



CENTRAL HAPPENINGS

JANUARY, 2012

Deadline for February Issue is January 22



DAILY DEVOTION, DAILY DISCIPLINE

A MESSAGE FROM REV. CHARLES PACKARD

The New Year is a time when many of us resolve to do something that for the most part is usually a drudgery; something we know we ought to do, but often don't. Although he was speaking of his sinful nature, our annual resolutions remind me of St. Paul's words to the Romans, "I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate." (Romans 7:15).

*All too often we do not do what we want and do the very things we hate. Most of us begin a New Year with spiritual resolve to have quality time each day with the Almighty only to see the best of our intentions wane by Epiphany (January 6). Sometimes we fervently begin to read the Bible, cover to cover in one year, only to have gotten way behind by the time Lent begins (February 22). If you are like me, we are all like Paul, **hating what you have left undone. Believe me, I've made and continue to make countless spiritual resolutions only to watch them fall by the wayside.***

*It's not as if there isn't help as the one thing that is not lacking is the wealth of resources for devotions. My favorite devotional is Oswald Chambers' "My Utmost For His Highest". It's a classic and I've probably used it as an annual devo book three or four times. I like the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and read them frequently. I also like Dallas Willard and Richard Foster. I'm not too much for a daily encounter with C.S. Lewis, although I occasionally read his works. I also often read the Daily Lectionary that we print each month. I was surprised when we left it out of one issue of HAPPENINGS that people actually missed it! That was music to my ears and you'll note that the January readings are on page 3. Lastly, the church receives gifts of devotional books and there are some for these winter months in the Narthex. And finally, there will be a new gathering meeting each Wednesday night which focuses on daily devotions. You can read about it on the back page. I plan to begin the New Year with these devotions. The name of the book is *Disciplines*, and is published by Upper Room Ministries. I **feel the book's title is most appropriate. After all, daily devotion takes daily discipline!***

I hope each of you and your families are showered with God's blessing this New Year!

Charles

JANUARY HAPPENINGS

JANUARY 4 - PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY - JANUARY 4

Pastor Charlie resumes his mid-week Bible study at 10:30am in the Parlor.

JANUARY 4 - KAIROS: JOURNEYING IN TIME WITH JESUS

A new gathering meets in the Parlor to discuss the week's devotional readings from *Disciplines, Daily Devotions for 2012*. Meet at 6:30pm for fellowship; the group discussion begins at 7pm and will last one hour.

JANUARY 7 - ELDER RETREAT AND STATED SESSION MEETING - 9-1:30PM IN PARLOR AND GARDEN ROOM

JANUARY 8 - WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION - Please bring canned or dry black-eyed peas for Caritas.

JANUARY 17 - GREATER WACO INTERFAITH CONFERENCE - "BREAKING BREAD, SHARING FAITH"

Gather in the Activities Center at 7pm as Central hosts the GWIC dialogue of faith. This informal gathering focuses on building relationships and harmony among various faiths. For more information, please contact Pastor Charlie who will begin his term as president of the board of directors.

JANUARY 27-29 - GRACE PRESBYTERY SENIOR HIGH YOUTH CONFERENCE (SHYC)

Contact Andrew Bryngelson immediately if not registered.

JANUARY 29 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

The 2011 Annual Report and new congregational directory will be distributed along with the February issue of *HAPPENINGS*.

JANUARY 29 - FIFTH SUNDAY - MISSION SUNDAY

The focus for the Christian Education hour will be on mission. This will be an intergenerational gathering in the Garden Room. There will be pastries, milk, juice and coffee served. The children of the church will also be collecting *Change for Change* during worship.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING - JANUARY 29

The gathering of *Faith, Food, and Fellowship* will resume at 6pm in the Pastor's Outer Office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Souper Bowl of Caring - Sunday, February 5
- Grace Presbytery Annual Reading of Session Minutes - February 12
- Annual Ash Wednesday Fish Fry - 5-6:30pm - February 22.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

UNAUDITED AS OF DECEMBER 30, 2011

YTD Budgeted Receipts - \$ 275,071

YTD Actual Receipts - \$ 283,412

YTD Difference - \$8,341

Difference: 3.03 Greater than Budgeted

YTD Budgeted Expenses - \$ 281,834

YTD Actual Expenses - \$ 278,014

YTD Difference - \$ 3820

Difference - 1.35 % Less than Budgeted

YTD surplus - \$ 5,398

1.91% of Annual Budget

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

This space is devoted each month to recognize birthdays so that members can reach out to one another. If your birthday is missing or incorrect, we are truly sorry. Please contact the church office to update your records or go to MyCPC, the secured members only portal in our website: cpcwaco.org.

2 Allison Davenport
18 Nancy Cagle
20 Margaret Pauling
22 Jeanette Bloemer
28 Rita Smotherman

JANUARY READINGS

Sunday January 1 <i>First Sunday After Christmas</i> Morning Ps. 98, 150 Evening Ps. 99, 8 1 Sam. 1:1–2, 7b–28 Col. 1:9–20 Luke 2:22–40	Sunday January 8 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> Morning Ps. 104, 150 Evening Ps. 29 Gen. 1:1–2:3 Eph. 1:3–14 John 1:29–34	Monday January 16 Morning Ps. 135, 145 Evening Ps. 97, 112 Gen. 8:6–22 Heb. 4:14–5:6 John 2:23–3:15	Tuesday January 24 Morning Ps. 54, 146 Evening Ps. 28, 99 Gen. 15:1–11, 17–21 Heb. 9:1–14 John 5:1–18
Monday January 2 Morning Ps. 48, 145 Evening Ps. 9, 29 1 Kings 19:1–8 Eph. 4:1–16 John 6:1–14	Monday January 9 Morning Ps. 5, 145 Evening Ps. 82, 29 Gen. 2:4–9 (10–15) 16–25 Heb. 1:1–14 John 1:1–18	Tuesday January 17 Morning Ps. 123, 146 Evening Ps. 30, 86 Gen. 9:1–17 Heb. 5:7–14 John 3:16–21	Wednesday January 25 Morning Ps. 65, 147:1–11 Evening Ps. 125, 91 Gen. 16:1–14 Heb. 9:15–28 John 5:19–29
Tuesday January 3 Morning Ps. 111, 146 Evening Ps. 107, 15 1 Kings 19:9–18 Eph. 4:17–32 John 6:15–27	Tuesday January 10 Morning Ps. 42, 146 Evening Ps. 102, 133 Gen. 3:1–24 Heb. 2:1–10 John 1:19–28	Wednesday January 18 <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</i> Morning Ps. 15, 147:1–11 Evening Ps. 48, 4 Gen. 9:18–29 Heb. 6:1–12 John 3:22–36	Thursday January 26 Morning Ps. 143, 147:12–20 Evening Ps. 81, 116 Gen. 16:15–17:14 Heb. 10:1–10 John 5:30–47
Wednesday January 4 Morning Ps. 20, 147:1–11 Evening Ps. 93, 97 Josh. 3:14–4:7 Eph. 5:1–20 John 9:1–12, 35–38	Wednesday January 11 Morning Ps. 89:1–18, 147:1–11 Evening Ps. 1, 33 Gen. 4:1–16 Heb. 2:11–18 John 1:(29–34) 35–42	Thursday January 19 Morning Ps. 36, 147:12–20 Evening Ps. 80, 27 Gen. 11:1–9 Heb. 6:13–20 John 4:1–15	Friday January 27 Morning Ps. 88, 148 Evening Ps. 6, 20 Gen. 17:15–27 Heb. 10:11–25 John 6:1–15
Thursday January 5 Morning Ps. 99, 147:12–20 Evening Ps. 96, 110 Jonah 2:2–9 Eph. 6:10–20 John 11:17–27, 38–44	Thursday January 12 Morning Ps. 97, 147:12–20 Evening Ps. 16, 62 Gen. 4:17–26 Heb. 3:1–11 John 1:43–51	Friday January 20 Morning Ps. 130, 148 Evening Ps. 32, 139 Gen. 11:27–12:8 Heb. 7:1–17 John 4:16–26	Saturday January 28 Morning Ps. 122, 149 Evening Ps. 100, 63 Gen. 18:1–16 Heb. 10:26–39 John 6:16–27
Friday January 6 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> Morning Ps. 72, Ps. 148 Evening Ps. 100, 67 Isa. 49:1–7 Rev. 21:22–27 Matt. 12:14–21	Friday January 13 Morning Ps. 51, 148 Evening Ps. 142, 65 Gen. 6:1–8 Heb. 3:12–19 John 2:1–12	Saturday January 21 Morning Ps. 56, 149 Evening Ps. 118, 111 Gen. 12:9–13:1 Heb. 7:18–28 John 4:27–42	Sunday January 29 <i>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</i> Morning Ps. 108, 150 Evening Ps. 66, 23 Gen. 18:16–33 Gal. 5:13–25 Mark 8:22–30
Saturday January 7 Morning Ps. 46 or 97, 149 Evening Ps. 27, 93, or 114 Deut. 8:1–3 Col. 1:1–14 John 6:30–33, 48–51	Saturday January 14 Morning Ps. 104, 149 Evening Ps. 138, 98 Gen. 6:9–22 Heb. 4:1–13 John 2:13–22	Sunday January 22 <i>Third Sunday after Epiphany</i> Morning Ps. 67, 150 Evening Ps. 46, 93 Gen. 13:2–18 Gal. 2:1–10 Mark 7:31–37	Monday January 30 Morning Ps. 62, 145 Evening Ps. 73, 9 Gen. 19:1–17 (18–23) 24–29 Heb. 11:1–12 John 6:27–40
	Sunday January 15 <i>Second Sunday after Epiphany</i> Morning Ps. 19, 150 Evening Ps. 81, 113 Gen. 7:1–10, 17–23 Eph. 4:1–16 Mark 3:7–19	Monday January 23 Morning Ps. 57, 145 Evening Ps. 85, 47 Gen. 14:(1–7) 8–24 Heb. 8:1–13 John 4:43–54	Tuesday January 31 Morning Ps. 12, 146 Evening Ps. 36, 7 Gen. 21:1–21 Heb. 11:13–22 John 6:41–51

2012 - Publication and Mailing Schedule of HAPPENINGS and CONNECTIONS

The following reflects the schedule and distribution methodology for our monthly HAPPENINGS Newsletter and periodic magazine, CONNECTIONS. If you are unable to pick up a non-mailed issue(s), please contact the office and one will be delivered or sent by mail. All newsletters and magazines will be posted on cpcwaco.org.

HAPPENINGS

JANUARY *Mailed on or about December 30.*
FEBRUARY *Distributed at Annual Congregational Meeting - January 29*
MARCH *Distributed at worship - February 26*
APRIL *Mailed on or about March 29*
MAY *Distributed at worship - April 29*
JUNE/JUL/AUG* *Mailed on or about May 30.*
SEPTEMBER *Distributed on Kickoff Sunday - August 26*
OCTOBER *Distributed on Mission Sunday - Sept. 30*
NOVEMBER *Mailed on or about October 30.*
DECEMBER *Mailed on or about November 28*

* CURRENTLY ONLY ONE ISSUE IS PLANNED FOR SUMMER

CONNECTIONS

NEW YEAR *Mailed with January HAPPENINGS*
LENT *Distributed at Ash Wednesday worship*
EASTER *Distributed during Easter worship*
SUMMER *Mailed with June/July/August HAPPENINGS*
FALL *Distributed on Kickoff Sunday - August 26*
ADVENT *Mailed with December HAPPENINGS*

MID-WEEK UPDATES

Mid-week email updates are normally sent on Thursday.

WEEKLY BULLETINS

Each week's bulletin will be posted on cpcwaco.org for two weeks and may be received by mail if requested.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2012 - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP



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