

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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**October 5, 2017**



**Pastoral Potpourri**

"Why," falls from the lips of righteous souls even though they believe in God and His governance of the world. "Why," cries from the mouth of those who have witnessed terror and injustice. "Why," is screamed by the one who bears the news of a loved one's murder. "Why" is asked from generation unto generation as each looks out upon this good world that God created and witnesses the utter atrocities that humanity is capable of. Gideon yelled it; Job uttered it; the Psalmist spoke it; and it came from the lips of Christ when there was thick darkness as he hung upon the Cross.

Believers of all ages past have had as much, and more, to trouble their faith as we have today - yet they endured. Grandly from age to age have gone up the psalms and the hymns and the prayers of our faith. The Bible never attempts to answer the question "why." It simply acknowledges that there is evil in this world, and that out of it God will bring good. He is not as silent as we may think. He can overrule evil for good, and He can use the most wicked of people, the most destructive of circumstances, the most vicious of actions for His purposes. God can cause the wrath of nature to praise Him, and He can use the wrath of humanity to praise Him - and what is left over, He will restrain. God never resigns His throne.

The storm is the time when a ship is tested - not during seas of calm. The world's storms, societies' storms, are a time for testing our faith in God, for us to exhibit our trust in God's Providence. When the storm was at the height of its raging and everyone on the ship had given up hope, Paul stood up and cried: "Sirs, be of good cheer. I believe in God." --- Stephen

**This Sunday, October 8, 2017**

18th Sunday after Pentecost  
**9:30 am - Sunday School - Matthew 21:33-46**  
**10:45 am - Worship**  
**Rev. David Rodgers, preaching**  
Text: Matthew 21:33-46  
[Click here for this Sunday's readings](#)



**Next Sunday, October 15, 2017**

19th Sunday after Pentecost  
**9:30 am - Sunday School - Matthew 22:1-14**  
**10:45 am - Worship**  
**Rev. Stephen Rehrig, preaching**  
Text: **Philippians 4:4-7**  
"Have no anxiety about anything"  
**Sermon: An Overruling Providence**

**Announcements**

**Second Tuesday Supper Club** will meet October 10 at BJ's Restaurant, near Richland Mall, at 6 pm. Please RSVP to Don Wall at 292-3292.

**Church Picnic** - will be Sunday, October 15 at Whitehall Park in Woodway, 4 - 7 pm. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and condiments. Please bring a side or dessert to share.

**Future Dates**

**October 10** - Second Tuesday Supper Club, BJ's Restaurant, 6 pm  
**October 13** - Mission Crafters, Garden Room, 10:30 am  
**October 15** - Church Picnic, Whitehall Park, 4 - 7 pm

**Celebrating Birthdays**

Les Fisseler - October 5  
Betty Crouch - October 9  
David Rodgers - October 12  
Dorothy Hague - October 12  
Gail Hegar - October 14  
Bennett Richardson - October 15

(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!)

October Scripture readings are available in the Narthex or click [here](#) to view.

The Weekly News is published each Thursday and sent to members via email. It is also mailed to members who do not have email or desire a printed copy. Printed copies are also available in the church narthex. Church activities and pertinent event information is available on the church website: [cpcwaco.org](http://cpcwaco.org)