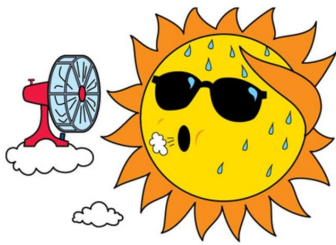


August 09, 2022



A Word from Rev. Alice Hupp

So much is happening!

We had an amazing service last Sunday with the youth participating with the choir in their anthem...and it was fantastic! We had an incredible salad luncheon after church, enjoying such a variety of dishes ..and had homemade ice cream and watermelon to boot...and, or course, enjoyed such wonderful fellowship!



Things are happening!

We have an opening date for our **Success On The Spectrum PPCC** clinic! **November 1st** is the big day!! We have secured two wonderful staff people to help nurture our young clients and their families. Read more about it on page 2...and help me welcome *Julee Deeb* and *Amanda Williams*!

Play For All, Inclusive Playground is one of three entities in the running for the Impact 100 grant for \$114,000! If PFA is chosen for this grant Phase II can begin breaking ground next month! Won't that be fantastic?!

We have set Sunday, **August 21st** as the *Day of Prayer* for the Playground. Right after worship we will march over to the space where Phase II will be constructed and offer up prayers that we may be chosen. We are so grateful to see all the children who come and play on the playground every day and can't wait to expand it even more to allow for even more joy for our area kids.

Speaking of Kids...the church will be hosting the **Marvelous Monday Co-Op Homeschool!** Beginning **September 12th**, each Monday morning, from 9:30-12:00pm through November. Around 50 families & kids will be served. We are excited to have young children using our facility for their education.

We have been approached by the **Red Cross** to co-op with them to help provide assistance in *Blood Drives* and *Disaster Relief Help!* We are more than excited to see how we can grow this partnership! I would like to see Park Place begin a ministry called the **Chain Gang**. This is a group of people who are willing to be called up for disaster help or help people in the community trim trees or remove trees from storms. Park Place would have maybe 5 chain saws to help assist in our community. Want to be a part? Training will be provided and a must before serving!

We are on the move and so delighted to service Christ in these varied ways!

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Church Office Hours:
Monday & Tuesday 9-12
Friday 12-4

Submit newsletter articles to the church office by Friday.

Park Place News

Ministry Opportunities



Upcoming Schedule:
We are **DELIVERING** again on Fridays!! Please see schedule on page 7.

INTERFAITH'S Needs for August:



*Jelly
Cereal
Spaghetti Sauce*

Download our App Today!

We recently got the Church Center App and *highly* encourage you to download it or use a PC to sign in and check it out. In the app is our calendar, complete with links to virtual meetings, and a virtual directory.

You can download the Church Center app in your app store and connect to Park Place or visit <https://parkplaceccwf.churchcenter.com/home> to connect on a desktop or laptop.

Hotter N Hell is Coming!!

Can you believe we are just **3 weeks** away from Hotter N Hell Bike Race?

As in previous years we will be hosting a stop at mile 50! In order to set up our booth/stop, we will need to acquire 3000 cookies and or crackers...so far we have 1250 crackers...so **bring on the cookies!!**

That may sound like a lot, but with everyone's help we can do it!!

Beginning Monday, August 15 through August 20th we are opening our kitchen with 2 ovens to anyone who would like to come and bake your cookies.

Call the church office to claim your bake time. We are giving each person a 2 hour limit unless no one else has schedule for that day in the week.

On Saturday, August 20 we will have a Bake Day...so if you'd like to bake with your other church friends, bring your dough and let's fellowship together.

Once baked you can place them in the freezer.



Last day to get cookies/crackers in is August 25th.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, August 14 12:00pm

To revise the By-Laws of the church.

We are sad to hear the news that another charter member of the church, who has spent years in the nursing home, has passed.

Please pray for the family of **Sue Nunn**. There will be a family gathering of celebration at River Bend Nature Center August 18th from 5:00pm-7:00pm.



Our new entity: Success On The Spectrum PPCC, Inc has been established. We had to dissolve the Success On The Spectrum Park Place, LLC because it was not formed correctly. We are now a corporation. We have hired a BCBA (Behavioral Therapist) **Julee Deeb** and Office Manager, **Amanda Williams**, who will begin in October.

We will officially open **November 1st** with a ribbon cutting and the works.

We are now working on getting Julee certified with various insurance companies so we can bill for services....calling for the loan from Church Extension, getting the center furnished and will begin advertising this next month. We are now taking reservations for a spot on the center through word of mouth and have a potential lead on some clients!

One Minute Tech



Many Texans received notice from their phone or internet service provider this past week telling them that the Texas Universal Service Fund assessment (TUSF) will increase from 3.3% to 24% beginning on August 1st, 2022. On a typical \$160 bill that will be an additional \$38.40 depending on whether the service provider chooses to share a portion of the expense or pass the entire rate hike to its customers.

The Texas Universal Service Fund assessment provides telecommunications companies with a subsidy that helps to provide over 4 million rural Texans with 911 telephone access, especially in areas where there may only be one subscriber in a remote area.

In 2021, (during the Covid pandemic) the Texas Public Utilities Commission rejected a motion to increase the fee from 3.3% to 6.4% to compensate for reduced tax collections. Their focus was to provide essential “Lifeline” services rather than continue to subsidize rural telecommunications providers.

In November 2021, the Texas Telephone Association sued the state for \$8 million in lost subsidy funds and a trial court ordered the Texas Public Utilities Commission to pay the Texas Telephone Association, in full, beginning in December 2021. This was immediately appealed and in July 2022, the Texas Third Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the Texas Telephone Association. The funds currently owed to rural telecommunications providers is at a \$200 million deficit and is increasing \$10M to \$11M per month. Temporarily increasing the Texas Universal Service Fund assessment to 24% allows for funding of current expenditures, amounts in arrears, and a sufficient reserve.

The good news is that this rate increase is expected to decrease substantially once the deficit is paid in full. Many Texans may not appreciate the added expense, but it is designed to provide essential services for all.

As always, if you have questions about any of your tech, I am always here to help!

+Mike+

Meals on Wheels Schedule:

August 12: *Rev. Hupp* **August 19:** *Hamman*
August 26 : *Mitchell* **September 2:** *Minniar*

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, August 9th

Newsletter

Wednesday, August 10th

7:00pm Chancel Choir

Friday, August 12th

10:15am Meals on Wheels

Sunday, August 14th

10:45am Worship (**In Person/YouTube**)

12:00 Congregation Meeting

Monday, August 15th

Bake Week for HNH Begins Thru 20th

Wednesday, August 17th

7:00pm Chancel Choir

Friday, August 19th

10:15am Meals on Wheels

Saturday, August 20th

Bake Day for Hotter N Hell

Sunday, August 21st

10:45am Worship (**In Person/YouTube**)

12:00pm Prayer Circle for Playground

12:30pm Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 23rd

Newsletter

'Round the Table



"Everyone around was in awe - all those wonders and signs done through the apostles! And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person's need was met. They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved." ~Acts 2:43-47, The Message

I read a lot about church revitalization movements. In every era of Christianity, there has been at least one saintly-sinner-soul advocating that we "get back to the primitive church" in order to be better followers of Jesus as a community. I've also read The Book of Acts a lot. There is something transformative going on throughout Luke's description of the early church. It is so transformative that we are still talking about it and trying to recapture it 2,000+ years later.

Since I joined this great church family in May, I have been slowly taking time to meet with and listen to each church member's story. Here is some of what I hear:

We all long for a time when things feel "normal". We want to feel God, experience God, see and hear God, in comforting ways. I don't hear this as nostalgia (although I will confess sometimes I am very nostalgic about the good old days) but, I do hear this as that longing in each of our souls for the true nourishment we need for our spiritual hunger. We hunger for Christ.

There are many different paths for the different personalities of those who follow Jesus. But there are some common things we do in community. We praise God in song. We listen to the sacred scriptures read. We lift up our concerns in prayer corporately. And, maybe my all time favorite: we fellowship in a way that involves a meal.

Starting on Sunday, September 11 we will be launching a new fellowship experience after worship called 'Round the Table. It will take place each week from 12noon-1:30pm. We will have a chef prepared meal (taking into account all food needs) and fellowship around tables. Then we will have an intergenerational conversation of Scripture around those same tables. The scripture will be based of the Lectionary resources for the week. There will be a take home handout for each person and each family to have simple daily follow up to our time together during the week. And of course we will sing and we will pray as we fellowship, eat, and study experientially. We will grow closer to each other as we grow closer to Christ.

Can you imagine the wonders and signs that will bring on the full-measure of awe as we commit ourselves to this sacred time together?

Will you join me 'Round the Table?

Peace and Grace Always,

~Charles

Youth Activities

⇒ **Tuesday August 9—Science Museum in Oklahoma City (box lunch provided)**

⇒ **TBA—Youth At The Movies Night**

Praying The Psalms - an on-line contemplative experience that is ecumenical, led by Rev. Charles W. Harrison (Disciples), Rev. Shawn Welling (Episcopalian), and Rev. Georgia Harrison (Methodist) that incorporates folks from the Pacific Northwest to Wichita Falls, Dallas, and Houston, and on to Florida. Anyone is welcome on any Wednesday 12noon-1pm. Each week we look at a psalm together from 12noon-1pm. We pray, we sing, and we have a conversation. To get the link contact Charles. Starts September 7, 2022.

Annual Disciples Men's Retreat -at Lake Brownwood on September 16-18, 2022

- for more information contact Randy Hamman

In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.
Psalm 5:3

Intercessory Prayer Requests

MEMBERS

Billie McInturff
Diana Rhoades
Gaye & Sonny Warren
Harvey Troutman
Linda Burks
Rusty Maley
Weldon Fraker
Wood Family

CONTINUAL PRAYER

Cancer patients
Members & Families of the
Armed Services
Teachers and Schools
Racial issues
War in Ukraine

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Alecia Valdez (Robert)
Alan Boughton (Robert)
Ann Cowart (Cindy)
Austin & Bethany Laughlin
(Stephanie & Mike)
Baby Ella Grace (Linda Bo)
Baby Holland Hallum
Bob & Rhonda Elliott (Susan E)
Bobby Gates (Linda Bu)
Bradford Family (Woods)
Charles Sanders (Cindy)
Christie Littlejohn (Sarah W)

Cindy Smith (JoAnn)
Claudia & Husband (Katie)
Cole & Tiffany Scott (Maggie)
Dakota (Sarah W)
Francis (Randy M)
Dean Nelson (Weldon)
Doug Mackey (Lisa A)
Elizabeth Stoneberger (Weldon)
Eric Peters Family (Susan H)
Eva and Don Smith (Maggie)
Evelyn Lowe (Maggie)
Gabriel, Whitney, (Tara)
Gage Lunsford (Maggie)
Gerry McAninch (Kathryn)
JD Compton (Kristi)
Jeff Gordon (Candy)
Jessica Contreras (Susan E)
Joe Bernal (Nathan)
John Paulsen (Susan M)
Jonathan Martz (Randy H)
Joyce Downs (Weldon)
Kevin Cimini (Robert)
Kevin & Stephanie Biggs (Chris J)
Koooper Harman (Linda Bu)
Lexie and Josh (Kelley P)
Linda Jimenez (Vicki)
Mabel Teddlie (Linda Bu)
Margaret Brown (Kathryn)
Mike King (Sarah W)
Milo Hensley & Family (Candy)
Milton Family (Susan H)

Monte Elliot (Susan E)
Pam Prather Foster (JoAnn)
Peggy Mue (Sandra M)
Randy Martin (Rev. Alice)
Ray Dickenson Linda)
Rene Haub (Sarah W)
Rev. Chuck Blaisdell (Rev. Alice)
Rev. Coretha Loughridge
(Rev. Alice)
Robert Cabe (Karel)
Sarah V. (Robert)
Sherry Bailey (Weldon)
Shon Funkhouser (Susan E)
Ted Beaver (Lisa)

Upcoming Worship

August 14, 2022

Scripture: Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Sermon: *Walk those Coals*
Preacher: Rev. Alice Hupp

August 21, 2022

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10
Sermon: *Get Off Your Buts*
Preacher: Rev. Alice Hupp

August 28, 2022

Scripture: Luke 14:1, 7-14
Sermon: *Radical Hospitality*
Preacher: Charles Harrison

Record of Faithfulness



March 22—May 22, 2022

General Received
\$9,896.54

Special Received

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|-----------------|------------|
| Royalties | \$8,960.14 |
| Playground | \$ 50.00 |
| Easter Offering | \$ 160.00 |
| Blanket Drive | \$ 70.00 |
| Youth | \$ 55.00 |

COME AND SEE WHAT GOD IS DOING IN THIS PLACE!



Park Place
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Disciples Of Christ

Our Mission - To Glorify God!

- By dedicating ourselves to God's will
- By proclaiming Christ's resurrection
- By loving one another
- By praying
- By sharing experiences in both word and deed
- By being faithful stewards of what God has given us.

Join us this Sunday:

**10:45 am Worship Service
(in-person and online!)**

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Opportunities to Serve

- ◆ Pray ~ see our prayer list and remember our playground project
- ◆ Invite ~ family, friends, neighbors to services and events
- ◆ Donate ~ underwear, packaged snacks for Jefferson Elementary School
- ◆ Donate ~ food for Interfaith Food Pantry
- ◆ Participate ~ Christian art class, Faith Formation classes
- ◆ Volunteer ~ help with congregational care or preparing meals Sunday nights
- ◆ Encourage ~ fellowship with other believers
- ◆ Remain faithful ~ in attendance & giving
- ◆ Give Online ~ to the playground, projects, tithes via the website / Giving



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