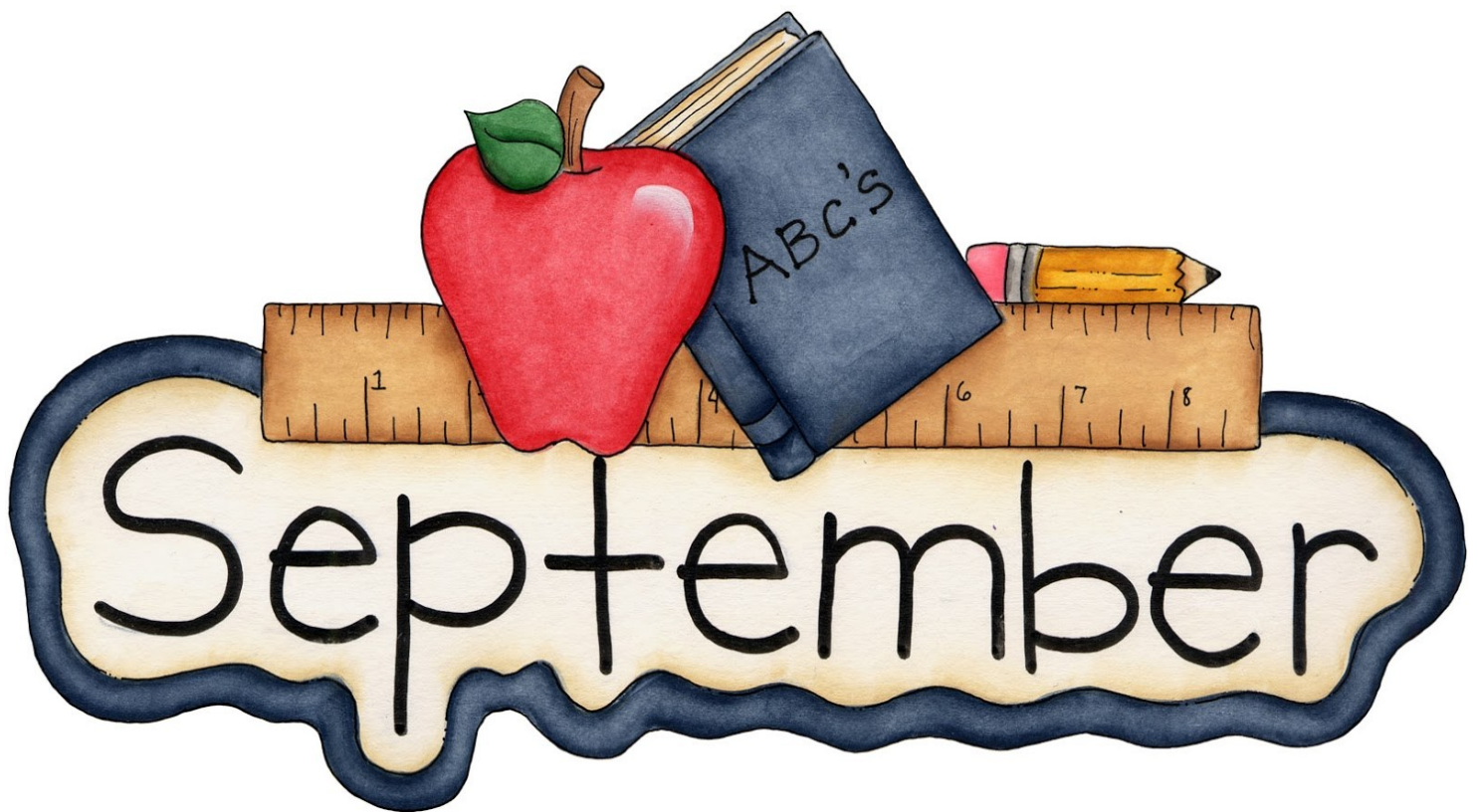


The Good News

*"Striving to share Christ's love with all of
God's people"*

2026



*Westminster
Presbyterian Church*

*3819 Central Avenue
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Years ago, when I was in college, I remember being at one of our Bailey family reunions. Fifty or sixty members of my father's family gathered over a Labor Day weekend in Oklahoma. I always enjoyed this time of visiting with aunts and uncles and cousins—always amazed at those strange “family resemblances.”



At this reunion, on the last evening before returning home, several of my uncles and cousins were complaining about having to go back to work. It was the usual kind of grouching about too much work and not enough time off. I particularly remember that during one of the pauses in the conversation, my uncle Jim spoke up and quietly said, “I wish I *could* go back to work.” It was a stunning moment. My uncle Jim was suffering from Parkinson's disease and seldom spoke—but on this occasion he reminded us all of the precious gift of work.

As I've grown older, I have come to learn that my uncle Jim was on to something important. All of us do yearn for work that is meaningful—work that helps us stay busy as well as serves those in need. We want to be useful. Sometimes we take our work for granted, so he reminded us all to cherish the time we have been given and to make the most of the time we've been given.

Our Lord said something similar to this: “work while it is day, the night is coming when no one can work.” Our Lord calls us to join with him in the work of spreading the gospel, feeding the hungry, visiting the sick and reconciling the world in peace. We never retire from being disciples and there is always work to be done.

This coming Labor Day reminds us again of the importance of meaningful work in our lives. More than just a paycheck, meaningful work can give us a sense of significance and worth.

As you find your calendars filling up this fall, do try to avoid just being “busy.” Do try to make time to nurture your soul with prayer and study—this can be important work too. Do try to give of yourselves in service that is meaningful and helpful. Cherish these days and give thanks that you have time and talent to serve our Lord and others.



September Milestones Happy Birthday To:

- 06 Ella Segal
- 14 Rev. Jim Chaffin
- 16 Ezekiel Mahend
- 17 Tracy Esole
- 20 Gwen Stephens
- 28 Betty Corley

Happy Anniversary To:

*Bob & Suzy Still
9/2/2009*

*Todd & Golden Puckett
September 13, 2008*

Fellowship Luncheon

September 20

TACO BAR

**Sign-up sheets are on the table in
the narthex.**



*Breakfast
Men of the Church
Wednesday
September 2*

*8:15 a.m.
Higdon Square Café*

Dinner with Friends



All are invited to join with friends for dinner on Thursday, September 17, at 6:00 pm at **JB (Southern Creole) Bar & Grill, 5431 Central Avenue**. If you wish to attend, please call the church office by 4 pm on Tuesday, September 15, so that we will have a count as to how many are attending.

Christian Education Committee

Eighteen students from preschool to graduate school joined two teachers for the annual Blessing of the Backpacks in worship on August 9. Fourteen schools, colleges, and universities were represented at the celebration.

The Adult Disciples Sunday school class started on August 23 *The Thoughtful Christian* study of the “The Gospels” spending four weeks on Matthew before moving on to Mark on September 20. The Wednesday verse-by-verse Bible study began exploring Matthew on August 19 and continues weekly from noon to 1 pm. Both meet in the Community room and all are invited to join the classes.

The CE Committee met on August 30 to plan the rest of activities for the year. Monthly Dinner with Friends is set for 6 pm on Thursday, September 17, to be held at JB (Southern Creole) Bar & Grill, 5431 Central Avenue.

Sunday Friends Young Adults will share fellowship luncheon after worship on September 20 in Room 11 and start their discussion of “Creed: What Christians Believe and Why” by Adam Hamilton who believes that some powerful answers are contained in the Apostles’ Creed. The class will be led by Larry Stanley.

The Book Club is on hiatus until the new year.

Welcome New Member

E. Ray Stinson joined Westminster on Sunday, August 23, by reaffirmation of faith. Ray has been a resident of Hot Springs for about two years. He is a retired



University Professor and also served as a University Vice President for Research. His past association with the Presbyterian church includes having served as an elder and on a couple of PNCs. Ray listed hiking, kayaking, and gardening as his hobbies and leisure-time activities. He has volunteered to serve on several WPC committees, i.e. Care & Concern, Mission, and Fellowship.—although not all at once!

Thank You. . . . It is difficult to put into words the depth of my gratitude for you all. This church has been so incredibly kind to me. I particularly want to thank you today for the scholarship you are providing. Please know that this scholarship was and is a specific answer to a specific prayer; federal loan changes are sort of in the air at the moment and this scholarship amount is the dollar amount I have been worrying about. You have blessed me with this scholarship and in so many other ways—I feel spiritually fed in this church and look forward every week to seeing some of the most genuine and kind folks on the planet. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,
Allie Norton

I want to THANK my whole CHURCH for supporting me through life and with God's Love.

Elijah Evans-Hughes

To all my friends at Westminster Presbyterian Church:

It was a pleasure and an honor to serve as your interim minister for almost a year. In that short time I got to know many of you very well. We shared laughter and tears, spent time in conversation and prayed together. I will miss you all, and miss our time together.

Then, a couple of weeks after I retired, we received in the mail this brown manila envelope from the church. I told Terry that it was probably the church newsletter. But when she opened it, inside were sweet notes and cards, a handwritten recipe for my favorite chocolate pie, and a check, with something in the memo about a love offering. This came as such a surprise—Terry and I were completely blown away.

Thank you for the most generous gift. But most of all, thank you for the gift of sharing your time, your care, and your love with us. You will be remembered fondly.

Carl & Terry McCormack

P.S. – Remember, God isn't through with you yet, and rejoice. PC

Women of Faith, Catherine Circle

Westminster Women of Faith, Catherine Circle will resume monthly meetings at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, September 8, in the Community Room. Sara Ferril will lead the business meeting and discussion of Lesson 1 "God with Us Wherever We Are" focusing on the Old Testament patriarchs and presence with Jacob in his travels. Books are still available for \$10. All women from Prince of Peace, Westminster, and their friends are invited to study "God's Promise: I Am with You."

Mission/Evangelism Committee

On July 31, the Westminster volunteer team of Karen Wacaster, Mariko McCallum, Ray Stinson, and Tommy Waddell prepared 150 meals for the Jackson House lunch program. July dollar Giving totaled \$290 which financed 48 backpacks for counselors at Hot Springs, Lakeside, and Lake Hamilton Schools to give to primary students. For the second month, Dollar Giving is designated for the Hot Springs Community Resource Center on Hobson in September. Individual committee members continue to assist with the Prince of Peace grocery giveaway.

This fall, invite a friend, neighbor or co-worker to worship, luncheon, circle or Westminster men's breakfast. Thanks to this generous congregation for supporting missions.

FINANCIAL/STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Expenses and Revenue	July	YTD
TOTAL REVENUE	22,057	212,857
TOTAL EXPENSES	27,085	185,823
SURPLUS/DEFICIT (-)	(5,028)	27,034



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 8:15 Breakfast Men of Church 12 Noon Bible Study 4:30 Chancel Choir 5:45 Bell Choir	3	4	5
6 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship/ Communion	7 OFFICE CLOSED In observance of LABOR DAY	8 1:30 Women of Faith, PW Community Room	9 12 Noon Bible Study 4:30 Chancel Choir 5:45 Bell Choir	10	11	12
13 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	14	15	16 12 Noon Bible Study 4:30 Chancel Choir 5:45 Bell Choir	17 Dinner with Friends 6:00 pm	18	19
20 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 Fellowship Lunch 11:30 Young Adults	21 6:30 Session Community Room	22 Newsletter Items due	23 12 Noon Bible Study 4:30 Chancel Choir 5:45 Bell Choir	24	25	26
27 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	28 Newsletters to be mailed	29	30 12 Noon Bible Study 4:30 Chancel Choir 5:45 Bell Choir			

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*Lectio*nary

September 6—Ex. 12:1-14 *and* Ps. 149; Ezek.
31:7-11 *and* Ps. 119:33-40; Rom. 13:8-14;
Matt. 18:15-20

September 13—Ex. 14:19-31 *and* Ps. 114 *or* Ex.
15:1b-11, 20-21; Gen. 50:15-21 *and* Ps. 103
(1-7) 8-13; Rom. 14:1-12; Matt. 18:21-35

September 20—Ex. 16:2-15 *and* Ps. 105:1-6, 37-
45; Jonah 3:10-4:11 *and* Ps. 145:1-8; Phil.
1:21-30; Matt. 20:1-16

September 27—Ex. 17:1-7 *and* Ps. 78:1-4, 12-16;
Ezek. 18:1-4, 25-32 *and* Ps. 25:1-9; Phil. 2:1-
13; Matt. 21:23-32

