

2025 Year End Annual Report

Atascocita Presbyterian Church



**To Glorify God,
Make Disciples,
Meet Human Needs**

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Elders

2026

Jamie Hannan
Terri Thomson
Ryan Lewis
Bobby Grawl

2027

Rick Anderson
Frank Fitzpatrick
Lisa Clark
Jenny Ingram

2028

Gary Denmon
Joe Breda
David Gerald
Janelle Wiggin

Clerk of the Session

Joyce Olson

Deacons

2026

Steve Coleman
Terri Parmerlee
Danny Williams
Sue Grawl

2027

Janet Griffin
Rene Lemer
Libby Boyce
Jeff Berry

2028

Debbie Becker
Lizzy Frye
Nancy Anderson
Ellen Nipe

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Gary Denmon

Pastor's Annual Report

THE YEAR OF THE LORD'S FAVOR

Dear Family and Friends at APC,

It is hard to comprehend what an amazing year we were blessed with at Atascocita Presbyterian Church in 2025.

Financially, we entered the year with two loans. Our roof loan was around \$80,000 and our sanctuary loan was \$240,000. Through the incredible support of this congregation, we have been able to retire both of those loans, freeing up nearly \$50,000 that we had been spending each year to cover the cost of the loans.

Spiritually, we grew together as we witnessed the power of God to do what in some ways seemed impossible. Not only did we retire the loans, we did it together. Our Jubilee Campaign was truly a team effort, and more importantly, a demonstration of how God has put us all together as the Body of Christ. So many people gave in so many different ways, ways that included but were not limited to our time, our talent, and our treasure. God was surely behind all of what took place, beginning with the wonderful surprise when we received our initial campaign donations of \$95,000 through government funds that followed the COVID crisis. The church and our school, the Creative Learning Center used those funds to kick off our campaign, a sign for all that our God really does provide beyond our wildest dreams.

We grew in our mission outreach. Through the successful Jubilee Campaign, we received the first mission gifts. This mission money allowed us to give \$5,000 to the Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church, a congregation that lost their building last January in the southern California fires. Knowing we had survived our fire and come out safely on the other side has been a great encouragement to our friends at Pacific Palisades as they are in the first year of discovering how God will help them through the devastation they face. We sent money to the Hill Country Recovery fund helping the Kerr County area face the great loss of property and the heartbreaking loss of life from the 4th of July floods. We sent a group of 18 on a church sponsored mission trip to Black Mountain, North Carolina, where we offered much needed, and much appreciated help to two homes and their owners.

We added the Disciple Bible Study to our already full slate of learning opportunities, which includes the classes taught on Sunday morning by Doug Kennard and Shelley Craig, our children and youth classes, and our Presbyterian Women study. Each and every one of these study groups is a living testimony that when the people of God gather to study, pray, and share their lives together that the Word of God does not return void.

New and creative outreach ideas have connected us to our community. The Blessing Box was set up in November as it became apparent that with the government shutdown, many vulnerable families would need food assistance. Around that same time, we led a project to make chicken soup casseroles for those facing difficult times. The idea for this project came from some of our youngest members, and I treasure the Sunday Avery and Abby stood before the church, announcing and explaining just what the chicken soup project entailed. On the day we made the casseroles, a huge group came together to make 54 casseroles. Adding these new ministries to community projects we are already engaged in...HAAM, Family Promise, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Seafarer's Ministry, the Houston Food Bank, the mentorship program at Oaks Elementary, to name just some of our outreach ministries, and we really are building a strong connection with our community.

EarthCare has brought a community garden, our much-anticipated area for wildflowers, the guided prayer walk in the GATE area, and education about how each one of us can be actively engaged in supporting efforts to care for the environment. With a grateful heart I offer thanks to our elders on Session, the Deacons who give such committed care to our members, the many committees and volunteers who lead the programs of our church, and to our church staff, Joe Weir and Carl Braden in our music ministry, Cathy Gerald leading our Creative Learning Center, and Rhonda Blake, whose gifts as our office coordinator have been a welcome addition.

When Jesus gave his opening sermon at his hometown synagogue in Nazareth, he chose a passage directly related to the Jubilee. Looking back on the year 2025, the words Jesus spoke that day match up so wonderfully with what we have experienced this year at APC. Jesus proclaimed the promise that with his coming, the people of God would experience the Year of the Lord's Favor. What a blessing we have shared these past twelve months. Through the grace of God and the faithfulness of our entire congregation, we have experienced what in so many ways has been an amazing year of God's favor.

And we are so grateful we have the privilege of sharing this journey with each one of you.

With the love of Christ,
Wayne and Julie

Clerk of Session Annual Report

APC Membership Information For 2025

2024...257 members

2025...262 members

New Members:

April 27, 2025

Ainsley Colescott #1315, by profession of faith
Ray Nelson #1316, by profession of faith
Maximus Pongkorung #1317, by profession of faith
David (#1318) and Cindy (#1319) Rozema, by reaffirmation of faith

October 19, 2025

Mike Linskey #1320, by reaffirmation of faith
Buffy McCormack #1321, by reaffirmation of faith
Frank (#1322) and Leslie (#1323) Willoughby, by reaffirmation of faith
Samantha Leone (#1324) and Chantley (# 1325) Hawkins, by reaffirmation of faith

Members Dismissed:

April 27, 2025

Don (#1220) and Jean (#1221) Treleaven, per their request
Carroll Hebert #1062, per her request due to relocation

November 16, 2025

Ellen Taylor #1098, per her request

November 19, 2025

Linda (#1314) and Jenny (#1315) Buchanan, per their request

Baptisms:

January 26, 2025

Elijah Cole Alcorn, son of Richard Alcorn and Laurie Coleman

February 23, 2025

Henry Crenshaw Eberly, son of Jake and Bridget Eberly

August 17, 2025

Owen Alexander Eberly, son of Alex and Tay Eberly

September 21, 2025

Parker Jayne Willoughby and Kate Dotson Willoughby, daughters of Eric and Danielle Willoughby

Marriages:

Deaths:

Board of Deacons' Annual Report

The deacons began the year with the traditional “Donuts with Deacons”, where family members could meet their deacon. As the deacons attempted to contact their families, a number could not be reached, leading to a review of the church member rolls. Working with Session, the rolls were updated along with the deacon family lists. In addition, the deacons added to our deacon families several friends of APC who are active in the life of the church but are not members.

The deacons arranged for and presented to Tchana and Chinelo Fangtang on Easter Sunday a “gift basket” with lots of baby needs to celebrate the birth of baby Cayden Kemajou Tobenna Fangtang.

With several opportunities for meal deliveries, the deacons restarted the “deacon deli”. In this version, each month a deacon would provide a frozen meal, stored in the church freezer and available to anyone as needed.

In October, the deacons once again assisted in the annual APC Chili Cookoff, a fun-filled friendly competition to see whose chili and cornbread is “the best” (judges and people’s choice).

Taking inspiration from the Spiritual Fellowship committee, the deacons volunteered to provide a meal for the Family Promise families during our host weeks, with our first one being in October and the next planned for January.

And throughout the year, the deacons worked at communicating with their deacon families, providing support as needed and keeping the deacons apprised of needs and opportunities “to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress” (Bood of Order, Section g-6.0403).

Respectfully submitted by:

Steve Coleman

Moderator of Deacons

Creative Learning Center Annual Report

CLC was originally two distinct programs: Children's Day Out beginning in 1985 and the Creative Learning Center in 1987. The two were combined in 2001 under the umbrella name of Creative Learning Center. Both were begun as a mission outreach ministry to our community and have served successfully in that capacity for more than 35 years. In order to provide continuity, the program was conducted off-site until the new building was completed following the 2001 fire. CLC faithfully adheres to its original Purpose Statement: to provide a Christian atmosphere for young children to *learn, play, grow and develop*. As a result, our graduating students are highly recognized within HISD for kindergarten preparedness.

- Enrollment for 2025 was approximately 135, which is huge improvement from the past few years. The number of staff was 24 which has increased from last year.
- All CLC supplies in the classrooms are regularly shared with Sunday school classes and VBS as needed.
- Playground equipment is updated as needed and maintained by CLC.
- G.A.T.E. (God's Acre that Educates) is maintained by CLC.
- Classrooms are painted every 3 years (**\$2100.00**), and all furniture, toys, and classroom supplies are provided by CLC for the use of church and school. These amounts are not included in the totals below. Trash bags, Swiffer's, gloves, wipes, paper towels, soap, cleaners and disinfectants are included in the total below (maintain and upkeep classrooms).

The \$510.00 in the tally below is a charge from Kanelia, a company that cleans the vent hood of the stove in the APC kitchen. We are required to have it cleaned twice per year. I believe the church paid for one of those cleanings.

Annual building inspection fees:	\$	2,541.00	(+ \$510.00)
Texas Health and Human Services (licensing):		160.00	
School portion of the phone bill:		478.00	
GATE upkeep, additions and maintenance:		2,130.00	
Maintain and upkeep 7 classrooms:		3,300.00	
Maintain and upkeep playground, including Mosquito Max:		800.00	
Monthly donations to APC (\$1250.00/month September – May \$650.00/month June and August), totaling:		12,400.00	
Donation to Jubilee campaign:		<u>64,000.00</u>	
<u>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	\$	<u>86,059.00</u>	<u>(\$ 86,569)</u>

The parents in CLC are very active in the participation of the HAAM FOOD DRIVE and the HAAM TOY DRIVE.

If anyone would like more in-depth information, please contact Cathy Gerald for a copy of the Preschool Task Group report of 2006.

The Director, CLC Board, and faculty appreciates the staff and congregation for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cathy Gerald
Director CLC

Session Committee Annual Reports 2025

Christian Growth and Nurture

The Christian Growth and Nurture committee is guided by the following church members: Lisa Cruz, Lisa Stacy, Katie Hannan, Libby Boyce, Cathy Gerald, Julie Eberly, Pastor Wayne Eberly, Joyce Olson, elders Terri Thomson and Lisa Clark.

Faith Formation Leaders: Shelley Craig and Doug Kennard lead adult classes: Julie Eberly and Kami Wiggin. Elementary classes: Lisa Stacy, Charis Nees, Bonnie Russell and Terri Thomson. Preschool classes: Katie Hannan, Lisa Cruz, Lisa Clark and Charis Nees. Debbie Becker brings joy to the children's classes in the form of music.

These members provide life and guidance to APC and we are thankful and blessed by their service.

Adult Education: There are two classes offered on Sunday mornings. Attendees in Pastor Shelley's class dive deeper into weekly service scriptures while enjoying in-depth conversations and excellent fellowship. Doug's classes seek deeper understanding of biblical historical time periods with in-depth discussions and insight. Parents of young children meet with Pastor Wayne Sunday mornings during the Faith Formation hour. Pastor Wayne offers Time out with men monthly and is leading a yearlong Bible study which has had great attendance.

Creative Learning Center: CLC is a part of our Christian Growth and Nurture committee, and a separate report is filed by Cathy Gerald, CLC Director.

Children's Education:

Nursery: ages Birth through 3 years: Child-care is provided on Sunday mornings during the Faith Formation and Worship hours. We have also provided child-care for occasional church family functions. We offered a new offering for parents of young children on Valentine's Day 2025, Sweetheart Sitters.

PreK and K ages 4-5: A class is available and depending on attendance they may meet separately, meet in the nursery or join the elementary classes with their teachers. They are also included in the music segments

offered by Debbie Becker. This is great fun with singing and basic instruments.

Elementary grades 1-5: Focus in this class is on learning the stories of the Bible. We have several curriculums, approved by Session, providing guidance to teachers and the flexibility to create engaging lessons. Attendance this year has been more consistent and higher than in previous years and we look forward to more growth next year.

Summer Camps: During the month of June in conjunction with CLC we offered 3 weeks of fun, fellowship and learning opportunities to children of our church and the community through art, music and science. Scholarships for attendance were offered to students involved with our mentoring outreach program with Oaks Elementary school. APC member Melissa Frye-Saathoff lead an outstanding art week. Terry Harshaw from CLC led an adventurous science camp and we contracted two local elementary school music teachers to lead the music week. Our very own Erik Jones was one of the music teachers.

Other Activities: Our committee worked with the Spiritual Fellowship committee to bring joy and activities to our annual Advent Event.

We had ice cream social for all students after the blessing of the backpacks service. Attendees were given backpack charms to remind them that God is always with them and inspirational stickers for their devices. We blessed and honored all graduates with gifts during the graduation season.

Easter morning was full of Christ blessings, fun and joy for children and adults alike with crafts, an egg hunt. Sadly, our butterflies were not ready for Easter but once they were we celebrated anyway with our loving congregation.

During the fall we added activity sheets to church dinners for the children.

With the blessing from the session, we began a search for a Coordinator to develop improved communication and cohesiveness to foster a stronger relationship between families and our church.

Library: The APC library is open to all and has a wide variety of topics to explore. The library is maintained by Lisa Ryan and Marilyn Friedersdorf.

Respectfully submitted by:

Terri Thomson

Co-Moderator of Christian Growth and Nurture Committee

Lisa Clark

Co-Moderator of Christian Growth and Nurture Committee

Commitment Committee

Finance & Stewardship

Summary of 2025 Operating Results

Due to the continued generous support of the congregation and friends of Atascocita Presbyterian Church, total contributions to the operating budget for 2025 were \$386,402.66. With operating expenses of \$356,933.37, APC ended the year with a positive operating cash flow of \$29,469.29.

Personnel spending for the year was under budget by \$1,278.55.

Non-Personnel spending by Finance was \$28,649.58 less than budget due to the Jubilee capital campaign that resulted in APC's building loan being paid off mid-year. The roof loan was also paid off at the end of the year through the Jubilee campaign. More about Jubilee is set forth below. Facilities insurance premiums saw another large increase but were within the amount budgeted.

Facilities Committee expenditures were under budget by \$7,767.28 despite A/C repairs, which were covered in part by a grant from the Presbytery of New Covenant, and the purchase of a commercial refrigerator to replace one that was beyond repair.

Worship Committee spending was over budget by \$710.54.

Christian Growth & Nurture Committee spending was under budget by \$4,873.53.

Missions Committee spending was over budget by \$107.56. Expenditures included:

• Presbytery of New Covenant Operating Budget	\$ 9,084.00
• General Assembly Per Capita	\$ 2,916.00
• Local/National/ International Missions	\$ 12,973.38

Total cash and equivalents at the end of 2025 were \$148,776.33 and total liabilities were \$0.00. There was \$38,682.56 held in a Regions Bank checking account and \$110,457.29 invested with Morgan Stanley, plus \$819.97 in a separate Morgan Stanley account. The Operating Fund balance was \$91,519.83, and there was another \$57,256.50 in special designated funds.

Capital Campaigns

APC initiated two capital campaigns in 2025, both of which have generated wide participation by the members and friends of APC. The Jubilee campaign kicked off on Easter Sunday with a goal of raising \$425,000.00, of which \$310,000.00 was to be used to pay off the building mortgage and the roof loan, with \$40,000.00 set aside for Missions and \$65,000.00 for capital maintenance. Gifts and pledges to Jubilee totaled \$441,000.00, exceeding the goal. Jubilee is running for three years, but most donors have elected to make an immediate donation. As a result, both loans were paid in full in 2025, \$31,000.00 was set aside for Missions, and \$5,500.00 has been added to the capital maintenance fund. Additional gifts to Jubilee will be split as 90% for capital maintenance and 10% for Missions.

About \$7,000.00 of the Jubilee Missions fund was used for a mission trip to Black Mountain, NC to clean and repair homes damaged by Hurricane Helene. Another \$5,000.00 was sent to Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church in California to help with their recovery after the church building was destroyed in a wildfire.

A second campaign, the Celebration campaign, allows the donors to honor family and friends on special days, such as a birthday or anniversary. The funds received are redirected to a mission selected by the Mission Committee. Celebration funds were used for a \$1,500.00 donation to Oaks Elementary, a local school that APC has adopted as a mission partner,

\$2,794.08 to Mo Ranch for flood damage repair, and \$325.99 to APC's nursery for equipment purchases. Funds collected during the 4th quarter of 2025 will be used to purchase supplies for APC's nursery.

Personnel

APC's Office Coordinator left in May 2025. A well-qualified replacement was hired within a few weeks, but that person gave notice in October that she would be leaving in November due to family needs. Fortunately, APC was able to find another highly qualified person to fill the position before the end of October, so the departing staffer was able to train her replacement. As a result, the office is stable and operating well.

Respectfully submitted by:

Bobby Grawl

Moderator of Commitment Committee

Committee members are as follows:

Dick Bruns, Forrest Craig, Wayne Eberly, Frank Fitzpatrick, Marilyn Friedersdorf, Allan Griffin, Bobby Grawl, Will Nees

Facilities Committee

The committee kept busy in 2025 tackling several projects including lighting, technology upgrades, light stand removal, and repainting. Various minor projects and routine maintenance kept the team occupied. We are fortunate to have several talented and caring members willing to share their time and energy to keep APC in good working order and we are fortunate to have a congregation that is patient and understanding knowing that a facility of this age and size takes significant attention! Thank you!

Much of the remaining fluorescent lighting throughout the building was converted over to LED lighting; emergency and security lights are being added as the conversions are made.

There were two major technology upgrades this year. Firstly, the display monitors in the sanctuary and the narthex were upgraded. Secondly, Fellowship Hall received a technology overhaul with a new AV control station and setup.

The long-awaited removal of the lighting stand in the GATE area was completed this summer, and there was much rejoicing.

The HVAC system required a repair after a failure in the office wing. A Kelso grant was successfully obtained to cover the cost. On a bright note, AC power usage in the summer has been cut in approximately half compared to 2023 thanks to last year's upgrades and better AC scheduling.

There were three major repainting events this year. Firstly, the parking lot was re-striped this fall with a solvent-based paint, granting an estimated 3-year life cycle. Additionally, the kitchen walls and Fellowship Hall ceilings received a fresh coat of paint this winter.

The kitchen refrigerator met its end of life and was replaced with a newer model. Additionally, the ice machine briefly gave some service warnings, indicating that it is potentially near end of life as well.

Our grease trap received a surprise inspection. According to regulations, it must be cleaned twice per year, which we think would be overly costly, especially considering how little (if any) grease we produce. We plan on exploring our options to avoid needing to follow these requirements.

Gary, Joe, and I wish to thank all of the people who have donated their time, talents, and financial donations toward helping keep APC in good working order and to improve it along the way.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ryan Lewis

Moderator of Facilities Committee

Gary Denmon

Co-Moderator of Facilities Committee

Joe Breda

Co-Moderator of Facilities Committee

Spiritual Fellowship Committee

Summary of 2025 Activities

Under the guidance of Linda Andrus, the Ancient Mariners had a lot of fun at interesting outings: The group enjoyed two fun trips this year – one on a paddleboat adventure, and one to the downtown Fire Museum! While the bus availability was troublesome for the rest of the year, the group has big plans for 2026!

The Empty Nesters, under the guidance of Nancy Anderson, had monthly dinner outings at Skeeters, the home of Lisa & Mike Ryan, Hacienda los Arcos, La Hacienda Toro Rojo, Sharky's and a Christmas celebration at the home of Allen and Janet Griffin. These are always well attended!

Presbyterian Women, Horizons Presbyterian Women Bible Study for this year kicked off with over 20 registered! In December, the group met at the home of Shelley Craig and made a large donation to HAAM for the holidays.

Game Day for Grown-ups, while we were sad to see Linda Buchanan leave, it was such a blessing to have Linda Andrus step in immediately and ensure the group continues to meet. She and Terri Parmerlee will continue alternating months of hosting – with both Mexican Train and Dominoes.

Seniors and Friends Lunch Group, under the guidance of Bonnie Carr, met for lunch at various local restaurants once a month including Italianos, El Jimador, Hippo Burger and Spring Creek BBQ. Some of these were repeated since they are so popular with the group!

Hospitality, under the guidance of Cathy Vance, we have worked to grow our connection with new visitors coming to church. At the end of 2025, Joe Breda joined Cathy in expanding our outreach. Our church visitors have increased and Wayne partners closely to ensure that everyone feels welcome. In September, this committee also helped to host a prospective new member luncheon – with many of the attendees committing to join the church (9/28).

Needlers, under the guidance of Rosemary Mumford and Karen Frye, meet twice a month to work on Community Service Projects such as making quilts for children.

Time out for Men, under the guidance of Wayne Eberly, will be supported by this committee. They will continue to meet at the church, but did have some fun outings at Tin Roof BBQ and a brewery in 2025.

Advent Event, Jenny Ingram, along with support from Debbie Becker, Cathy Gerald, Lizzy Frye, Libby Boyce, Julie Eberly, Babs Becker, Joyce Olson, Lisa Clark, Terri Thomson, Lisa Cruz and Mazie Williams (sub-committee that met 3x prior to event) organized a fun holiday Advent celebration for families. We served a variety of “heavy hor dourves”, desserts and punch while families journeyed through crafts (3) and a scavenger hunt outdoors. Many homemade Christmas cookies were baked and donated, and Julie Eberly reported \$1100 in cookie sales to support Youth ministries. Members were also given an opportunity to walk through a display of nativity sets – brought in by members from their journey's all over the world! The evening ended with a beautiful performance from the Madrigal singers in the sanctuary. Plans are to continue and expand for 2026!

Yoga, under the leadership of Lisa Stacy, meets each Monday morning.

Spiritual Fellowship continues to be involved in Use of Medical Equipment, and providing dinner for Family Promise This committee provided many meals this year included KFC, chicken pot pie, Frito pies, and Italiano's. We will continue to do so in the upcoming year.

Other activities for the Spiritual Fellowship Committee for 2025 included the following:

Prospective New Member Luncheon in September

Blessing of the Backpacks (served ice cream)

Chili Cookoff

Plans for 2026 Include:

Singo Bingo

Chili Cookoff

Advent Event

Talent Show

“Dabblers” expo highlighting member hobbies

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jenny Ingram

Moderator of Spiritual Fellowship Committee

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee develops and nurtures the congregation's influence outside the church to follow the Biblical imperative to help others and to support the mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA) at various levels. This committee is responsible for activities that reach out to those around us who are in need, for identifying community concerns, and developing appropriate responses to them.

In 2025, the Mission Committee worked to understand and respond to contemporary issues locally, nationally, and internationally. You will see that in the organizations we supported with our time, talents, and finances.

Missions that we supported financially and materially:

- Houston Food Bank
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Faith in Practice
- Humble Areas Assistance Ministries (HAAM)
- Seafarer's Center
- Family Promise
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Earth Care Initiatives
- Tres Rios Border Foundation
- Camp Hope
- Kids Hope

Mission Jubilee Fund

2025 presented us with new opportunities and resources as the generosity of the congregation allowed for the establishment of a new fund through the Jubilee Campaign specifically allocated for mission projects.

The funds for this campaign allowed us to send funds to Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church in California to support their communication efforts after losing their facilities in the devastating wildfires early in the year.

In October, funds supported a Mission Trip to Western North Carolina to help the community rebuild after experiencing great loss from Hurricane Helene and associated flooding in 2024.

Celebration Fund

The Celebration Fund was established in 2025, and disbursement decisions fall under the purview of the Mission Committee. This past year funds were distributed to Oaks Elementary, Mo-Ranch to support their flood relief fund, and the APC Nursery to support the purchase of supplies to make it a more welcoming place for our youngest friends.

Presbytery, Special Offering, and Covenant Organizations

The committee is responsible for maintaining ties with covenant organizations and shall propose to the session persons to fill terms on the boards of such organizations including Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM) and Family Promise of Lake Houston.

The Committee also has the responsibility for the promotion of special offerings as approved by the session, such as One Great Hour of Sharing, Peace and Global Witness, Pentecost, Christmas Joy, and other approved special offerings to be used for mission purposes.

The Committee also supports the Presbytery of New Covenant through per capita payments and other obligations as required by being a PC(USA) congregation.

Mission Trip

APC sent a team of 18 to do Hurricane Recovery work in North Carolina. The group stayed at Montreat Camps and Conference Center and traveled out each day to two worksites. We helped one woman whose mobile home had been damaged by tearing out carpet and adding new flooring in three bedrooms. Our second project was the home of a young husband and wife who happened to own a coffee shop in town. Their coffee shop survived the storm and became a safe haven for the people of the town. Their own home, just on the other side of a small creek, was significantly damaged. We helped with painting and then began work on flooring.

The project was a success on many fronts, including the fact that we were able to offer physical help, we had the privilege of getting to know the people we came to serve and we learned a great deal from them, our team worked really well together, everyone worked hard, great friendships were built, and we all experienced spiritual growth through the act of serving.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

In response to the devastating fires in California, the mission committee sent \$500 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to support their response on the ground. This was in tandem with the support provided to Palisades Presbyterian Church to restore their communication infrastructure.

HAAM

2025 was a banner year for APC's support of Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM) as the congregation and Creative Learning Center (CLC) parents supported several of HAAM's projects. As a covenant partner, we donated \$1,000 to HAAM at the beginning of the year.

In August we donated 46 food bags and \$200 to support HAAM's involvement with Humble ISD Erase the Needs Event.

In October, we donated \$1,000 to HAAM to support their work during the government shut down and SNAP benefits crises.

HAAM's Season of Sharing was very successful thanks to the congregation and CLC parents donating over 300 pounds of food items, over 90 toys, and 49 \$25 gift cards for HAAM's community Thanksgiving and Christmas projects.

Our children sponsored a project to collect various food items to make casserole meal kits. The congregation provided the food items and helped bag the meal kits. A total of 54 meal kits were donated to HAAM.

Also in November, APC hosted over 100 senior clients of HAAM to a Thanksgiving luncheon feast with food, music, and games. All of this is in addition to our annual support of \$1000 as a covenant Partner.

The total value of donations to HAAM by the congregation and CLC, not including the \$2,000 from Mission Funds, totaled \$3,746.00.

Family Promise of Lake Houston

This year, APC provided financial support in the amount of \$1000 to Family Promise as a covenant partner. Additionally, the mission committee allocated funds for purchasing new air mattresses, bedding, and other supplies to enhance the stay of families who stay at APC. Our church hosted multiple families over the year, and provided meals, groceries, and fellowship for families while they were with us.

Blessing Box

New this year on the APC property, is the Blessing Box, which was installed in October 2025. This box was set up during a period where SNAP funding and food insecurity issues were top of mind, and it has been utilized and supported by community members. The box is regularly checked by members of APC to ensure there is an ample supply of goods for our neighbors. The surrounding community and APC membership have supported the box through their anonymous donations of goods.

Houston Food Bank

In June, we gave \$1,000 to the Houston Food Bank in support of their work. In addition to financial support a group from APC volunteered at the food bank and presented the check to the Houston Food Bank staff.

Tres Rios Border Foundation

In response to domestic events, the Mission Committee sent support to this organization to help them in their work caring for people at the US/Mexico border. In addition to sending monetary support, Rev. Dr. John Nelsen, Partner Liaison for the organization joined APC one Sunday to preach and share more information about the organization.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

This year 360 beds were delivered by teams who used APC as a staging ground for bed deliveries in the Lake Houston area. Additionally, the congregation provided 118 beds in a bag valued at approximately \$4,100 total. Each monthly delivery event averaged 4 volunteers per event from APC with many more volunteers from the community.

Faith in Practice

In response to God's call, Faith in Practice (FIP) provides medical care to the poor in Guatemala.

Each year more than 2,500 volunteers provide healthcare to more than 17,000 through an integrated and coordinated network of care.

In October of 2026, Julie Eberly and Barbara Becker were 2 of those volunteers serving a village team in the town of Puerto Barrios. As volunteers, each person pays 100% of their way and in addition participates in raising the funds that support the costs of caring for each patient. The \$1,000 that APC missions gave to FIP helped to ensure that the 1,000+ patients served that week by their team had no costs to themselves and were served with dignity and with the love of Christ.

Kid's Hope

This year, APC partnered with Oaks Elementary as part of Kid's Hope, a national nonprofit organization that provides one-on-one mentoring relationships through local church and school partnership. Members of APC mentored 10 children, and many others supported the project as prayer partners. We were able to have end of year and holiday parties thanks to the support of the congregation.

Seafarer's Center

The mission committee provided \$1,000 to support the ministry through the Presbytery of New Covenant at the Seafarer's Center this year. Additionally, APC provided over 40 boxes to the Seafarer's center as part of its annual collection for those who come through the Port of Houston.

Blood Drives

APC hosted two blood drives this year with over 30 individuals donating or attempting to donate.

Camp Hope

The mission committee provided \$500 to support Camp Hope, a residential camp to help veterans and their families recover from the impacts of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). It is a project of the PTSD Foundation of America.

Mission Crafters

The Mission Crafters meet every Tuesday at 10am in their workroom. Mission Crafters group is open to all who want to come and try their hand at various projects which not only are sold in the Mission Crafters store right off the narthex, but the funds also support the mission outreach of Atascocita Presbyterian Church.

This past year the group worked on a wide variety of projects, including:

- Christmas Trees
- Angels
- Bird ornaments for a Christmas tree
- Boxes for flowers
- Advent decorations for the Advent Sundays of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love made from recycled wood.

The Mission Crafters are also happy to receive special orders for projects and have made many such crafts over the years.

In 2025 the Mission Crafters sent money in response to the floods in Kerrville, supporting both Mo-Ranch and the Hill Country recovery fund. They also gave toward the North Carolina Mission Trip.

Thanks to the generosity of the Atascocita Presbyterian Church family, our little church was able to do big things and help many people in 2025. We look forward to the work ahead in 2026 and encourage people to bring ideas and possible mission activities to the committee as we seek to be the hands and feet of Christ in this world.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jamie Hannan

Moderator of Mission Committee

Earth Care Team

Subcommittee of Mission Committee

APC was re-certified as a PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation for the 7th consecutive year in March 2025, joining 7 Congregations in our Presbytery and 362 Congregations nation-wide with this certification. Being an Earth Care Congregation requires a commitment to be stewards of God's earth by affirming PC(USA)'s Earth Care Pledge and completing activities and projects in the areas of worship, education, facilities, and outreach.

Earth Care Team highlights in 2025 include –

- We dedicated the Faith Walk in the G.A.T.E. area on January 26, consisting of 10 stations with devotionals posted on each. Stroll through the beauty of this quiet place alive with plants, trees, and God's creatures and use your phone's camera and the QR code on each post to read or to listen to a meditation. This Faith Walk, available any time of the day, is designed for individuals or small groups to wander and wonder.
- A local artist presented an Art from Trash workshop, attended by 8 APC members.
- We wrote monthly articles on Earth Care in the Communicator newsletter and weekly blurbs in the Narthex News to educate the Congregation on ways we can become good stewards of our earth.
- We presented an Earth Care Minute for Mission during worship several times during the year.
- With assistance from Samantha Leone, we distributed an Earth Care interests and habits survey of the Congregation. Although response was limited, the results help us focus our Team's goals for 2026.
- Recycling efforts continue, including (1) collection of surplus electronic equipment for internal use, providing to other not-for-profits, or recycling with Kingwood Green, (2) a bucket in the Narthex for battery recycling, (3) recycling of the 150+ compact fluorescent bulbs replaced during the Facilities Committee's upgrade of Fellowship Hall lighting to LED, and (4) recycling glass, paper, plastic, and cardboard waste generated by APC's operations.
- We began a Wildflower Garden outside the west doors of the Narthex with extensive efforts to improve the soil structure. Currently covered with crimson clover and mustard, we will seed the bed with a spring flower mix in late February. We expect some blooms to begin in late spring, although perennials will take a year or more to bloom.
- One of the two Community Garden beds was contaminated by a virus from infected, purchased compost killing our tomato crop. We added a third bed while the infected bed was disinfected, and we installed a drip irrigation system for all beds. Thanks to the dedication of our gardeners, led by Rick Anderson, we delivered a total of 298 pounds of tomatoes, purple hull peas, okra, cucumbers, and peppers to the HAAM food pantry.
- We created a compost station using leaves from the campus, green garden waste, and coffee grounds donated by the Congregation. It has grown sufficiently to provide compost for one of our three Community Garden beds.
- Later in the year we purchased and installed a 5-bike capacity commercial grade bicycle rack to support Congregation members who bicycle to church activities.

The Earth Care Team would love to expand our Community Gardens. We are volunteer-limited and welcome all interested in learning more about our Gardens and, whether occasionally or regularly, helping maintain and expand our harvest.

Worship Committee

Atascocita Presbyterian Church has been blessed with another rich and meaningful year of worship. The worship committee guided the planning and preparation that took our congregation through the seasons of the church year. With combined in-kind donations & worship budgeted funds, we purchased new paraments & banners that gave life to the sanctuary for Communion Sundays, Lent, Palm Sunday, Easter Pentecost, Thanksgiving, and Advent.

As we moved into summer, the musical focus for June and July alternated between choral anthems and guest soloists & instrumentalists. August music anthems focused on spirituals and September anthems were “Joy” themed. During the Season of Advent, we partnered with Spiritual Fellowship to Help with the 2025 Annual Advent Event. The Chancel Choir presented the cantata *Wonderful Counselor* on Dec 14. In addition, families took turns lighting the Advent Candles, and our hearts were full with a beautiful candlelight service of Lessons & Carols on Christmas Eve. We closed out the year with our first Waffles & Worship service on Dec 28 in the fellowship hall.

Throughout the entire church year we continued to be blessed by Wayne’s relevant and thought-provoking sermons as he masterfully melds the scripture with true life experiences and current events.

Worship Committee is grateful for all those individuals and groups who joined to support and served in the worship life of APC in 2025.

- Our Chancel Choir, Ushers, Greeters & Liturgists
- Moments with children - Wayne, Debbie B, Mazie W, Emily M, Charis N, & Lisa S
- Dedicated Preparers of Communion
- Elders and Deacons who serve Communion
- Our liturgical arts team who helped bring worship alive through their artistic offerings.
- Those who met to green the church for Advent transforming the chancel into a beautiful display of over 40 Nativity sets.

In addition to the many opportunities to worship through the life of the church, we were happy to approve and host three concerts of the Lake Houston Chamber Singers, as well as a concert of the Madrigal Singers from Atascocita High School. The concerts were a blessing and an incredible source of outreach, bringing many into the building from the surrounding community.

As we look back on the worship life at APC in 2025, we give thanks to all who helped in so many ways. We give thanks to God for the spiritual life and vitality that marks our gatherings. We enter 2026 looking forward to giving glory and offering our hearts in worship and adoration to our mighty God.

Worship Committee Members in 2025

Joe Weir (Moderator), Karen Frye (Elder), Elaine McCool, Susan Sheridan, Allan Griffin

Respectfully Submitted by:

Joe Weir

Moderator of Worship Committee