

July/August 2023



# NEWS

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Our calling as believers in Jesus Christ is to love and live by His example,  
to share God's Word and to find new ways to serve.*

## VISION

**Worship Prayer Community**

### From the Pastor's Study:

The number one topic on everyone's mind right now seems to be the weather. We have been experiencing extreme heat warnings for a couple of weeks and this week is going to see a string of triple digit temperatures. I don't even want to think about heat indexes that are being forecasted as high as 130 degrees! We don't have to shovel much snow in the winter here in Fort Worth, but we pay for it with punishing heat in the summer. It reminds me of an old joke about trade-offs: that some people think that Christians are boring and that all of the most interesting people are sinners that probably won't make it into heaven. The old preachers used to remind us that we had a choice of hell for the company or heaven for the climate.

Personally, I never agreed that Christians were boring. I have known too many fun, funny, smart, interesting, crazy and colorful characters who were also devout Christians. Heaven is not going to be boring at all – it is going to be so much fun!

Adversity always serves to make us count our blessing, and weather like this makes me count a tremendous blessing that we enjoy today, and that is the blessing of air-conditioning. In our churches, in our homes, in our schools, in our workplaces, and especially in our cars. Air-conditioning is actually a fairly recent invention. It hasn't been that many years since many churches moved summer services outside of the building in order to take advantage of any natural breeze. Temporary shade canopies were constructed to avoid the scorching sun, and they were called "brush arbors." Many a summer revival series were preached and sung underneath brush arbors. They were probably successful because the weather reminded everyone that they did not want to spend eternity in hell, and then a glass of sweet tea or cold lemonade provided a glimpse of heaven.

There was one advantage to preachers during those sweltering hot services. Most of the churches had cardboard fans in the pew racks right next to the hymnals (funeral homes and car dealerships frequently donated them with their advertising logos on them). As the sermon went on, the minister could tell if he was reaching the congregation and if the message was hitting home by how fast those paddle fans were flapping. A particularly rousing fire and brimstone sermon could send a stiff breeze right through the sanctuary!

We are called to be good stewards of God's creation, so let's do everything we can to keep our electrical usage to a minimum during this heat wave. Look out for friends, family, neighbors and pets. Drink lots of water and stay hydrated. Be grateful that with God's loving care this too shall pass. (And choose heaven for the climate.)

Blessings,

Don



## Presbyterian Women Summer Treat Tuesday, July 11 at 11 AM

Presbyterian Women has made reservations  
for a dutch-treat luncheon at

<https://www.the-mercantile.com/tea-room>

*The Rose Garden Tea Room*  
7200 Camp Bowie  
Fort Worth, Texas 76116

Space for 25 people has been reserved for Presbyterian Women. If you would like to attend PW's Summer Treat Luncheon, please R.S.V.P. to your Circle chair by July 9, 2023.

Circle 1: Patricia Klint, Carol Lindsay or Linda Puckett

Circle 3: Delight Atkinson or Susan Bennett



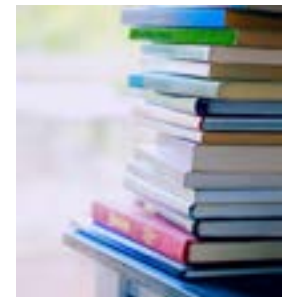
### Attention Book Lovers!

We are looking for a few people who would be interested in playing with books! The church library could use some attention. We need to make sure our books are in the correct categories (so they can be easily located). Here is what is needed:

- Help one or two days per month
- Put new and existing books in correct categories
- Making sure books checked out are put back in their proper places
- Spread the word that the library is still open and available. We need people to come in to use and enjoy the library!

If you are interested in helping with the library - or even just finding out more about what is needed - contact Debbie Bunch

### A Few Words about the Church Library



### Library Reminder

Please check your home library to see if you may have a book that was checked out from the church library. If you do, please return it and place it in the designated spot in the library or bring it by the church office during office hours.

### 2023 SESSION MEMBERS

Rick Bargas	Kathryn McClain
Gordon Couch (T)	Sharon Wilson
Mark Judice	Bob Craig
Barry Miller	Tammy McCurdy
Chris Sullivan (T)	James Werner (T)
Debbie Bunch (T)	Jim Wynne
Peggy Claus	Linda Wynne (T)
Teddy Claus (T)	

### 2023 TEAMS & LEADERS

Building & Grounds	Gordon Couch
Christian Education	Kathryn McClain
Finance	Rick Bargas
Membership	Debbie Bunch
Outreach & Mission	Peggy Claus
Personnel	James Werner & Linda Wynne
Worship	Chris Sullivan

## July Birthdays

07/02 Paul Brunn  
07/04 Susan Head  
07/04 Barbara Wheeler  
07/07 Patricia Rigney  
07/08 Stephen Cartrette  
07/14 Sarah Totten  
07/16 Barry Miller

07/18 Chuck Bosworth  
07/20 Fred Doelling  
07/22 Kim Judice  
07/23 Kirsten Adams  
07/24 Carol Lindsay  
07/25 Hazel Lyon  
07/26 Kyle Klovstad  
07/26 Kathryn McClain  
07/27 Sarah Russo  
07/29 Amy Leger  
07/31 Cody Parker



## August Birthdays

08/01 Joanne McClendon  
08/01 Lucas Lyon  
08/04 Adam Riedel  
08/05 Linda Tallman  
08/08 Red Lindsay  
08/08 Matthew Bailey  
08/09 Seleta Rizzo

08/09 Maya Chauhan  
08/09 Elizabeth Dyer  
08/10 Lisa Winn  
08/12 Tara Jones  
08/14 Robert Nance  
08/14 Dub Godby  
08/15 Margaret Auwaerter  
08/15 Sandra Sullivan  
08/15 Jamie Bittle  
08/16 Wesley Head  
08/17 Nathan Logsdon

08/18 Donna Christian  
08/18 Linda Moore  
08/20 Kara Beth Boyd Cocek  
08/20 Harold Sawyer  
08/24 Rip McClendon  
08/25 Lucile Wise  
08/26 Tyler Foster  
08/27 Vicki Timberlake  
08/28 Greg Foster  
08/29 Teddy Claus

## Fifth Sunday Lunch Sunday, July 30 (following Worship)

Personnel and Worship Teams will be sponsoring the 5th Sunday Lunch on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Hot dogs and brats will be provided.

Please bring a favorite side dish to share.

Questions? Contact any member of the Personnel or Worship Team.



## Treasurer's Corner June 2023

At the end of May, the church had \$164,765.43 in the primary checking account. Of this, \$74,750.29 is available in the general fund operating account. This represents 2.2 months of budgeted operating expenses.

May income was slightly below budget (97% of budgeted income). Pledges were 100% of budget; Open Plate was 73% of budget. Income for the month was \$31,344.03 and expenses were \$30,656.49, resulting in a net increase in the general fund of \$687.54.

The mortgage balance is \$61,701.22. Excluding any further additional principal payments, the mortgage should pay off in October of 2024.

You donated \$1,510 to Christian Community Assistance's Bus & Boots Father's Day program. As it always does, this congregation responded with tremendous generosity when presented with an outreach opportunity.

I am continuously touched, grateful, and humbled by the Christ-like spirit of our members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Bartlett






Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						9:30 AM Fort Worth Writers' Group
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
No CE 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Bells 4:30 PM AI Anon	No Team Leaders' Meeting	Independence Day (Staff Holiday) 7 PM O&M Meeting	7:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	6:30 PM AI Anon		9:30 AM Fort Worth Writers' Group
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
No CE 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Bells 4:30 PM AI Anon		11 AM PW Summer Treat	7:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	9 AM Project Linus 6:30 PM AI Anon		9:30 AM Fort Worth Writers' Group
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
No CE 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Bells 4:30 PM AI Anon	No Staff Meeting  No Session Meeting		7:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	6:30 PM AI Anon		9:30 AM Fort Worth Writers' Group  Mariners' Event
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
No CE 10:00 AM Worship 4:30 PM AI Anon			7:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	6:30 PM AI Anon		9:30 AM Fort Worth Writers' Group 11 AM Judy Brunn Celebration of Life
30	31					
No CE 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM 5th Sunday Lunch 4:30 PM AI Anon						

**Presbyterian Women:**

*Looking Ahead . . . . .*



**Tuesday, July 11**  
PW Summer Treat  
11 AM  
Rose Garden Tea Room

**Tuesday, August 8**  
Tuesday Together  
10 AM  
Room 114

**Tuesday, August 22**  
PW Bible Study Overview  
10 AM  
First Presbyterian Church

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**Wednesday, August 23 is the deadline for the September issue of the newsletter & calendar**

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# August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		10 AM PW Coordinating Team	7:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	6 PM AI Anon 7 PM Choir Rehearsal		9:30 AM Fort Worth Writers' Group
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00 AM CE 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM CE 11:30 AM Bells 4:30 PM AI Anon	6:15 PM Team Leaders 7:15 PM Membership 7:15 PM CE	10 AM PW Tuesday Together 7 PM O & M	7:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	6 PM AI Anon		9:30 AM Fort Worth Writers' Group
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## Mariners' Events for July & August

### July Mariner's Event:

For those of you who grew up in Fort Worth and other long term residents, the July Mariner's Event will bring back some memories from the past.

On **Saturday, July 22nd** we will visit the **Leonard's Department Store Museum** downtown on Carroll Street. We will gather for lunch at the **M & O Station Grill**, adjacent to the museum, and then visit the museum.

More information and details will follow in upcoming issues of the e-News.



### August Mariner's Event:

On **Sunday, August 20**, the Mariners will gather at **5:30 PM** for a Dutch-Treat Meet-n-Eat at **Mexican Inn** on Hulen St. **Please R.S.V.P.** to Daisianne and Stephen Younger **by Friday, August 18** so reservations can be made.

# BECOME A MENTOR

## Kids Hope USA one-on-one mentoring

### OUR LOCAL SCHOOL WANTS US

All children need healthy, consistent relationships with adults who are committed to helping them grow, develop, and thrive. Our local public elementary school has asked us to come alongside parents, teachers, and others to invest in their students through one-on-one mentoring relationships. To love them, as Christ loves us.

*Will you serve our neighborhood school by mentoring a student?*

### KIDS HOPE USA WILL EQUIP US

Kids Hope USA is a national organization that equips partner churches like ours to send volunteer mentors into the local school. There, each mentor is matched with one student and commits to being another consistent, supportive, encouraging adult in their life.

**Just as God shows up in the person of Jesus and loves us unconditionally, mentoring a student one-on-one allows us to share unconditional love with a child in need of support.**

### HOW IT WORKS

As a Kids Hope USA trained mentor, you'll spend one hour each week during the school day with a student—playing games, coloring, reading books, and talking. Don't worry! While you may complete some basic academic work, the focus of this time together is on building a meaningful relationship. You'll receive training and be matched with a behind-the-scenes prayer partner who will pray for you and your student.

### GET INVOLVED

**We are committed to serving the students, staff, and families at our partner school. Together, we can make a difference.**

Visit [kidshopeusa.org/volunteer](http://kidshopeusa.org/volunteer) or contact our church's Kids Hope USA program director for more information and sign up to be a mentor today!



one student  
one mentor  
one hour

[kidshopeusa.org/volunteer](http://kidshopeusa.org/volunteer)





## Enrollment for Fall 2023

### Openings available as of July 1st

- Toddlers (18-23 months) - 4
- Twos - 2 on Monday/Wednesday
- Threes - 4
- Fours - 2 on Monday/Wednesday

Please contact the Director for the most current information on available openings. Email [debra.bell@earlylearningplace.com](mailto:debra.bell@earlylearningplace.com).

### Reminders for Preschool

- Be on time, morning & afternoon (late fees apply after 2:00 PM)
- Label all belongings
- Avoid pro-longed good-byes
- Being late in the morning means that your child misses easing into the classroom routine in the morning and sets the tone for the day
- Picking up late often causes anxiety in a child who remains behind after everyone else has gone home
- The tone you set in the morning about preschool is reflected in your child's attitude all day - **your enthusiasm is contagious!**

## Current Registration

All admission/registration forms must be complete and immunizations current for your child to attend preschool! Please remember we need a statement saying your child has been seen by a physician yearly. All children four years of age must have a vision and hearing screening.

## Meet the Teacher

Meet the teacher is on Thursday, August 31 as follows:

- Tots & Twos - 9:30-10 AM
- Threes & Fours - 10-10:30 AM

Please give your child an opportunity to meet his/her teacher before our first day of preschool on Tuesday, September 5th.

## Early Learning Place

Tuition is due on the 1st of each month by 2 PM. Late charges are applied after 2 PM on the 3rd of the month (\$25.00). A drop box is available in the church parking lot in front of the church garage for your convenience.

Checks are made out to the Early Learning Place or ELP.

Thank you for your prompt payments!

## Early Learning Place



Preschool Curriculum September-May Monday-Thursday 9-2pm

**817-292-1155**

**Now Enrolling**

[www.wpcf.org/earlylearningplacepreschool](http://www.wpcf.org/earlylearningplacepreschool)

## July / August 2023

## Serving the Church

### Sunday, July 2, 2023

**Sermon:** Hymn Fest  
**Scriptures:** Matthew 10:40-42  
Psalm 13  
**Liturgist:** Carol Edley  
**Usher Team:** Lincoln Chin, Mickey Rigney, Rosie Vela  
**Greeters:** Debbie Bunch & Eva Riggs  
**Counters:** Barbara Wheeler & James Werner  
**Elder on Call:** Tammy McCurdy

**Usher Team:** Gordon Couch, Susan Bennett,  
Tammy McCurdy  
**Greeters:** Peggy & Teddy Claus  
**Counters:** Kirsten Adams & Shar Werner  
**Elder on Call:** Linda Wynne

### Sunday, July 9, 2023

**Sermon:** "The Devil Made Me Do It?"  
**Scriptures:** Matthew 11:16-30  
Romans 7:15-25a  
**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg  
**Liturgist:** Jimmy Cartrette  
**Usher Team:** Eva Riggs, Jim Wynne, Linda Wynne  
**Greeters:** Jim & Linda Wynne  
**Counters:** Linda Wynne & Mickey Rigney  
**Elder on Call:** James Werner

**Sermon:** "Waiting with Patience"  
**Scriptures:** Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43  
Romans 8:18-25  
**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg  
**Liturgist:** Susan Bennett  
**Usher Team:** Chris Sullivan, Jimmy Cartrette,  
Sandra Sullivan, Shar Werner  
Gordon & Linda Couch  
**Greeters:** James Werner & Rosie Vela  
**Counters:** James Werner & Rosie Vela  
**Elder on Call:** Jim Wynne

### Sunday, July 16, 2023

**Sermon:** Despising Your Birthright  
**Scriptures:** Romans 8:1-11  
Genesis 25:19-34  
**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg  
**Liturgist:** Peggy Claus

**Sermon:** "The Kingdom of Heaven Is..."  
**Scriptures:** Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:44-52  
**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg  
**Liturgist:** Barry Miller  
**Usher Team:** Eva Riggs, Lincoln Chin, Mickey Rigney  
**Greeters:** Ann & Herman Wardlaw  
**Counters:** Barbara Wheeler & Mickey Rigney  
**Elder on Call:** Debbie Bunch

**July 16 Communion Servers:** Gordon Couch, Kathryn McClain, Chris Sullivan, Jim Wynne & Linda Wynne

**August "Serving the Church" information will be provided in upcoming issues of the e-News.**

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Main: (817) 292-1155  
10:00 am Worship Service  
9:00 & 11:15 AM Christian Education

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