Prevention Endeavor (M-COPE).**



To view past presentations by Mission Outreach partners visit the WCPC website. Click the drop-down menu under Mission Outreach.

M-COPE



## PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERINGS PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

**This Offering is unique in that half of it is directed to peacemaking and global witness efforts at the national church level to address critical issues around the world. Twenty-five percent is retained by congregations like ours for local peace and reconciliation work, and 25% goes to mid councils for similar ministries on the regional level. With this year's portion of our offering, we will support the Medical Benevolence Foundation's efforts.**

Blessed are the  
**peacemakers,**  
for they will be called  
the children of God.

MATTHEW 5:9



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

SEPTEMBER 3-OCTOBER 1, 2023



**Please give generously to this special offering. Donations will be accepted through October. Please mark donations Peace and Global Witness.**

# 2023 PERU MISSION

By Sally Shu

I have participated in our medical missions to Peru for 18 years now. Sometimes, I wonder if we are really making any lasting difference in the lives of the Peruvians. Then, a "Pilar story" comes along. Pilar's mother brought her to our clinic in San Genero in 2006 as a 5-year-old. She was about the size of a typical 3-year-old in the U.S., and suffered from all the usual maladies; worms, malnutrition and failure to thrive, just like hundreds of other children we see there. After we treated her, she was enrolled in the feeding and tutoring center sponsored by the Presbyterian congregations of Kingwood and WCPC. Pilar went on into the scholarship program and recently graduated university with a degree in Environmental Science. Just to close the loop, she returned to us this July as a helpful and caring translator in the clinic. We are making a difference.

The Mission by the numbers:

- 529 patients (ranging in age from newborn to 87 years old) treated in the medical clinic.
- 517 pairs of glasses dispensed from the ophthalmic clinic (407 prescriptions, 119 readers, 45 sunglasses).
- 774 children (ages 2 to pre-teen) participated in VBS activities during the week.
- 211 children's Bibles given out.



The medical clinic was staffed by Drs. Tom Leach, Sally Shu, Jeff Arthur, Kathleen Hassell and Mark Smith, along with nurses Ingrid Fowler and Debra Martinez.

The VBS was headed by Jane Harding with her grandson Grant Stantial, along with Joe and Nancy Crabb and Matt Guzman (who also served as our "Trail Boss" this year, taking over from Gary Chapman). There were two sessions of VBS daily with crafts, Bible study, and song and dance activities, culminating in a celebratory meal with performances by the children on the last day.



Our daily clinic meal was organized by Erika Guidotte and her son Oscar Guidotte, Jr. Oscar Junior was carrying on the work of his father, Oscar Senior, who died the first day of our mission in 2022. Oscar Junior is half-way through medical school on a scholarship sponsored by WCPC. He also "shadowed" Dr. Sally Shu in the clinic and said he learned more in a week there than in a month of medical school.



# Youth Group Mission Project: Sleep in Heavenly Peace build



The team had a great time constructing bunks for kids in need of beds. The youth made 15 bunkbeds as well as made kits for delivery.

# COMPASSIONATE SERVICE



**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT BREAKFAST IN THE PARK: SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> OR OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> AT LEWIS 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. Are you interested in helping out? If so please contact Todd Duncan or Sonya Dias.

## THE GATHERING PLACE

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, EMAIL TRICIA MACDONALD AT [PATRICIAMACDONALD121@gmail.com](mailto:PATRICIAMACDONALD121@gmail.com)**



**SEPTEMBER 11  
THEME: DOG DAYS OF  
SUMMER  
OCTOBER 9 THEME:  
HALLOWEEN**



All Ears! is a regional finalist for the Chick-fil-A 2024 True Inspiration Awards



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Select **REWARDS**

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Select **NEWS**

on the top left of the screen

Click the **VOTE NOW** button

Select your **REGION VOTE for All Ears!**

from **September 1 - 23rd**



# The Gathering Place



**The next Blood Drive at WCPC will be on Sunday, October 22, 2023 with time slots from 8:30am until 12:15pm. When you donate blood, you are saving lives!**



**If you would like to donate, here is the link to get your very own time slot:**  
[https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/356615](https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/356615)



All of the following varieties are available **WHOLE BEAN** or **GROUND** for \$10 per 1lb bag. Orders can be picked up in the church office in early October.

- 100% Pure Organic Arabica
- 100% Pure Organic Arabica DECAF
- 100% Pure Organic Robusta
- Mixed: 50% Pure Arabica-50% Pure Robusta
- Mixed: 50% Arabica DECAF & 50% Pure Arabica

**VISIT THE WEBSITE TO ORDER September 10-24!**  
[www.wcpc-tx.org](http://www.wcpc-tx.org)



You can also choose to donate coffee to Compassion United or DeGeorge Veterans Home for \$45.00 per 5 pound bag.

# WCPC Children and Tweens

# September



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday school 9:45-1050 am		ELP starts back 9am-1 pm weekdays			<b>Tween Pool Party Kick Off for 4-6 grad- ers</b> 6:00-8:00 con- tact Susan for details	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship 8:30 & 11 am, Sunday School 9:45-10:50 am <b>Lunch FH 12:15</b>	<u>Drop &amp; Go</u> 9-11:30 am childcare rsvp to Susan <u>Gathering</u>	ELP Parents Donuts for Grownups! 8:45-9:45 am	Donuts for Grownups & ELP New Par- ent Orientation 9:15 ELP Staff	Donuts for Grownups 8:45-9:45 am		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Worship 8:30 & 11 am <u>Worship Class 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup></u> Sunday School 9:45-10:50 Teacher Commis- sioning 11 am	<u>Drop &amp; Go, &amp; Mom's mtg</u> 9am-11:30 rsvp to Susan for childcare in HEB 308-9	Session MTG 7 pm			<b>PNO 5:30-8:00</b> pm in Hendricks nurseries RSVP to Susan to reserve space!	Memorial Service Norma Jean Pinnicks 10 am <b>First Day of Autumn</b>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Worship 8:30 am Sunday school 9:45 am Worship 11 am <u>Worship Class</u> K-2nd graders	<u>Drop &amp; Go</u> 9-11:30am rsvp to Susan for childcare in HEB 308-9		<b>All Church Luncheon</b> 11:30 FH			

**Children's Sunday School 9:45-10:50** drop off and pick up in CE building rooms 106, 204, 205. Childcare for under 3 8:30-10:50 room 100.

Childcare for 11:00 am worship in Charles Hendricks Ed. Building rooms 307-309.





# September

Children's Events

## Drop & Go Childcare for Parents of Preschoolers Mondays 9:00-11:30 am

WCPC is offering childcare for both the ELP and WCPC moms. This childcare is for parents of children age 1-5 years old! To help us continue offering the popular program we are asking for a contribution of \$20 a child for each Drop & Go Monday. Contact Susan Duncan at [sduncan@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:sduncan@wcpc-tx.org) to rsvp for the childcare. Space is limited so a reservation is required.



Parents with Preschoolers

**Worship Class for K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders** is instruction on worship for children graduating from our nursery program. Children and their parents, in Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade may participate. Children's Ministry created this program to help parents and the children adjust to the transition from nursery to worship and to prepare the children for participation at their level in worship. Children come the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month during the 11 am service after the Children's Message and meet in the Narthex of the Sanctuary with Susan. This month's lesson 9/24 on Tools of Worship in the Hendricks Building.

*Another Worship Class on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays is offered for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders. They learn more advanced concepts and meet Sept 17<sup>th</sup> in the Hendricks Building.*



**Children's Sunday School:**  
Pre-K-K-1st grade in room 106  
2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade room 204  
4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade in room 205

**Godly Play Enrichment:**  
Our team is committed to offering developmental worship preparation on Sundays with Godly Play. The stories told in Sept are on Moses. Parents are encouraged to come see what this is about Sundays at 9:45 in room 206. And we occasionally demonstrate a story for the children's message.

Choir & Chimes classes will be meeting alternate Sundays with Godly Play at 9:50 with Ms. Tricia and Ms. Bonnie leading Pre-K-1st grade or Mr. Jonathan leading 2nd-6th chimes and music instruction.



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### Sept 20<sup>th</sup> PNO from 5:30-8 pm

Children 1-7 years come for fun and pizza while their Parents get a few hours off. We also serve a healthy side, this month Apples! The theme is **Back to School** and after dinner, games and crafting we will end with a video in rm 301 *Arthur Goes Back to School* or *Curious George Back to School*.

## Children's Sunday School Needs Volunteers!



We are recruiting volunteers to teach and help in the children's Sunday school classes. If this is something you feel called to help with please **contact Susan Duncan 281-363-2040 or [sduncan@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:sduncan@wcpc-tx.org)** for more information.

We need 3 or 4 teachers for each age level; **2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes** are especially in need of help! Volunteer groups of 4 or more rotate leading or helping with Sunday school so everyone gets a Sunday off each 4 weeks. We also need floaters and substitutes. Please prayerfully consider helping this year in children ministry.

**Dad's and Granddads are especially needed!** A new Fathers on the Fives event will ask dads, grandpas and interested male WCPC members to take the helm on Oct 29 (also Fire Drill Sunday!), Dec 31, March 1 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday is Easter), and June 30. Contact Susan for more information and to sign up!






# OCTOBER



## TRUNK OR TREAT

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30 pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday School 9:45	2 <u>Drop and Go</u> 9-11:30 rsvp for childcare to Susan	3 ELP Staff Mtg 1-2:30 pm, FH	4	5	6	7
8 Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday School 9:45	9 Columbus Day, no ELP or school Gathering Place Mom's	10	11	12	13	14
15 Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday School 9:45 <b>Worship</b> <b>Class 3-6th</b>	16	17 ELP Book Fair all week	18 ELP Open House 6-8 Wed & Thurs	19	20  5:30-7:30pm in parking lot and grounds	21
22 Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday School 9:45 <b>Worship</b> <b>Class K-2nd</b>	23 Drop & Go 9- 11:30 childcare, rsvp to Susan Mom's Trunk or Treat Prep	24 ELP Petting Zoo, Farm Days Tues- Thurs.	25 All Church Luncheon 11:30 am	26	27	28
29 Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday School 9:45 <b>Father's</b> <b>on the Fives</b> <b>SS &amp; Fire Drill</b>	30 <u>Drop and Go</u> 9-11:30 rsvp for childcare to Susan	31  Halloween				



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## Nov 10<sup>th</sup> PNO from 5:30-8 pm

Children 1-7 years come for fun and pizza while their Parents get a few hours off. We also serve a healthy side, this month Pears. The theme is **Giving Thanks** and after dinner, games and crafting we will end with a video in rm 301 *Charlie Brown's Thanksgiving and/or Berenstain Bears Give Thanks.*



# Youth Group Updates and Information



## September/October Schedule

Sept 3	No Sunday School, No Youth Group
Sept 10	9:45 am Sunday School and Confirmation Class 6:00pm Youth Group Fellowship Hall- Dinner- Youth Room- Study and Games
Sept 17	9:45 am Sunday School and Confirmation Class Sunday Funday- Escape in Time Meet at event, time TBD, then have pizza for dinner & parents pick up from pizza place. Additional details tbd
Sept 24	9:45 am Sunday School and Confirmation Class 6:00pm Youth Group Fellowship Hall- Dinner- Youth Room- Study and Games
Oct 1	9:45 am Sunday School and Confirmation Class 6:00pm Youth Group Fellowship Hall- Dinner- Youth Room -Study and Games
Oct 8	9:45 am Sunday School and Confirmation Class No Evening Youth Group (CISD school holiday weekend)
Oct 15	9:45 am Sunday School and Confirmation Class 6:00pm Youth Group Fellowship Hall- Dinner- Youth Room -Trunk or Treat Prep
Oct 20	Trunk or Treat
Oct 22	9:45 am Sunday School and Confirmation Class No Evening Youth Group
Oct 29	9:45 am Sunday School and Confirmation Class Sunday Funday- Time TBD- Halloween Fun

Please sign up to receive emails and remind notices, changes, and up to date information.



## SUNDAY FUNDAY Sept 17

Join us for the first Sunday Funday of the school year! We are going to Escape in Time, Meet at event, time TBD, then have pizza for dinner, parents pick up from pizza place. \$20 includes Escape Room and dinner!

Additional details TBD

RSVP to [sbarclay@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:sbarclay@wcpc-tx.org)

## SUNDAY FUNDAY October 29

Details TBA

# HALLOWEEN FUN



## Confirmation Class Sunday, September 10 9:45 am in Rm 305 7-8th Grade

**Youth Group 7-12 Grade**  
Sunday Evening 6-7:30 pm  
Dinner, Bible Study, Fellowship and Fun!  
Meet in Fellowship Hall for Dinner and then the Youth Room for Study and Games.

## Sr High

Includes 9-12 grade

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

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

Join us every week for

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays at 9:45 a.m.





# 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/](http://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
- Plan to attend the Columbarium Dedication after the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, Oct 29, 2023!