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The Messenger

2014 THEME: "ARE YOU READY"
(JUNE 2014)

Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

Summer time is here again. Our religious education program is taking a summer break and the choir will be slowing down a little bit. I know many of you will be beginning your summer travels to visit family and friends. I hope that when you are gone you will not take a vacation from worship, visit other churches while you are on vacation and bring back new ideas that we might try here.



Molly Hatchell, our new intern, will be starting on the fifth of June. She is already planning a Bible Study on Wednesday evenings. You will find information about that on page 3. Molly will be leading worship with me on Sundays, making hospital and home visits and planning other new endeavors for the summer. This is our opportunity to try new things to meet the needs of our congregation. I know that you will make her feel very welcome. Molly will be in the office Tuesday through Thursday plus Sunday. Drop in and get to know her.



On Sunday the eighth of June we will be celebrating Pentecost. When it comes to church holidays, Christmas and Easter get all the attention, but what about Pentecost? Many Christians would be hard pressed to explain the significance of the day. "Pentecost is the day that the church was born. On that day, the Holy Spirit came to fill believers. Jesus had ascended, but he sent the Spirit so that believers could have the comfort, guidance, and empowerment of God's presence." Pentecost Sunday is the birthday of the Church. God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, empowered us to be His disciples and evangelize the world as the church began and continues to grow.

So in the Christian liturgical year, Pentecost commemorates the descending of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ (120 in all) as is described in the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-31. It was on the 50th day after Easter that the apostles were praying together and the Holy Spirit descended upon them. They received the "gift of tongues" the ability to speak in other languages and immediately began to preach about Jesus Christ to Jewish people from all over the world who flocked to Jerusalem for the Feast of Shavuot.

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Calendar of Events

Worship Services at 10:00 AM

Coffee Social each Sunday at 9:30 A.M.

- **Tuesdays** - Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8 A.M.
- **Tuesdays** - Games/ Fellowship at 10 A.M.
- **June 1** - Communion Sunday
- **June 29** - Fifth Sunday" service with After Church Pot Luck Social (If your last name starts with N-Z bring a dish of your choice, drinks provided)



Carl's Comments Continued....

Christian Pentecost became not only a commemoration of the Holy Spirit's visit but also marks the birth of the Christian Church. Although it is not certain when Pentecost began to be observed by Christians (it may have been as early as the first century) today according to church tradition, Pentecost is always about seven weeks after Easter Sunday, or 50 days after Easter, including Easter Day. The symbols of Pentecost are those of the Holy Spirit and include flames, wind, and a dove.



Have a great summer.

God Bless you all, **Carl**

A Thought to Remember - from Ellen Staples

"People are often unreasonable and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.

Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.

Give your best anyway.



For, you see, in the end it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway."

Mother Teresa

Common Lectionary Readings (Carl will change topics at times due to requests or other circumstances)

	Seventh Sunday of Easter - June 1	Day of Pentecost - June 8	Trinity Sunday - June 15	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 22	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 29
First Reading	Acts 1:6-14	Acts 2:1-21	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Genesis 21:8-21	Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm	Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Psalm 8:1-9	Psalm 68:1-10, 16-17	Psalm 13:1-6
Sec. Reading	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11	1 Corinth. 12:3b-13	2 Corinth. 13:11-13	Romans 6:1b-11	Romans 6:12-23
Gospel	John 17:1-11	John 20:19-23	Matthew 28:16-20	Matthew 10:24-39	Matthew 10:40-42

June Birthdays

Letta	Meinen	2
Bob	Volle	2
Betty	Morgan	3
Sharon	Michael	9
Miriam	Ervi	22
Bill	Pinkston	22
Monte	Shuck	24
Amy	Carlson	25
Martha	Harper	27
Shirley	Pinkston	27
Bev	Jones	28

THE MESSENGER

About our Members and Friends

Jack Cooper had brain surgery on May 27th to remove a tumor. He is recovering from the surgery well. The surgeons removed as much of the tumor as possible. He has moved from ICU to a room and should go home next week. After rest at home he will begin intensive radiation and chemotherapy for six weeks. Jack and the family appreciate your past and future prayers. Carl says that Jack needs lots of rest and recovery time for now. Visitation later...

Pete Stebbins had a brief stay in the hospital with adrenal shock on 5/26 after an onset of intestinal flu. Additional steroids and fluids in the ER brought him back. (The loss of pituitary function in

1999 and the five daily hormone replacement can make minor illnesses difficult.)

Bob and Adva Volle are moving to Avon, Connecticut May 27-31. Please pray that they would be quickly assimilated into their new surroundings.

Ash Jones - Continue to pray for Bev's son, Ash. He has an aggressive form of Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis, which means frequent bouts of extreme fatigue, nausea, vomiting and jaundice. It will be a challenge. Husband, Spencer is dealing with an infection as well.

Please pray for the safety of our members and their families as this season of extensive summer travel is upon us.

Women's Bible Class

Interested in a mid-week Women's Bible Class?



When: Wednesdays,
June 18 – July 9
Time: 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Where: Ridgeway Cabin
(351 Van Bibber Road)

Molly Hatchell
351 Van Bibber Road
Salado, Texas
512 228-6423 (cell)
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A new class will gather in a rustic cabin around the corner from the church on Wednesday evenings to study scripture. A resource we will use is a book called, "A Guide to Prayer", by Rueben Job and Norman Shawchuck. The book provides a framework for prayer using the lectionary passages, readings for reflections, and hymns.

Materials and refreshments will be provided.

(Facilitated by Molly Hatchell, our Summer Intern from Austin Seminary).

Not Our Bulletin

*Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

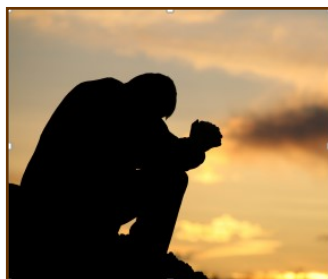
*Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Men's Prayer Breakfast is held each Tuesday. The breakfast part starts at about 7:45 AM with the prayers starting at 8:00. We conclude before 9:00. All men of the church (and other churches) are invited to attend.

The goal of the breakfast is to grow our faith and help develop a stronger relationship with God.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast is averaging 10 men per week for the first 4 months. We start with a breakfast, take prayer requests, pray, and conduct a brief study.



Let us know of your requests so we can bring them to God.

Benevolence Committee - Nancy Healey

Fifth Sunday

Our Fifth Sunday service in June (June 29th) promises to be inspirational and informative as we welcome several speakers from different agencies that receive, through your faithful and generous giving, our support financially, as well as, prayerfully.

Please come to welcome and learn about the Austin Presbyterian Seminary, the Fisher House at Ft. Hood, our Salado Food Pantry, and several others.



Are you in need of a home away from home? Fisher Houses provide military families housing close to a loved one during hospitalization for an illness, disease or injury.

ABOUT FISHER HOUSES

To top off a great Sunday worship, food will be served after the service during a time of being able to visit with our guest speakers to thank them for all they do to help those in need. To help others is truly to honor God with our love and gratitude.

In His Service with Gratitude, *Nancy Healey*

From the Mouth of Babes

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, 'Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?'

Her mother replied, 'Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white.'

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, 'Mommy, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?'



You Will Be Missed - Bev Jones / Adva and Bob Volle



Pictures by Letta M.



Dear Presbyterian Church Family,

Bob and I would like to thank you first of all, for the beautiful photograph that you gave us. We will find a very special place to put it in our new home on Ct.

We want also to thank you for all the love and prayers since we became part of your family. It helps to remember how special it is to be part of a church family. We will miss you all very much and hope we can keep in touch with each other. You will all be in our prayers.

*Our new address is:
10 Chelsea Place.
Avon, Ct. 06001*

Bob and Adva



Adventures in Moving

Hi church family,

We had a very safe trip from Texas to NC in spite of challenging rain in Charlotte and I was the low Volvo behind the Penske truck and Wilbur's truck. Did I say my in-laws are into race car driving and we were going 70 mph in the fast lane. I was told to keep up!

We are settling into our new environment quite well. Pictures say more than words: Wilbur lining up the Penske truck to unload and Jack playing t-ball. What a joy he is. I pray for God's blessing for all of you and thank each and everyone for your support, from the bottom of my heart.

*My new address:
35 Pintail Trail,
Southern Shores, NC 27949*

For now, email beverlykoops@yahoo.com and cell number 254-913-9648 stay the same.

Bev Jones

