



The Messenger

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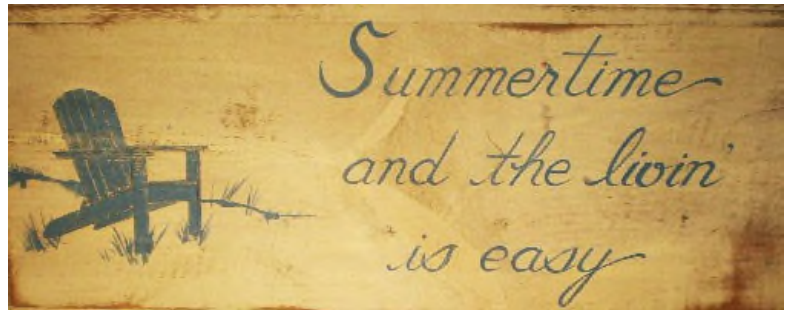
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MONTH'S PUBLICATION.

Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

As the word to the song, "Summertime" go "Summertime and the livin' is easy", I hope this will be true for you this summer. We are moving into our summer schedule at church, we will not be meeting for religious education until September and we are giving the choir a break for a while. Everyone needs a little sabbatical, to renew themselves both: physically, mentally and spirituality. Jesus constantly got away by himself or with His close friends to renew His relationship with His Father and to renew His strength. So once again I encourage you to do that this summer. I hope you have a great summer with family and friends.

As you make your summer plans, when you are travelling around to country, I encourage you to worship at different churches. When you do attend other churches please bring me back a bulletin, I enjoy seeing how other churches worship. This is a very short note because I have been trying to not put out anything for publication so Pete would slow down and recover for his next surgery. Pete finally broke me down so he could get this short newsletter out before his surgery tomorrow. Keep Pete and Trish in your prayers.

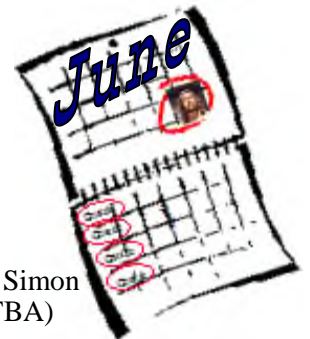
Thanks, *Carl*



Calendar of Events

Worship Services at 10:00 AM

- Adult Sunday School Breaking for the Summer
- **Tuesdays** - Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8 A.M.
- **Tuesdays** - Games/ Fellowship at 10 A.M.
- **Wednesdays** - Choir Practice breaking for the Summer
- **June 7** - Communion Sunday
- **June 14** - Farewell Luncheon for Matt, Ashley, Charlie & Macy Simon
A cookout with guys doing hamburgers (time & location TBA)
- **June 21** - Special Father's Day Service
- **June 28** - After Church Social - Sign-up sheets in Narthex





Fifth Sunday - Memorial Observance - May 31, 2015

Our Memorial Observance held on May 31st was somewhat unique in that we had two active duty soldiers in addition to our Pastor and retired Chaplain, Carl Thompson.

Our own member, Captain Matthew Simon provided the sermon based on Chapter 37 of Ezekiel - *The Valley of Dry Bones*. Matt skillfully tied together a discussion of the many soldiers who have been lost in battle, his own uncle who was lost in WWII, and the text in Ezekiel 37. The good news in Ezekiel was that of resurrection.



Dennis Hysom (LTC) the 1st Cavalry Division Chaplain conducted the rest of the service.



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

	June 7, 2015 Second Sunday after Pentecost	June 14, 2015 Third Sunday after Pentecost	June 21, 2015 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	June 28, 2015 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading	1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20	1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13	1 Samuel 17:32-49	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm	Psalm 138	Psalm 20	Ps. 9:9-20	Psalm 130
Sec. Reading	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	2 Cor. 5:6-10, 14-17	2 Cor. 6: 1-13	2 Cor. 8:7-15
Gospel	Mark 3:20-35	Mark 4:26-34	Mark 4:35-41	Mark 5:21-43

June Birthdays

Letta	Meinen	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 Koops	Jones	28

About our Members and Friends

Stan Staples is home from the hospital after a brief stay over the weekend. He has pain and finds it difficult to communicate. In spite of all this, he has maintained a good attitude and high spirits.

Melba Kattner is a joy to be around, even though she is in some pain she still has a great sense of humor and gracious smile. She is frail but able to carry on a good conversation. Heidi is there with her mother and supports and encourages her. Melba always likes to hear from church folk, but if you plan to visit call first and when you get there talk loud.

Ash Jones has been doing pretty well. He gets the bile duct inflammations about every 4-6 weeks and they are no easier, but shorter. He

gets the 1-year liver biopsy on June 15. We are praying for a slowing of the liver damage.

Jackie Payne is settling in with her family down near Houston in Anahuac, TX. She thanks the many in our church that supported her through the loss of Jack. She misses us and invites us to visit the alligator capital of Texas.

Pete Stebbins will check in on Wednesday (6/3/15) at 10:30 am to have a new artificial hip installed. Dr. Hitt will perform the surgery starting around 11:30. Please pray that this will finally end the three month "hip-infection-hospital-antibiotic-spacer" ordeal.

Molly Hatchell graduated 5/24 from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary with a Masters of Divinity. Congratulations!

Adult Education News

We will take the Summer off except for special events as announced. Keep up your Bible studies with individual reading and prayer time each day.

The Pinkston's Celebrate 60 Years



Bill and Shirley Pinkston will celebrate their Diamond Anniversary on June 4th.



A special milestone for a special couple!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Men's Prayer Breakfast is held each Tuesday. The breakfast part starts at about 7:45 AM. Prayer requests and prayers start 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 14 months. As we move into 2015 we would like to expand the size of the group. Please come check us out if you are not yet a regular.



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Upcoming Session Meeting - 6/21/15

Your session will be discussing ways to increase our membership at their Stated Session meeting June 21, 2015 right after services. If you have any ideas please attend and share them with the group or pass your ideas on to any of the current session members. We will be looking at many options so your help would be greatly appreciated.

Barclay A. McCort
Clerk of Session



Benevolence News - Nancy Healey

The Benevolence committee met after church May 17th and discussed the needs of our community and of the world. Because of our congregation's faithful sharing of God's blessings our church willingly and joyfully is able to reach out to those in need.



Nepal was at the top of our list and unanimously we agreed to send the PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) \$3000.00 earmarked for water provisions. Also, internationally, we agreed to continue support of Doctors Without Borders in the sum of \$1000.00 to support their work world-wide. Locally we continue support of the Body of Christ and their building of a new dental clinic for those in need in Bell County. We also continue our support of the Salado Family Relief organization which helps families with specific needs of housing and or utility bills, and we were able to provide them \$2000.00. We continue providing bread to the Salado Food Pantry twice a month.

In all, because of your individual sharing we as a body of Christ were able to provide a total of \$7000.00. Remember our food collection basket in the Narthex-also the Food Pantry is in need of gently used summer clothing for babies through adults. These can be brought to the food basket and will be taken to the pantry for you.

Blessings and Gratitude,
Nancy Healey

Fifth Sunday Social May 2015



Fajitas, enchilada casseroles and other Mexican dishes.



Shirley Lett and Julie Goggans coordinated this fun Dinner.

The Church's Newest Nonagenarian

Letta Meinen turned 90 on June 2nd. She is an avid choir member, runs the Tuesday Games program, plays much golf (in her own golf cart) and is a sports car buff. Congratulations Letta!

(She was so busy coordinating the 5/31 Church Golf outing she did not take any pictures for the *Messenger*.)

