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## Invitation to Innovate!

### 20 Days of Devotionals remain available On-Demand

Pastor Judith will be completing the devotional series this week. Days ONE through TWENTY will remain on our Facebook page, and can be found by clicking on the link below. Each day we spent just a few minutes in prayer, reading through the Letter of James, and pondering its relevance to our situation today (pandemic times). Suggested action steps and prayers to help mature your faith through the struggle of these times are included.

If these were of any value to you, please like them, comment on them, or share them. And, if you have a request or suggestion for another series, please let Pastor Judith know!

Posted on our Facebook page, and viewable [here](#).



**Don't forget our  
Wednesday Live @ Five  
on Facebook**

**Request your favorites by  
[clicking here!](#)**



BYOB

### COFFEE @ CPC

(or your beverage of choice--BYOB)

**Tuesdays at 4:30pm**

OR

**Wednesdays at 8am**

**Under the Portico in front of the AC**

Coffee, conversation, connection,  
and prayer!

Sign-up  
and  
Complete  
Paperwork  
Below

[Wed. 9/9: 10 -2:40](#)

[Sat. 9/12: 10 -2:40](#)

## Give Blood Give Life

**September 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>**

(or you can go directly to the center)

**CPC versus FPC**

**friendly competition**

**tell all your friends and neighbors**

*(seriously--this is a David and Goliath competition)*

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### Creating Sacred Community Online

(Buttons for Zoom and Facebook can take you to our Sunday services)

from the church webpage at [www.cpcwaco.org](http://www.cpcwaco.org))

**Sunday Morning** - Click [HERE](#) (a link to our Zoom services on Sunday)

**9:10 AM Gathering/Fellowship**

**9:35 ish Adult Sunday School**

**Genesis Class** is studying from the Letter to the Romans with Rev. Rodgers on Zoom.

**The Men's Class** studies from the lectionary with Elder Bryngelson, meeting this Sunday in the Memorial Garden. (Masks, distancing, and remaining outdoors will be observed).

**10:30 AM Gathering and Prayer**

**10:40 AM Worship** in the same zoom space ([link](#)), though we will also go [live on Facebook](#) (that's a link to our Sunday Worship at 10:45. A recording will remain posted for viewing "on demand" later). Please leave a greeting in the comments section and invite others to join us on Zoom and/or Facebook (you can also call in by phone starting as early as 9:10 for Sunday school).

**Order of Worship** for this Sunday, August 23, can be found at the end of this newsletter.

All responsive prayers, Scriptures and lyrics will be printed on screen.

### **Last Sunday's Sermon Notes**

The story of Jesus and the Canaanite woman can be a difficult one to understand. Why would he ignore her and then call her a dog? On the surface, we know that this was a normal attitude for a Jew to have toward a Gentile. But she was a Canaanite, and one of the indigenous people already living in the land when the ancestors of God's chosen people left their homeland to go to the land flowing with milk and honey.

Did you know that the Bible, or rather many a brief quotation of Scripture, has been lifted up in order to support colonization, to teach white supremacy, and to propagate structural racism in America? It is more than troubling to see churches teaching hate in the name of the God of Love.

Thankfully, Jesus stops and engages this woman. He addresses her and then listened to her. Christ did not ask her to do or say or change anything. He is the one who changed, becoming more inclusive and expanding the Kingdom of God. Jesus affirmed her great faith and granted the healing of her daughter.

I am grateful to be serving a church that, like Jesus, is willing to stop and engage this issue. May we continue to work towards a more just and equitable society.

\*If you missed worship, you can watch the service anytime by clicking [here](#).

### **COVID is going to be around a while...**

We are beginning to meet for fellowship and study in small groups (less than 10) and in outdoor settings, taking all precautions (masks, distance, if ANY symptoms, stay home).

We look forward to the time when it will be safe for everyone to return to worship at the church. [Click here](#) to watch a balanced and informative video about all of the considerations when that time comes. The portion beginning at minute 42 speaks of how we might move to a hybrid gathering. Please watch, and let us know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Session and staff are working on plans to continue connecting for worship, fellowship and service, giving honor to God and doing our part to prevent illness.

Grace and Peace!

### **From the Finance Committee:**

For the month of July, we had a deficit (more expenditures than receipts) of \$1,689.50 and for June a deficit of \$3,366.03, leaving us with a deficit year-to-date of \$597.77. This is a negative trend about which the Session and Finance Committee has some concern. Our receipts to date are down compared to our budget, and even though our expenditures are also lower than budgeted, we still have a deficit at this point in the year. These budget differences are primarily the result of not having church activities in our building (no loose offering or building use donations, causing lower receipts and less use of utilities and other occupancy costs helping to lower expenditures). During this pandemic time, church, while different, has continued and we have paid all our staff at the budgeted amounts as well as continuing to support the other local agencies (Caritas, Compassion Ministries, Mission Waco) supported by our church.

The church's investment returns, year-to-date, with the Texas Presbyterian Fund are now slightly positive, having been down by over \$135,000 at the end of March.

The Finance Committee is grateful for our congregation's commitment to regular and generous giving during this times. We would invite those who are able to please continue to financially support our church and its ministries. Thank you.

## Prayer Requests

- for Denyse's father Frank, as he continues treatment for lymphoma (you can get updates on his care and condition here: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/frankseaman>)
- for Allison's mother Michelle, also being treated for cancer;
- for April Oldfield, who has been in the hospital recently;
- for Les (who recently got good news--a smaller tumor) and Joyce, for Bill Carson, for Carl and Billy Kathryn, for all who are isolated at home;
- for Earle Guthrie (in Wesley Woods Hospice) and Jane (Stillwell)
- for our friends, families, fellowships, schools, communities, and governments struggling to deal with living in new ways in response to the world-wide pandemic; for leaders, medical workers and first-responders;
- for those striving to make changes for education, health, and equity, especially our leaders;
- for the safe reopening of schools, the economy, and for all who will work and educate from home;
- for the wisdom and hope of Christ to be carried in us, in our words and deeds, in our light and love;
- for everyone born, a place at the table!



Pandemic  
Birthday Parade  
celebrating  
Char's  
93rd Birthday!



### Celebrating Birthdays

Robbie Cagle - August 26  
Gloria Johnson - August 26  
Victor Ceccato-Pierce - September 2  
David Hegar - September 8  
Timothy Bierwirth - September 9

(We are missing many birthdays in our database; please let us know yours!  
We need the year to enter the date in the database, but will never print it!)



## Sunday Worship

Order of Worship  
August 23

Call to Worship

You have called us to this place, O Lord.

**Each one of us is unique, with differing gifts and talents.**

Yet each and every talent represented here is valuable in Christ's ministry.

**Lord, help us find ways in which to use our talents for healing and hope.**

Come, let us praise the Lord who has called us here.

**Let us open our hearts and spirits to God's word for us. Amen.**

Hymn #442 The Church's One Foundation

**The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;**

**She is His new creation By water and the word;**

**From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;**

***With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.***

***Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation one Lord, One faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.***

***Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.***

***Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.***

Opening Prayer

**Lord, be with each one of us in a special way today. We have come seeking your guidance and direction for our lives, both as disciples and as a Christian fellowship. Help us to recognize the gifts you have placed within us, and enable us to put these gifts to good use in your world, through Christ we pray. Amen.**

Psalm 124

Hymn #426 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

***Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In living echoes of Thy tone;  
As Thou has sought, so let me seek Thine erring children lost and lone.***

***O lead me, Lord, that I may lead The wandering and the wavering feet;  
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.***

***O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The precious things Thou dost impart;  
And wing my words, that they may reach The hidden depths of many a heart.***

***O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, Until my very heart o'erflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.***

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we struggle to know and serve you. We want to fit our understanding neatly within the world as we see it. Our faith is often more dependent on what we tell ourselves about you than on the fullness of your grace and mercy. We continue to choose a life of our own making because we are afraid to risk living more fully in your purpose. Forgive us. Enliven us. Help us to release our preconceptions and to trust your strength and wisdom. Lead us into a more generous way of living and discipling, so that others may see something of you in us, we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon

Offering/Offertory

Hymn 372 Lord I Want to Be a Christian

***Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.  
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.***

***Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, in-a my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.  
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.***

***Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart, in-a my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart.  
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart.***

***Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.  
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.***

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