



The Joyful Noise

October 2019

Jackson Woods Presbyterian Church 10500 Stonewall Blvd Corpus Christi, 78410

Sunday School – Adults 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Nursery Provided

MISSION STATEMENT – Jackson Woods Presbyterian Church is an inviting Christ-centered fellowship. Bringing the message of God's grace to this community through love, service and spiritual growth.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

HOLDING ON & LETTING GO

Well, how is your practice of Christ-like-ness going? Wishing you had the ability to perform miracles at times, to further enable your Christ-like-ness in difficult situations? Join the club! Or perhaps better stated: Be renewed with your fellow disciples, and offer and receive some encouragement.

The title of this month's article can seem contradictory. But it's meant to evoke Jesus' teaching to hold on to the practice of our faith, while at the same time letting God handle the results of our life of discipleship. This can be doubly important to remember when sharing together in ministry, in our case as this local Body of Christ in Northwest Corpus Christi.

Recently during a Sunday AM sermon, I quoted from an article from Dr. Craig Barnes, who is the president of Princeton Seminary. He entitled his article "*The Post-Anxiety Church*." The title itself points us to the future, since we all know that we are not part of an anxiety-free church. But how wonderful would it be if we had a greater awareness of the deep Hope of salvation (for this world and the next) that we have been given!

We have this deep Hope in Jesus (the Now), and we have the promise of the post-anxiety church (the Not Yet). Dr. Barnes talks a lot about this yearning for what is to come in his very first book entitled *Yearning: Living Between How It is & How It Ought to Be*. That book was written a generation ago, and I think our yearning and our anxieties have (collectively) only increased since then.

Well, in the article that was written just a couple of years ago, Dr. Barnes writes:

Little good comes from getting fixated on the empty pews. The mainline Protestant church has to stop fretting about its future. The anxiety takes up the air and leaves the church too lethargic to offer anything to the world. The alternative response is for the church to do what it's always done at its best, what it did from the beginning: stop thinking about its future, and sacrifice itself to its mission.... We've always been our own worst enemy when we fail to live out of the gospel we proclaim.

Later, Dr. Barnes goes on to remind us that, as we read in *1 John 4*, that ... "the perfect love of God casts out fear."

Well, do we pray for a greater role in this Agape love, so that our fears may decrease? Are we making sacrifices of time, talent, and resources to proclaim the Kingdom of God? Or do we treat church like most of our projects and investments, where we give up on it if we do not receive more perceived benefit than effort??

We are supposed to be a people who have given up their lives to Christ, trusting that we receive a deep joy, and the gift of eternal life in return. But an anxious church can easily forget this.

Do we truly want to practice Christ-like-ness? Do we truly trust that our futures are in God's hands? Hope so! So, let us re-commit to living this way, and leave anxiety behind.

Yours along the journey,

Pastor Charles



BLESSING OF THE PETS Join us Sunday, October 27, 2:00 PM at the Brick Patio. Spread the word, bring your pets. We will have a short blessing ceremony for those who would like to have a special blessing shared with their pets. Please make sure your animals are on a leash.



Dedication of the twenty new bricks for the JWPC Brick Patio on September 15.

EYE GLASS DONATIONS

Ruth Einkauf, a long-time member of the Lion's Club has placed a box on the table to put your old and used eyeglasses in. These go to the Lion's Club where they process them to give to individuals in need.



MLFLC OCTOBER NEWS

Theme: Safety First

Fire Prevention Week

Monday, September 30

Show your spirit - wear red for fire prevention week.

Tuesday, October 1

Wear your super hero costume!

Wednesday October 2

Wacky Day!

Thursday October 3

Wear your PJ's to school

Friday October 4

Fire Department Presentation at 2:30 p.m. Dress up as firefighter.

FALL FESTIVAL

On Thursday, October 31 we will celebrate "Fall" with "Trick or Treating" around the gym 2:30 p.m.

We are a church run facility, no scary costumes, please. Parents are invited to join us! After "Trick or Treat" the children will return to their classrooms for a party.



Current Enrollment: 55

SPECIAL MUSIC ANYONE? We are looking for musical individuals to share their musical gift at Sunday worship. Call the office if you have an interest.



September Outreach

We would like to thank all of those who participated in the toiletry drive benefiting our local Salvation Army. We had a large number of toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc... Thanks again to all of those who donated.

October Outreach

Next Meeting is Oct 3



Trick or Treat

Shine with the Light of Jesus

On Oct 31 at 2:30 pm you are invited to help us hand out treats to the MLFLC children. Their costumes and smiles are a blessing to witness!

Thanksgiving Bags are around the corner and Outreach will be looking for families who may be in need of a bag. These bags come stocked with all the sides and dessert for Thanksgiving dinner. Outreach will provide a \$10 card to purchase a ham. Please contact Luke with any families who you think may benefit.

Sew N Social



We met September 7 and sewed on several projects. We have gone back to meeting just once a month – on the second Saturday of each month.

Our next meeting date will be October 12 at 9:30. We will be making baby blankets, bibs and burp cloths to donate. We have a new pattern for a burp cloth made with a cloth diaper. Hope you will join us.

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Newsletter – The Joyful Noise

If you have any pictures or articles for the newsletter, please submit them to Jean Brown by the 26th of the month. jbrown@calallen.org

JWPC Website www.jwpc.org

If you have any pictures or suggestions for the website, please contact the church office

JWPC Session

Clerk of Session Michael Hallgarth
Moderator of Session Charles Walden

Class of 2019

Andy Phillips
Marie Gray

Class of 2020

Barbara Albrecht
Warren Albrecht
Luke Hight

Class of 2021

Sandy Pinaire

These Days

Nurture your faith with a daily scripture reading, prayer and reflection. *These Days* quarterly devotional booklets are available in the Narthex.

Women's Morning Circle Bible Study, Tuesday, October 15, 10:00 AM.



Our Bible Study for 2019-2020 is Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments,

by Eugenia Gamble. We are **(still!)**

at Lesson #2, *Words of Love: Don't Trivialize My Name*. A question: What are some ways that God's name is sometimes trivialized or misused in worship? ALL women are invited!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING

THANKS! On September 14 we hosted 40 women from the Corpus Christi Cluster. What a delight!



We also gathered items for the Child Protection Services Rainbow and Raindrop Rooms.



Thank you to all who made this possible. We look forward to 2020 Fall Gathering in Rockport.

-Prayers, Concerns and Statements of Faith-

Pray for Becky Taylor, recovering from a collapsed lung

Our prayers are with Wendy Keach's aunt, Sylvia Lincecum, undergoing chemo/radiation treatments for stage 3 lung cancer.

Keep Michelle Contreras, a friend of Mary Ahrens in your prayers, recovering from open heart surgery

Keep Barbara and Warren's daughter, Brandie Nuckolls in your prayers. She has been diagnosed with stage 4 cervical cancer and is under treatment

Our prayers are with Debbie & Ted's nephew, Seth Smith, who had transplant surgery Sunday and is recovering at Mayo Clinic; and Rian Pope, Misty Sanderfer's brother – Cancer.

Pray for Dawn Flores, Vicki & Lee Brandon's daughter. Her cancer has returned and she is receiving treatment.

Keep Paul & Ellen Young's granddaughter Amanda Sargent in your prayers (health concerns)

Our prayers are with Dana Simpson, (return to kidney transplant list).

Please pray for our service people: SGT David Kanars, Army Drill Sargent Ft. Benning Georgia; Major Ivo Roaelina; CWO-4 Jessica & SFC Kyle Jasper, Ft Leonard Wood, MO.

Our prayers are with these members & friends: Travis Ahrens, Casey Keach, Dana Steinagle, Ruth Einkauf, Amy Walker Headley, Mickey Sikes, Suzi Baker; Raymond Tague, Marie Gray's son; Lucille Karagas, Mike's mother; Jim & Pam Immitt, Alex & Kiki's daughter & son-in-law; Bill Burwell's sister Cathy; Mark Frogge (Susann Whitmire); Jerane McKinstry & her great-nephew, Grant; Marie Carter's son-in-law Billy Moore, and Nancy Burnett (Burwell & Ahrens).

Keep these students attending school in your prayers: Travis Ahrens & Michelle Hargrove; Tootsie's granddaughter, Crosby Anderson; Chase Dickson, Ray Hallgarth, Hadleigh Hight and her boyfriend Connor Hethcoat; Nicholas Karagas (Kantralis), Casey Keach, Cori Steinagle (Dickson) and Rianna Turner (Carolyn Turner).

Pray for Coastal Bend Grace House

Pray for the Worship Committee

Pray for Sinton Presbyterian Church

Mission Presbytery meets
October 25 – 26, at First
Presbyterian Church in
Victoria.



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CUB SCOUT CAR WASH, September 14 - THANKS!

Our Cub Scouts were busy all morning long. We did not have a car count but they were still washing cars at 12:30 PM. Each Cub had the option of selling 6-\$10 car wash tickets to pay for their Pack annual dues or just paying the \$60. They ended up raising a total of \$1300! Thank you to all who participated.



Our Cub Scouts planted a new tree at the Hut. They also picked up trash around the church property. Thank you Cubs!



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☞ Faith – Promise 2020 ☜

Through faith in Jesus Christ and a belief that God has called the Church to mission in the world, I (we) make a Faith – Promise estimate toward the 2020 General Fund Budget of Jackson Woods Presbyterian Church. One card per giving unit and you do not need to sign your estimate.

\$ _____ Total per: **Week** **Month** **Year** (Circle One)

Bring this card with you to worship during our **Commitment Month of November 2019** to place in the offering plate or mail to Jackson Woods Presbyterian Church, 10500 Stonewall Blvd, Corpus Christi, TX 78410.

Thank you for helping with our 2020 budget.
“Where your treasure is there will be your heart also.”
Matthew 6: 21

Thank you!

Faith Promise Ministry at Jackson Woods Presbyterian Church supports: Mary Lois Fields Learning Center, Boy Scouting and the Scout Hut, youth and children, our pastor, secretary/bookkeeper, organist/pianist, custodian, power-point technician, building maintenance and updates, utilities, education resources, mission-outreach projects, worship supplies, fellowship supplies, Mission Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly.