



# The Messenger

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## Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson



Fall is in the air, and with it, comes our annual stewardship pledge campaign. As a church we try to encourage our members to engage in prayerful consideration and re-commit to the financial support of our church in the coming year. We have been blessed that members of our congregation have been so supportive of our Church through the years.

Our stewardship campaign is very low key. Very soon pledge cards will be made available to you. We ask that you fill them out and return them to Mike Moore our Treasurer. We know that life events change during the year and your pledge might have to change because of events beyond your control and that is OK.

We need your pledge input so we can build our budget for 2015. We have lost members and gained new members over the past year, so we need to relook all of our programs based on our pledge results. You have done a great job in the past, and I have no fears that we will have to cut programs in the future.

When we have visitors to our church I show them the poster that Bill Pinkston made showing our benevolence giving for the past year. They are very impressed with the range of our giving. The organizations we support cover a broad spectrum of needs. We even had two people from the seminary take a picture of the chart to show their students what a small church can do if they trust in God and reach out to those in need.

As you gather with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving this year, remember the ways that God has Blessed you this year. We have so much to be thankful for: our church, our family, our friends, and our nation. Enjoy the holiday but don't forget to be Thankful.

Below is the Benevolence Committee report for last quarter. I just want to say thanks for your giving that supports these wonderful organizations.

God Bless You. *Carl*

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## Calendar of Events

**Worship Services at 10:00 AM**  
**Adult Sunday School each Sunday at 9:00 A.M.**

- **Tuesdays** - Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8 A.M.
- **Tuesdays** - Games/ Fellowship at 10 A.M.
- **Wednesdays** - Choir Rehearsal at 5:30 P.M.
- **Nov. 2** - Communion Sunday
- **Nov. 16** - Stated Session Meeting
- **Nov. 23** - Congregational/ Corporation Meeting
- **Nov. 30** - Fifth Sunday - Discussion "Hanging of the Greens"
- **Nov. 30** - The Hanging of the Greens and Social



### Benevolence Committee Report

The Benevolence committee meets quarterly to assess our church givings to those in need. Our third quarter meeting was held Sept. 7th, 2014 with the disbursements to the right agreed upon. ———→

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid throughout the world. Recently Samaritan's Purse, located in Boone, North Carolina, has been in the news as some of their medical volunteers have been deeply involved in treating those stricken with Ebola in West Africa. Since 1970, S. P. has helped victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease and famines with the purpose of sharing God's word and love through the hands and hearts of all who support them.

As we begin each quarterly meeting we pray to be directed by God's will and through His Spirit the needs of those close to us and in distant lands will be helped by sharing the blessings bestowed upon us by God and to be shared with those with greater needs than ours.

In His Service,  
Nancy Healey,  
Benevolence Committee

### Presbyterian Church of Salado Charitable Giving 2014, Q4

<u>Charitable Organization/Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary	250.00
Body of Christ Community Medical Clinic	500.00
Fall Festival (FBC Salado/Fall Festival)	150.00
Presbyterian Children's Homes	1,000.00
Salado Family Relief	500.00
Salado Food Pantry	350.00
Salado Volunteer Fire Department	250.00
Salvation Army	500.00
Samaritan's Purse/Fund 13659 (Clean Water Projects)	750.00
Samaritan's Purse/Fund 13759 (Emergency Medicine)	750.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>

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

	21st Sunday after Pentecost - Nov 2	22nd Sunday after Pentecost - Nov 9	23rd Sunday after Pentecost - Nov 16	Christ the King/ Reign of Christ - Nov 23	First Sunday of Advent - Nov 30
<b>First Reading</b>	Josh 3:7-17	Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25	Judges 4:1-7	Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24	Isa 64:1-9
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37	Psalms 78:1-7	Psalms 123	Psalms 100	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19
<b>Sec. Reading</b>	1 Thess 2:9-13	1 Thess 4:13-18	1 Thess 5:1-11	Eph 1:15-23	1 Cor 1:3-9
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 23:1-12	Matthew 14:22-33	Matthew 25:14-30	Matthew 25:31-46	Mark 13:24-37

### November Birthdays



Liz	Davis	2
James Ray	Ervi III	3
Renita	Mengherst	4
Pastor Carl	Thompson	14
Rip	Van Winkle	16
Annie	Pekin	20
Charlie	Simon	23

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### About our Members and Friends

**Jack Cooper** had brain surgery on May 27th to remove a tumor. He starts strong chemotherapy next week.

**Trish Stebbins** is rehabilitating the right knee well, which was replaced on 10/20. She still has pain, swelling, and limited range of motion, but there is continual improvement. She thanks the church for all the prayers, calls and cards.

Bobbie Dickerson's daughter-in-law, **JoAnn** is has been diagnosed with cancer. She will begin 8 weeks of radiation.

Several men of our church are dealing with back issues. **Tommie Thompson** is still dealing with much pain from his surgery in August and will go back for another surgery in December. **Stan Staples** back pain has been increasing, and mobility decreasing. **Jim Amer** has back pain and some other complicating issues. **Rip VanWinkle** has been slowed by back issues and is looking for a solution. Please keep all of these men of the church in your daily prayers.

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## Favorite Bible Verse - Sara Pettijon

Matthew 7:12

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

I'm in the second grade. I like school, but there are a lot of high expectations that make me anxious. The first day of class my teacher greets me with these words, "I hope you are as good a student as your brother!"

I find my seat, look at the blackboard and the words I see across the top become etched on my memory. Besides, we recite them every day after the Pledge of Allegiance. -- Matthew 7:12.

There are probably verses that become more meaningful, more comforting, or more instructive as one matures. But "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" was firmly planted in my heart by a second grade teacher.

That Golden Rule works for me.

Thank you, Miss Willie!

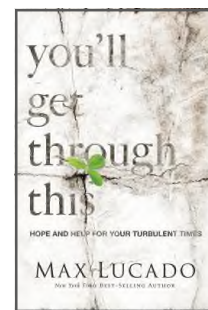


## Adult Education News - Shirley Pinkston

It's not too late to participate in the study of Max Lucado's You'll Get Through This. We still have books and a place for you. Please join us on Sundays at 9:00 AM.

November 30 - Ask Carl anything! You might want to give him a heads-up with a note about your question.

Advent-Lessons will begin the first Sunday in December.



## Fifth Sunday - Walt Tindell

The Hanging of the Greens is a service which is based on the English tradition of decorating the home with wreaths, garlands, a Christmas tree, and evergreens for Advent and Christmas.

In a church setting, it readies the sanctuary (and the church members) for the season.



## Thank You Volunteers

I want to thank the ladies of our church who helped serve the meal for the Children's Special Needs Network annual conference on 10/4/14. Those who represented our church were Cindy Pennington, Shirley Pinkston, Joan Ray with her 2 daughters, Julie Goggan and Sallie Davis.

Again, thank you for giving of your time to help the conference be another success for these families who have children with special needs! What a blessing to be part of a church who has a heart for helping and serving others.

Jeanette West  
Benevolence Committee



## However, Volunteers are Still Needed



Please contact Nancy Healey (947-5003) for information.

Our children's church is now blessed with Alana Brown, who is the granddaughter of Shirley and Bill Pinkston.

Alana will be with our little ones most Sundays but we are in need of volunteers, as well. A nursery volunteer will leave the service just before the sermon and serve with Alana in the labor of loving our smallest ones among us. A sign-up sheet will be at church.

## Some Poetry

*Jake, the rancher, went one day  
To fix a distant fence.  
The wind was cold and gusty  
And the clouds rolled gray and dense.*

*As he pounded the last staples in  
And gathered tools to go,  
The temperature had fallen,  
Snow came and wind began to blow.*

*When he finally reached his pickup,  
He felt a heavy heart.  
From the sound of that ignition  
He knew it wouldn't start.*

*So Jake did what most of us  
Would do if we'd been there.  
He humbly bowed his balding head  
And sent aloft a prayer.*

*As he turned the key for the very last  
time,  
He softly said, no luck  
They found him three days later,  
Frozen stiff in that old truck.*

*Now Jake had been around in life  
And done his share of roaming.  
But when he saw Heaven, he was  
shocked*

*It looked just like Wyoming!*

*Of all the saints in Heaven,  
his favorite was St. Pete.  
So they sat and talked a minute,  
or maybe it was three.  
Nobody was keeping' score--  
In Heaven, time is free.*

*'I've always heard,' Jake said to Pete,  
'that God will answer prayer,*

*But one time I asked for help,  
Well, he just plain wasn't there.'*

*'Does God answer prayers of some,  
And ignore the prayers of others?  
That don't seem exactly square--  
I know all men are brothers.'*

*'Or does he randomly reply,  
Without good rhyme or reason?  
Maybe, it's the time of day,  
The weather or the season.'*

*'Now I ain't trying to act smart,  
It's just the way I feel.  
And I was wondering',  
could you tell me--  
Just what is the deal?'*

*Peter listened very patiently  
And when Jake was done,  
There were smiles of recognition,  
And he said, 'So, you're the one!!!'*

*That day your truck, it wouldn't start,  
And you sent your prayer a flying,  
You gave us all a real bad time,  
With hundreds of us trying.'*

*'A thousand angels rushed,  
To check the status of your file,  
But you know, Jake, we hadn't heard  
From you in quite a long while.'*

*'And though all prayers are answered,  
And God ain't got no quota,  
He didn't recognize your voice,  
And started a truck in Minnesota!!!'*

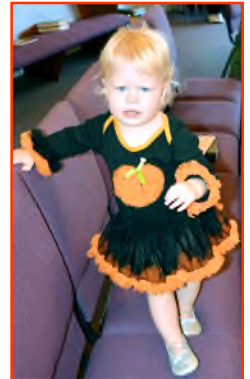
**BETTER KEEP IN TOUCH!**

*(just sayin'.....)*

# After Church Social - 10/26/2014



Hostesses - Shirley Pinkston, Laquita Arner, Julie Goggans and Sallie Davis



Good food and a good time seems to be had by all!

