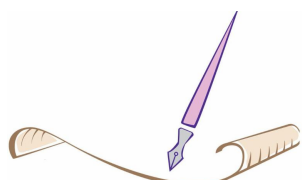


**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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**October 26, 2017**



**Pastoral Potpourri**

Pentecost pictures a group of men sitting around and waiting for God to take the initiative. It also tells us that God came to them - He came with a compelling force, igniting their hearts with flames of love. We see people who have never been able to understand each other now hearing others with clarity and understanding. The message being that a new day of God's presence was among them and us, and is found in Christlike relationships with others around us.

Is it not what our world craves so loudly today? We cannot do it ourselves. All of our own best efforts are doomed to confusion even before they begin. Yet we can grow - but only in the right climate, that of a life in God and the One who said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am in the midst." --- Stephen

**This Sunday, October 29, 2017**

*21st Sunday after Pentecost*

**9:30 am - Sunday School - Matthew 22:34-46, Exodus 17:1-17**

**10:45 am - Worship**

**Rev. Stephen Rehrig, preaching**

**Text: Romans 1:14-25**

"The one who is righteous will live by faith"

**Sermon: Rediscovering Grace**

Theme: Martin Luther's struggle to understand grace. October 31 is the 500th anniversary of Luther posting the 95 Thesis to the doors of All Saints Church in Wittenberg.

***Change for Change offering***

[\*\*\*Click here for this Sunday's readings\*\*\*](#)

**Next Sunday, November 5, 2017**

*All Saints' Sunday*

**9:30 am - Sunday School - Matthew 23:1-12**

**10:45 am - Worship**

***Caritas offering***

[\*\*\*Click here for this Sunday's readings\*\*\*](#)



**November Worship Themes**

**November 5**

**Text: Revelation 7:9-17**

"These are they who...have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb"

**Sermon: Bound Through The Blood**

Theme: The only way to stand before God

**November 12**

**Text: I Corinthians 16: 1-3**

"Now concerning the offering"

**Sermon: Christian Giving**

Theme: Monetarily supporting the church as a Christian

**November 19**

**Text: Philippians 3: 8-14**

"Forgetting what lies behind"

**Sermon: I Would Like To Help The Church, But**

Theme: The world is filled with people who are uncomfortable helping the church

**November 26**

**Text: Hebrews 13: 5b - 10**

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever"

**Sermon: Forever The Same**

Theme: We are bound forever to the One who never changes

**PNC Needs Your Help**

The Mission Information Form is the name of the document which prospective candidates for Pastor read in order to learn about our congregation. Question 2 asks us to tell about what has been our involvement in community service. Below is PNC's answer to that question.

**Service and connecting with the community around us have been a part of Central Presbyterian's history. As a downtown church, we were instrumental in the development of Compassion Ministries which provided apartments to homeless families. We were involved in interdenominational activities such as joint Vacation Bible School and youth activities with the Lutheran and Methodist churches. We hosted interracial educational gatherings to promote understanding between races. Our youth participated in hunger simulations and fed the worshippers who gathered at Church Under the Bridge, a nondenominational worship under an I35 bridge. In 2004, after prayerful consideration, the congregation had the vision to move to our current location and use the facility we left behind as a facility that would coordinate services for the homeless. We made the move and the building we left became the Meyer Center and has served the poor in downtown Waco since. In our new location members have continued an ethic of service by giving time and serving on the boards of many organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Caritas, and Compassion Ministries. Two years ago we adopted an approach called New Beginnings to strengthen our connection with the community. As a part of this approach we looked at the needs of the community and tried to match those needs with the talents and resources of our congregation. From that, we began participating in the national organization Kids Hope USA. Through this program church members have served as mentors and partners in learning with children from our neighboring elementary school. We also began assisting with food delivery for hungry children in our local school district through Hunger Free Midway ISD. Our youth have been dedicated to serving the homeless by the road by assembling bags of essentials to be handed out by members from their cars. When a small Church of Christ congregation was looking for a temporary home, our activity center was offered to them. We continue to support organizations of service such as the following with our funds and efforts:**

**Meals on Wheels      Caritas      One Great Hour of Sharing  
Habitat for Humanity      The Cove (a haven for homeless students in Waco ISD)  
Special Olympics      Scout Leadership**

**As part of our mission to "foster an ethic of service" we continue to strive to grow in our relationship with our community and seek ways that we can serve in a meaningful and Christ driven way.**

Please do not forget to turn in your questionnaires. More feedback is needed before other questions can be answered.

### **Announcements**

**First Wednesday Cookout** - November 1 in the Activities Center, 5 - 7:15 pm. Come enjoy food and fellowship.

**Woodway Elementary, our adopted school,** is having a Fall Fest on October 27, from 6 - 8 pm. **Lots of volunteers are needed!** Your help is needed from 4:30 - 6 with booth setup, and/or for one-hour shifts from 5:45 - 9:00 at game booths and the cafeteria. Please see Karen Groman if you can help.

All are invited to **Habitat Harvest** Thursday, November 2, 5 - 7 pm, in the Phoenix Ballroom, 401 South 3rd. Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased by October 27. Special guest is Clint Harp of Harp Design Co. If you have questions, Jay Bryngelson will have the answers!

### **Future Dates**

**November 5** - All Saints' Sunday

**November 10** - Mission Crafters, Garden Room, 10:30 am

**November 14** - Second Tuesday Supper Club, Brown House Cafe (behind CPC), 6 pm

### **Prayer Requests**

**Sara Alexander's** brother, David Alexander, had a serious stroke 10/21 and is hospitalized in Oklahoma City.

**Linda William's** sister, Wanda Martin, died suddenly 10/22. Her service will be in Long Beach, California.

**Don Wall** is recovering from a successful heart procedure.

### **Celebrating Birthdays**

Tricia Tolbert - October 27

Rene Boldt - October 28

Charlie Tolbert - October 30

Pat Wall - November 4

Bill Clifton - November 6

(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!)



**November 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)