



CENTRAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



Where Christ is Central to All We Do

Serving the Waco Area Since 1869

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## THE EXCITEMENT OF FALL

*Even though it's September, when 90 degree days are still prevalent, the promise of cooler weather awaits us. For many of us Fall is our favorite time of the year as cool, crisp, days provide a canvass for God's incredible paintbrush. The start of school brings new challenges for students and each September brings a hope for every football team for an undefeated year and conference championship. Even though falling leaves begin to mark nature's coming dormancy, September seems to bring about a return to normalcy; an invigorating newness and fresh start.*

*The church marks its time in a liturgical calendar which actually begins with Advent, but in the life of the church we tend to follow the rhythm of the school year. New Sunday School classes, a return to more formal worship, plus increased activity give evidence to this. The insert in this newsletter illustrates such activities. I hope you will find a class, activity or ministry that you are being called to. Additionally, this newsletter provides additional information about a number of special activities which Central is hosting and participating.*

*It's impressive to see such a listing for a church our size as we are truly blessed with resources. However, a church doesn't thrive with such a "laundry list"; it flourishes when members - all members and not just a few - "do the wash". Over the past year I've been concerned that we provide meaningful education activities, fun fellowship events, and a variety of ministerial opportunities for the entire congregation. Often institutions open a new year with the sameness of the previous year, thus jeopardizing enthusiasm and participation. Our calendar this year tries to blend some of our traditional activities with new activities. Your candid input and involvement is not only welcomed, but expected.*

*Blessings,  
Pastor Charlie*

*On Saturday, September 25*

## Central to Host ACT, Too

On Saturday, September 25, Central will be host to **Grace Presbytery's ACT, Too**. The conference, which begins with registration at 8:45am and concludes in the early afternoon, is the first of the new regional conclaves for the presbytery. Central is joined by El Calvario Presbyterian Church who is providing a delicious Mexican lunch and First Presbyterian Waco who is providing morning and afternoon snacks.

ACT, Too will have a number of workshops, classes, lectures, and displays. A worship service with Communion is also part of the agenda. Both Tan Tiani and Karen Groman have been deeply involved in the planning over the past months. For additional information or to see how you can help in hosting our guests, please contact Tan or Karen. Curriculum details are posted on our website: [cpcwaco.org](http://cpcwaco.org).

## HAPPENINGS AT CENTRAL

### Every Sunday at Central

Sunday School - 9:30 am  
Worship Service - 10:45 am

### Every Tuesday and Thursday

Stride Central - 9:00 am, Health Shapers - 10:00 am

### Every Wednesday Night At Central

5:30 pm Adult Choir  
6:15 pm Jr. and Sr. High Small Groups  
6:30 pm Adult Handbells  
**6:30 pm Children's Music**  
6:30 pm Space for God  
6:45 pm Women Sharing Group  
**6:45 pm Men's Fellowship and Bible Study**  
7:00 pm Bible Buddies - K-2nd grade; 3-5th grade

### September Dates to Remember

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Communion Sunday Caritas Donation
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Grace Presbytery Meeting - Tyler
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mission Crafters - 10:00AM
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Habitat for Humanity - 8AM
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Potluck Brunch A-O: Main Dish; P-Z: Side or Dessert
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Session Meeting
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Third Tuesday Group
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Homemade Pizza Fest - 5:6:45PM
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	ACT, Too! - Activities Center
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mission Crafters - 7:00PM
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Presbyterian Women

### Mark your Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 5	World Communion Sunday Caritas Donation
Sunday, Oct. 17	<b>Children's Sabbath</b>
Sunday, Oct, 31	Central Celebration Fall Festival
Saturday, Nov 6	Clear Out the Clutter & Work Day
Sunday, Nov. 7	Saints of Central Scroll Dedication
Sunday, Nov. 14	Consecration Sunday Appreciation Luncheon
Wed., Nov. 17	Fall Fish Fry
Wed., Dec. 1	Advent Festival
Sunday, Dec. 5	Advent Groups
Sunday, Dec. 12	Advent Groups
Sunday, Dec. 19	Youth Bake Sale Homebound Caroling Songfest Chili Cook Off
Friday, Dec. 24	Candlelight Service

## MUSICAL NOTES

by David Fleuriet - *Director of Music Ministries*  
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**We begin September with Clifford McCormick's *If God Be For Us*.** This very lively anthem with the text from the Book of Romans tells us, "If God be for us who can be against us."

Our September 12th anthem is *Lord, Here Am I* by John Ness Beck. While the music was written by Beck, he uses a text written by Fannie Crosby (1820-1915) who was one of the most prolific writers of Christian hymns. Crosby's text tells us that when Christ calls us to service, our only response should be, "Only direct me, and I'll find the way. Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Many will recognize the title and words to the anthem for September 19th. *Beautiful Saviour* traces its words back to the Field's Hymn Book, 1695. However, Carl F. Mueller uses a different melody from 1677 to give this anthem a different presentation. Arranged in 1946, this octavo is quite lovely.

**We end the month of September with John Carter's *Shall We Gather at the River?*** Carter combines the title song with the traditional spiritual *Deep River*. **Anna Helm, our new children's music director, joins as the soprano soloist.** This anthem has special meaning for me as it was sung at my mother's funeral six years ago.

*Keep A Song In Your Heart!*  
David Fleuriet  
Director of Music Ministries

## ATTENTION ALL PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Calling all ladies to the church parlor on Tuesday, September 28 at 10:30am. The new year opens with an in-depth study on the Book of Revelation entitled, *Revelation: Awaiting the Bridge Groom*. Pastor Charlie will lead the first session. Study guides can be obtained from Rita Smotherman.

A potluck luncheon follows the meeting; sandwiches will be provided. All women of the church are invited enjoy the fellowship and discover opportunities of service to the church and the community.

## SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS

September 1 Morning: Psalm 96; 147:1-11 Job 12:1; 14:1-22 Acts 12:18-25 John 8:47-59 Evening: Psalm 132; 134	September 11 Morning: Psalm 104; 149 Job 38:1-17 Acts 15:22-35 John 11:45-54 Evening: Psalm 138; 98	September 21 Morning: Psalm 54; 146 Esther 5:1-14 Acts 18:12-28 Luke 3:15-22 Evening: Psalm 28; 99
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CENTRAL BUILDS COMMUNITY BY:

- WELCOMING DIVERSITY WITHIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY,
- TEACHING THE GOSPEL'S UNFOLDING STORY,
- NURTURING SPIRITUAL GROWTH,
- SHARING JOYOUS WORSHIP, AND
- FOSTERING AN ETHIC OF SERVICE.

*ALL IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL TO LOVE!*

*Plan to attend the Homemade PizzaFest  
Wednesday, September 22*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

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### THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School 2010. There is a lot of time and effort that goes into making an event like this happen. Under the direction of Meg Bierwirth, (seven-years in a row as BBS Director), there were over 25 adults and youth volunteers for the week.

The dedication and hard work really paid off as we **had more than 45 children learn about God's incredible love**. So many children expressed how they had a great time and always looked forward to coming each day!

Perhaps the highlight of High Seas Expedition was the raising of over \$500 which was donated to Mission **Waco's Project for Haiti**.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank the entire congregation for their support in donating supplies and helping to promote this event by telling friends and neighbors. And most important, thank you for praying for all who were involved.

## 2010 YOUTH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- 9/11 Building on Faith Kick-off (Sr. High Only)  
Habitat for Humanity  
9:30am Carpool at CPC
- 9/18 Youth Fun Night
- 9/22 Host WNL Dinner-Walt Pizza

### OCTOBER

- 10/2 Youth Fun Night
- 10/10 CROP WALK at Bledsoe-Miller Recreation Park at 2:30pm
- 10/16 Relay for Life at Baylor Hart-Patterson Track at 5pm
- 10/27 Host WNL Dinner-Chicken Spaghetti

### NOVEMBER

- 11/6 Clear the Clutter Work Day
- 11/13 Operation Christmas Child Party
- 11/17 Host WNL Dinner-Fish Fry

### DECEMBER

- 12/1 Advent Festival at 6:00pm
- 12/17 Belton Christmas light Tour
- 12/19 Christmas Cookies Sale (after worship)
- 12/19 Caroling to Homebound