



# The Joyful Noise

September 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

### THE ANCHOR HOLDS

As we approach the end of Mission Presbytery's special *Philippians' Project*, I am glad that we were chosen to be selected for this unique and special project. Three years ago, your JWPC Session heard a presentation of the plans and benefits of the proposed ministry, and after discussing the ins and outs, your Session voted unanimously to participate.

This special project has always been about ways in which we could better understand the multitude of cultural, societal, and institutional changes happening in our region and in our country, and especially how these apply to small church congregations like ours. We have heard from a range of speakers, who have a variety of expertise and experience in church (and other non-profit) organization arenas. We have been challenged to think about the various aspects of the new Reformation sweeping over Western Civilization, and how this impacts us, and what models or paradigms might specifically be helpful for us as we seek to be faithful to Christ in this time and in this place.

I have been very glad for the encouragement for new ideas, and ministry possibilities that have been proffered these last 2 1/2 years. This encouragement and these possibilities have given us new tools for our spiritual toolkits, and they have been invaluable in many ways to churches like ours.

One thread that has been woven throughout this Project has been the encouragement/admonition to focus primarily on faithfulness to Jesus Christ as we experiment with new, or adaptations to old, ministries. Please re-read that prior sentence! We can still seek institutional survival or advancement as a secondary thrust; BUT, this (and all else!) is subordinate to our faithful Christian discipleship. In deeply challenging times, the need to put **First Things First** often becomes abundantly clear. But it is important in our lives of discipleship to always put **First Things First** - in good times and bad times.

When we do so, we are better able to see what relates to the core of our faith, and what can be changed in our daily or weekly lives to better enable us to be faithful. So, for example, a certain daily schedule can be very useful and productive for us for a long

season of our lives. However, when the economy changes, or our address changes, or when we retire; that daily schedule/routine will almost certainly need to be adjusted to allow us to use our spiritual gifts to their utmost (and maybe for us to even survive!)

Sometimes, when we are not so sure of the true depth of recent or impending broad changes, our sense of unease and uncertainty causes us to not actually adjust our schedules appropriately, but rather to make our current schedule even more rigid. This is human nature! We sense uncertainty, so we seek to eliminate uncertainty or flexibility in what we do, and seek to minimize our risks even further.

And yet, faithful Christians in the New Testament, and for every century in the last 2K years, have understood that embracing a certain amount of vulnerability and risk is the most faithful way to share God's Good News with a hurting world. In other words, they have turned toward change, and not run from it. It is important to note that they did not seek or embrace changes in their core beliefs, but rather in the conditions in which they lived, and the possibility of changes in their interactions with others, and the society at-large.

I know many of us would prefer a "Turn-Key" ministry or program that guaranteed a high probability of increased membership or increased participation in our activities/ministries, and that told us what steps to take to get there. But a faithful Christian Turn-Key program is an oxymoron. We must rather embrace the level of vulnerability and risk that is inherent in true Christian discipleship, and leave the results to God. There is great inner peace in doing so; because, after all, our Anchor (Christ) always holds, despite the metaphorical hurricanes that may blow us around in the interim times in our lives...

Yours along the Journey,

Pastor Charles

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*Thank You*

Congregational Care would like to say thanks for the donations of greeting cards. They enjoy sending out the cards to our members for birthdays, illnesses, thanks and just to say hello.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Erline Crain. Erline was just shy of her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. We will miss this remarkable woman.



### **BRICK PATIO BRICKS**

In 2013 we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We installed the Brick Patio at the east side of the Sanctuary. Recently we ordered 20 more



bricks. **Please join us for Worship on September 15.** Immediately after Worship we will gather at the patio to have a prayer of dedication for the new bricks and some lemonade.

## Pill Bottle Collection Discontinued

The Adult Sunday School Class initiated the bottle collection several years ago. The cost of shipping the bottles overseas is quite expensive, therefore we will discontinue this project. Thank you all for your support



## MLFLC SEPTEMBER NEWS

 **Please don't forget!**  
**MLFLC will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observation of Labor Day. We wish your family a safe and happy holiday weekend.**

**TIPPIE TOES:**  
beginning August 30, Tippie Toes will take place on Fridays at 10:15 am



 **Happy Grandparents Day – Sunday, September 8**

September 23  
National Ice Cream  
Cone Day!



**Current enrollment:**  
**55 with one on the way**

## Sew N Social



We met Sat, August 10 and sewed on aprons made from a man's shirt.



We also met on August 24 and started on Christmas decorations to donate. We really appreciate the fabric donations from Debbie Little and Connie Nowell. We share our fabric with Prayers and Squares, so it will be used in

several different projects.

Our next meeting date has been changed to September 7 and on the fourth Saturday, September 28 – both at 9:30. Hope you will join us.

## Women's Morning Circle Bible Study Tuesday, September 17, 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 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!



## 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.



## September Outreach

Toiletry Drive for the Salvation Army. Outreach will be collecting small items such as tooth brushes, combs, travel size shampoos, soaps, conditioner, disposable razors, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact Luke.



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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](mailto:jbrown@calallen.org)

JWPC Website [www.jwpc.org](http://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



## **CUB SCOUT CAR WASH, Saturday, September 14 9:00-noon**

Bring your dirty cars to church for a Fall cleaning! Donations gratefully accepted.

## **Presbyterian Women of Corpus Christi**



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

## **Cluster Fall Gathering Saturday, September 14 9:00 AM-12:30 PM.**

JWPC will host this event. Join us for workshops, worship, lunch and a baby shower for CPS Rainbow Room and Raindrop Room. We will enjoy Wendy's famous cupcakes! Invite your friends!



## **BRUNCH CHURCH**

**September 29**

Join us in the gym for brunch

and worship on the fifth Sunday of the month. What do sand and stars have to do with Abraham and Sarah? Bring brunchies and we will provide coffee and juice.

## **Welcome to our new JWPC**

### **Cottage Resident!**



We welcome Roxy  
Thompson to the

Cottage at 10614 Potomac Place. Roxy is a member of Jackson Woods Presbyterian Church who moved here all the way from Peach Tree Apartments. Welcome, Roxy and her fur baby, Sally!

## ***These Days***

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

## **World Communion Sunday, October 6**

On this day we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve – a world ever more in need of peacemaking.



## -Prayers, Concerns and Statements of Faith-

Pray for the victims of El Paso and Dayton Shootings  
**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  
**Pray for Travis Ahrens for successful pacemaker battery change at Texas Children's hospital on 9/5.**

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, awaiting a transplant at Mayo Clinic; and Rian Pope, Misty Sanderfer's brother – Cancer.**

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

**Keep Paul & Ellen Young's granddaughter Amanda Surgent 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: 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 in your prayer as they head back to college 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 our Lay Worship Leaders who serve JWPC**

**Pray for Island Presbyterian Church**

## 2019 Cub Family Fun Day

