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Reflections - Molly Hatchell - Summer Intern

During my internship this summer, I traveled back and forth from Austin. I love road trips. I turn up the radio real high and sing along on the classic country music channel, especially if there is a Waylon Jennings or Ray Price song. The travel was something I expected to enjoy. However, there was a slight problem with one of the roads out of Austin. Since June the city has been adding an express lane to the road and they re-striped the lane configuration. But the old striping is still on the road. They won't remove the old striping until they resurface the highway at the end of the project. So, when you're driving you have to ask, "Am I in the right spot?"

That type of uncertainty is a feeling I've faced in seminary, too. During school I'm constantly asking, "Am I in the right spot? Should I stay in this ministry program? Which path should I take - chaplaincy? pastoral ministry? A non-traditional role?" Last fall, when we had some family illnesses, I even wondered if I should drop out of the master of divinity program. My commitment to you for the summer internship program helped answer that question.

One goal of internship is to help a student discern the path to which God may be calling a student. My seminary says that the internship program's effectiveness depends on the quality of the supervisor, and the effort he puts into the process. Indeed, the school considers the pastor to be adjunct faculty.



Carl made a great adjunct professor. He helped create numerous learning opportunities: preaching three times, teaching fourteen bible classes, leading worship by reading scripture, assisting in home and hospital visitation. He coached me beforehand, during and afterwards. And you were so kind and helpful in making those great learning experiences possible.

Another aspect of the internship is to help the student better understand what it means to be a pastor. This involves helping the student to imagine herself in all aspects of a pastor's role. It involves helping the student to think theologically and reflectively.

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Calendar of Events

**Worship Services at 10:00 AM with
Adult Sunday School @ 9:00 AM**

- **Tuesdays** - Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8 A.M.
- **Tuesdays** - Games/ Fellowship at 10 A.M.
- **Wednesdays** - Choir Practice @ 5:30 PM
- **Sept. 7** - Communion Sunday
- **Sept. 21** - Theological Education Sunday - The Rev. Carrie Graham
- **Sept. 28** - Church Social after the Service



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I was lucky that Carl devoted plenty of time to this aspect of the internship. If you visited the church while I was interning, you likely saw me in Carl's office with a notepad scribbling down new insights as we talked. Carl created an environment where I felt safe sharing my fears, doubts, and "stupid questions." There were lots of "what I worry about if I were a minister is..." type questions. I was able to get a new perspective as Carl shared his wisdom.

Along the way, through this process I changed. I have a new understanding of the role of being a pastor. I have a better idea of what I might bring to that role. I'm comfortable that I'm in the right place in seminary – considering pastoral ministry with a new and exciting perspective. This fall I will be entering the Presbyterian process to seek ordination.

Another way I was changed was in seeing how beauti-



ful it is when Christ's love is reflected in community. The self-less love that Carl has for the congregation and the self-less love the congregation has for him and each other was wonderful to observe. As the psalmist says in Psalm 133, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity."

My gratitude to you is overflowing. Thanks to the session for approving this program, to Carl for his commitment, to the support committee, the Wednesday visitors, the bible class members, the fellowship to which I was invited, and your kindness and encouragement. My goal is to show my gratitude by striving to model your self-less, Christ-like love as I go forward.

Oh, and a funny thing about that road that was so hard to follow on the way to Salado. With time, we discovered that there were reflective strips between each new stripe on the road. If we fixed our gaze farther up the road, the path was easier to see.

Grace and Peace be with you, Molly Hatchell

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

	September 7, 2014 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	September 14, 2014 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	September 21, 2014 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	September 28, 2014 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading	Exodus 12:1-14	Exodus 14:19-31	Exodus 16:2-15	Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm	Psalm 149 or Psalm 148	Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21	Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45	Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Sec. Reading	Romans 13:8-14	Romans 14:1-12	Philippians 1:21-30	Philippians 2:1-13
Gospel	Matthew 18:15-20	Matthew 18:21-35	Matthew 20:1-16	Matthew 21:23-32

September Birthdays

Greg	Faber	3
Haley	Duque	7
J.C.	Pennington	12
Jack	Cooper	20
Ginny	McCracken	22
Shirley	Left	25
Darlene	Robison	25
Donald	Engelke	26
Pete	Stebbins	26

About our Members and Friends

Jack Cooper had brain surgery on May 27th to remove a tumor. He began radiation and chemotherapy on June 26th. He has completed the radiation and is getting some time off before an MRI then a new series of treatments which may include an electric helmet.

Ash Jones - Continue to pray for Bev's son, Ash. He continues to have better weeks with the PSC. The attacks are not as often, nor as long. However, at his last medical checkup, the liver doctor said he also has Ulcerative Colitis. That explains the lower abdominal pain and cramping, so now he is scheduled

for the colon workup. One step forward, another back. Bev thanks us for all our prayers.

Trish Stebbins had great news as it was found that a bad lung scan was not showing the return of lung cancer, but rather much inflammation. She is planning a right knee replacement on 9/8.

Bill Goza - Joyce's husband is home, still having some tests, but seems to be doing well. Keep Bill in your prayers.

Jack Goggans father, Delbert, passed away recently. Please keep Jack and his family in your prayers.

We're Going Back To School



The "Back-to-School" dinner was Thursday, August 21st at 6:00 PM. This was a church social and all were invited (not just the Adult Sunday School). Some 48 attended.



Shirley Pinkston and Laquita Arner coordinated the gathering of elementary school pictures. Then we tried to guess who they were. Most didn't do so well.



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. The last half hour is a discussion topic. We conclude before 9:00. All men of the church (and other churches) are invited to attend.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast is averaging 10 men per week for the first 7 months. We start with a breakfast, take prayer requests, pray, and conduct a brief study.

Bible Verse - Anita Johnston

About the time of the 2009 elections, during my nightly prayers, a sort of feeling/image came to mind (no vision or anything like that), and my immediate response was "oh no, oh no!" For several days I just thought about this "sort of" feeling/image. I did some crying about it. Finally I knew that I was supposed to paint it.

So I got out a canvas and painted in the background. It looked right. Then I waited, thinking about the Image/feeling, and again felt compelled to continue painting. I painted the flag, making corrections as needed. (I had to paint out the stars and repaint them right.) I worked on the stripes to make them bright and clear. I waited again, thinking about the painting. I then painted in the shadow image of Christ on the cross. I wanted to stop there, because it spoke to me of my wonderful country, a Christian country!

But I felt that was not what I "was supposed" to paint. So after crying some more, I finally painted to "make the colors seem to run." I did not want to, but I felt THAT was what I HAD to paint. The title is "IF my people...." from 2nd Chronicles 7:14.



2 Chronicles 7:14 *Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.*

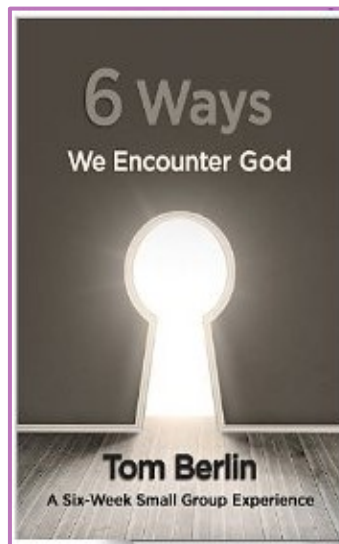
I don't know that I have ever painted another painting that was so difficult for me, emotionally, and yet technically it went together so easily. Anita

Adult Education News

We believe as Christians that when we worship, pray, and live, we are in a relationship with God. But what are God's qualities, and what effect do they have on us?

Join us on September 7 at 9:00 a.m. for the first of 6 Sundays, as we look at the basic characteristics of God and how we can develop a response to each one.

We will be studying and discussing Tom Berlin's book 6 Ways We Encounter God. Each participant will receive a book and there will be a DVD segment as well. Join us for a time of learning and Christian fellowship. Coffee is served.



Presbyterian Church of Salado Looses its Most Avid Golfer



Milton Kattner Obituary

Services for Milton Melvin Kattner Sr. of Salado were at the Presbyterian Church Salado on Saturday, August 16, 2014 with Carl Thompson officiating. A visitation preceded the service at 1:00 PM. Interment was at 3:00 PM at Salado Historical Cemetery with Military Honors.

Milton died at Scott and White Hospital on August 14, 2014. He was 92. Milton was born in Copperas Cove, Texas to the late W. E. Kattner and Lillie Boswank. Milton worked for El Paso Natural Gas Co., in west Texas for 35 years. Milton and Melba have been long-time residents of Salado.

Milton was an avid golfer and was honored by the Presbyterian Church of Salado with an annual Milton Kattner Golf Scramble.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Wilbert Kattner; sister, Bernice Kattner Duggar; first wife of 43 years Leona Miller Kattner and son, David Miller Kattner.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Melba Glover Kattner; daughter, Norma Kattner O'Neal; son, Milton M. Kattner Jr.; sisters: Lynelle Kattner Crawford and Jean Kattner Mayfield. Also, his step-children: Erik Glover, Mitzi Glover Gibson, Brandt Glover, Heidi Glover Kogut and families.



“Golfing Milton”



Service with Pastor Carl Thompson Officiating



Jean Kattner Mayfield and Milton Kattner Jr



Melba Kattner and her Sister Opal Allread

Fifth Sunday Celebration - Aug. 31 "The Apostle Paul" and Social

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to actually see Jesus, Peter or Paul in person? Well, on Sunday, August 31, we had a glimpse of what it might have been like. As the Apostle Paul, Phillip Smith, brought the inspired and timeless message of compassion and love to the stage. "I portray Paul while he is chained in a Roman prison remembering and writing to his dear friends in Philippi."

The difference between reading the Book of Philippians and this performance - was passion! Jesus, Peter and Paul were all very passionate in their beliefs, however, that may not always come through in our the Bible reading. Phillip Smith clearly illustrated the emotion that was the Early Church! Maybe we should bring more of this passion/ emotion into our daily faith?

- Pete Stebbins



Extra invited guests, family, and visitors.