



The Messenger

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Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

When I was the pastor to a gospel congregation one of the songs that we sang often was "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand." The words are listed below:



Time is filled with swift transition,
Naught of earth unmoved can stand,
Build your hopes on things eternal,
Hold to God's unchanging hand.

Refrain:
Hold to God's unchanging hand,
Hold to God's unchanging hand;
Build your hopes on things eternal,
Hold to God's unchanging hand.



In the mist of so much change and transition going on in the world around us this song reminds us even more our need to hold on to God's unchanging hand. Just think about the events that have taken place in Salado the last few weeks. Through them we are truly reminded that life is "filled with swift transitions".

Salado lost a young doctor to a tragic accident; a golfer lost his life while enjoying the thing he loved to do. Several people lost their lives in accidents while traveling on highway 2484. Yes, life is filled with swift transition.

Other less tragic events have happened: people we love have moved, others' lives have change because of illness or other life events. At times, I just want to shout, **stop - make things like they were before**, things are just going to fast. Have you ever felt that way? I think we all have.

The Good News of the Gospel can bring us peace in these situations as we remember that our God is unchanging. God is the same **Yesterday**, **Today** and **Tomorrow!** There are no surprises with God, God's Love and Commandments are consistent

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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
Start practice September 2 at 5:30PM
- **Aug. 2** - Communion Sunday
- **Aug. 20** - 6:00 PM Church-wide Dinner @ the Church
- **Aug. 30** - Fifth Sunday Celebration and Southern Foods Social



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throughout all generations. We have to remember to “Build your hopes on things eternal, and Hold to God’s unchanging hand.”

We can find peace in knowing that God is still in control. God is still a God of love, peace, hope, joy, mercy, and forgiveness. So when things happen in your life that you just don’t understand, remember, “Build your hopes on things eternal, Hold to God’s unchanging hand”.

God Bless You. *Carl*

Some Favorite Verses

“Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens. Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign Lord comes escape from death.” Psalm 68:19-20

“Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” Mark 11:23-24

“A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.” Proverbs 17:22

“To answer before listening— that is folly and shame.” Proverbs 18:13




“Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, ‘I gave birth to him in pain.’ Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, ‘Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.’ And God granted his request.” 1 Chronicles 4:9-10



“Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained in the way of righteousness.” Proverbs 16:31

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

	Aug. 2, 2015 10th Sunday after Pentecost	Aug. 9, 2015 11th Sunday after Pentecost	Aug. 16, 2015 12th Sunday after Pentecost	Aug. 23, 2015 13th Sunday after Pentecost	Aug. 30, 2015 14th Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading	2 Sam 11:26 -12:13a	2 Samuel 18:5-9	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14	Joshua 24:1-2a	Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm	Psalm 51:1-12	Psalm 130	Psalm 111	Psalm 84: 14-18	Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
Sec. Reading	Ephesians 4:1-16	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Ephesians 5:15-20	Ephesians 6:10-20	James 1:17-27
Gospel	John 6:24-35	John 6:35, 41-51	John 6:51-58	John 6:56-69	Mark 14: 1-8, 14-15, 2-23

August Birthdays

- Nancy Norris 4
- John Booher 6
- James R. Ervi, II 6
- Bob Todd 9
- Carl Menghert 11
- Sara Pettijohn 12
- Jim Davis 15
- Britt Healey 21
- Jeanette West 31

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About our Members and Friends

Carl Thompson reports that **Lilree Jackson** is doing great after her fall and recovery.

Stan Staples is a Hospice Care patient, bedridden and has to be spoon feed. Pray for Stan and Ellen as they endure this ordeal.

Pete Stebbins had his second hip replacement and fourth surgery on 6/3. Since then he has had much drainage and a possible re-infection. A culture is being grown now which will help isolate the specific type of infection. Once identified, a treatment plan will be defined.

Barclay McCort’s sister, **Barbara Allison**, of Bedford, TX was recently diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia and was given 2 to 6 months to live. Please keep this family in your prayers as they deal with this difficult time.

Walt Tindell spent a few days at S&W with fluid on his lungs. It was determined that between taking lasix and a needle biopsy he could get rid of the excess fluid. He is now home and it does not seem that a pace-maker is required.

“Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.” Romans 5:3-5

Adult Education News - Shirley Pinkston

Adult Education begins September 6 with John Ortberg's latest book, Soul Keeping. How often do you think about the state of your soul? It's not just a matter of saved or unsaved, but the difference between satisfied spirituality and a restless faith. Your soul is your most important connection to God.



Join us as we learn how to find our way out of the shallows to true spiritual depth.

Books and coffee will be provided. We just need you. September 6, 9:00 a.m. Please come.

Church-Wide Dinner

It's time to mark your calendars for our annual church-wide dinner that marks the end of summer as we resume our regular schedule in the fall.

Save this date: Thursday, August 20, 6:00 p.m. at the church. The adult Bible class sponsors this event. There will be a sign-up sheet to balance out our menu. Plan to join us for an evening of good food, fun, and fellowship.



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 8 to 10 men per week. We have room and 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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Choir Practice Resumes - Monte Shuck

We will hold our first choir practice of the Fall at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2nd.

If you have been thinking about joining the choir, now is the time! We always welcome new voices!



While the rest of us have been taking time off, Carol has been reviewing new music all summer and has lots of exciting things for us to present to the congregation.

Do you know your Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn	Crown Him with Many Crowns
Weatherman's Hymn	There Shall Be Showers of Blessing
Contractor's Hymn	The Church's One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn	Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn	There's a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn	Standing on the Promises!
Optometrist's Hymn	Open My Eyes That I Might See
The Tax Man's Hymn	I Surrender All
The Gossip's Hymn	Pass It On
The Electrician's Hymn	Send The Light
The Shopper's Hymn	Sweet Bye and Bye
The Realtor's Hymn	I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop
Massage Therapists Hymn	He Touched Me
The Doctor's Hymn	The Great Physician

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:
 55 mph God Will Take Care of You
 75 mph Nearer My God To Thee
 85 mph This World Is Not My Home
 95 mph Lord, I'm Coming Home
 100 mph Precious Memories



July - Social and Ice Cream 7-26-15



The last Sunday, Aug. 30th, is our next after church social hour. Shirley Lett is already planning an old-fashioned Southern Style dinner. We are to bring homemade southern foods, like chicken and dumplings, meat loaf, greens, fried chicken, etc. Just let her know what you plan to bring. 254-947-8646 or lettsjlett@embarqmail.com

