



The Messenger

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Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

Once again as I sit here to write a short note, I am reminded that, "life is full of swift transitions", and we must hold to God's unchanging hand. We had a good 2015 as individuals, and as a church, but we lost several key members through death or moving. Some tremendous spiritual leaders are no longer a part of our congregation.

As a pastor when this happens I often wonder who will step forward to fill the void. I always have some worry and anxiety about it, wondering how can we ever find someone to replace this person. Then God's Spirit begins to move and I discover all my anxiety was for naught.

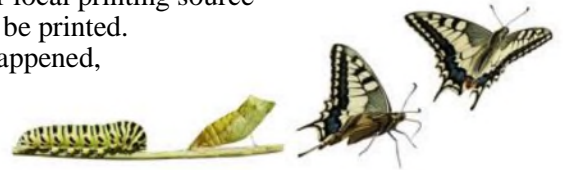
God has always provided the necessary gifts to people in the congregation to stand up and carry the ball. I have to remind myself that even the Church is full of swift transition, but God through the gifts of the Spirit will always provide if we hold to His unchanging hand.

I just look at our staff and can see God's power in action. I remember when our treasurer, John Pettijohn needed a break from the job he held for many years, I nearly went into panic mode. But guess what, my worry was for naught, Gods sent us Mike Moore. .. Mike spends countless hours at home and at church working on our finances. What a Blessing Mike is to our congregation.

When Jean Teal came to me and said she felt she could no longer serve as choir director, once again I went into panic mode, forgetting that God will truly provide, if we hold to His unchanging hand. What happened, Monte and Carol Shuck stepped up and said if you want us, we'll do it. As you can see our music program continues to be one of the best you will find in a church our size.

I remember when I first arrived, congregation members were responsible for typing and printing the bulletin, then we lost our local printing source and had to take the bulletin to Temple to be printed. This became a problem, and then what happened, God sent us Sharon Michael.

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Calendar of Events

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

- **Tuesdays** - Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8 A.M.
- **Tuesdays** - Game Day Activities at 10:00 A.M.
- **Wednesdays** - Choir Practice at 5:30 P.M.
- **Feb. 7** - Communion Sunday and Session Meeting
- **Feb. 10** - Ash Wednesday Service at Noon - Plus Lunch
- **Feb. 28** - Monthly Social after Service



Carl Continued

What a blessing, Sharon was always ready to respond to our printing needs at a moment's notice. Why did I worry so? God does provide!

Last but not least Jeanette West what a blessing she is to me. She was playing for us three Sundays a month and John Schaum played the last Sunday of the month. Then John got a job that would prohibit him from doing our service. What were we going to do? Once again by the grace of God, Jeanette said I'll do it and when I can't I will get someone to play for me. God does provide!

I just wanted to write this to thank those wonderful staff members that make our ministry as a Church go so smoothly and makes my job so much fun. Thanks to each of you. Life is full of swift transitions, and I don't know what 2016 will bring us as a church or as individuals, but I do know this - God will always provide! We must hold to His unchanging hand.



God Bless You. *Carl*

Ash Wednesday - Feb. 10

All are welcome to join us for an Ash Wednesday Service 12 Noon Wednesday February 2016.

During worship we will participate in the imposition of ashes. This is a beautiful way to begin the journey of Lent.

A lunch will be provided after the service.

Walt Tindell



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

	Transfiguration of the Lord — Feb. 7	Ash Wednesday — Feb. 10	First Sunday in Lent — Feb. 14	Second Sunday in Lent — Feb. 21	Third Sunday in Lent — Feb. 28
First Reading	Exodus 34:29-35	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18	Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm	Psalm 99	Psalm 51:1-17	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Psalm 27	Psalm 63:1-8
Sec. Reading	2 Corinth 3:12-4:2	2 Corinth 5:20b-6:10	Romans 10:8b-13	Philippians 3:17-4:1	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Gospel	Luke 9:28-36 [37-43]	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Luke 4:1-13	Luke 13:31-35 or 9:28-36	Luke 13:1-9

January Birthdays

Robert Harper	1
Barclay McCort	4
Ellen Staples	5
Cindy Pennington	8
Laquita Arner	19
Jim Ervi, Sr.	19
Claire Hartman	26
Carol Walls	28

About our Members and Friends

Michael Kelsey's latest lab report for the tumor marker shows the tumor is responding favorably to the chemo. He has CT scans on February 8 and an appointment with the oncologist and surgeon on February 9. The results of the scans will determine the next treatments and if surgery is an option. Please keep praying for both Mike and Nancy.

Louise Thompson continues to have some trouble with days and nights and other normal aging issues. Pray for Louise and caregivers Carl and Evelyn.

Carol Walls had a fall and broke four ribs. One penetrated a lung and she has had to have the lung drained. She had surgery to stop the bleeding in her

lung. She also had a spinal block installed to relieve some of her pain. The doctors in Tyler feel that they were successful. Carol has spent time in rehabilitation but should be home in Salado early in February.

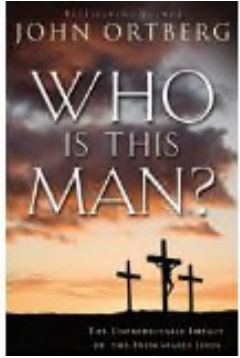
Jean Teal was in a car accident while riding with her daughter and granddaughter. Both daughter and granddaughter are OK, but Jean was airlifted to a hospital in Ft. Worth. She has no life threatening issues, but some pelvic fractures (non-weight bearing) and other problems. The knee required that she go to rehab after the hospital stay.

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Adult Education - Shirley Pinkston

Our lessons for Lent this year will begin on February 21st with the study of John Ortberg's Who Is This Man?

Jesus has been history's most familiar figure from the Dark Ages through the



present. Yet, you don't see his name on any historical list. Why? Maybe, it is because of the kind of life he lived. That life and his teachings draw people to follow him. He started in a humble place in a spirit of love and acceptance. His vision of life continues to challenge us and has inspired and influenced art, science, government, medicine, and education, and has taught us about forgiveness, and hope.



Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 as we discuss the life and influence of Jesus and how he can help us live a life of meaning and blessings to others.

- Shirley Pinkston

Congratulations Ann Moore

Ann Moore, a regular attendee to our church, was selected as Salado's **Volunteer of the Year** by the Chamber of Commerce January 28th.



Ann has been active in the Ambassadors program, working several times a month at the Tourism office. In addition, she has served on the Salado Area Republican Women's board for many years, currently serving as their treasurer. She just completed a long term as secretary of Mill Creek Association. She is active in Community Chorus and just recently joined the local American Business Women's Association.

Congratulate Ann

A Baptism and Five New Members



Monte Shuck is not sure if he was baptized, (can't remember as infant) so is baptized prior to becoming a new member.

Julie Herald,
254-220-7040



Brad and Pat Rehm, 254-462-5444



Monte and Carol Shuck, 254-793-0215

1st Corinthians 13:1-8 -- on Love (Contributed by Missie Lanham)

The adult Sunday school class taught by Shirley Pinkston, has been studying Adam Hamilton's book, THE CALL. In the chapter "Called to Love," he quotes First Corinthians 13:1-8, and said that he had been taught years ago that there is benefit in reading that segment filling in one's own name in the place of love, then ask "How accurate are these statements about me?" Shirley had the class do this by reading aloud the following pattern, each putting his/her own name in the place of love which is represented by the blank. The statement is as follows:

_____ is patient,
 _____ is kind,
 _____ isn't jealous,
 _____ doesn't brag,
 _____ isn't arrogant,
 _____ isn't rude,



_____ doesn't seek, (her/his) own advantage,
 _____ isn't irritable,
 _____ doesn't keep a record of complaints,
 _____ isn't happy with injustice, but
 _____ Is happy with the truth,
 _____ puts up with all things,
 _____ trusts in all things, hopes in all things, and endures all things.

Dr. Catherine Matthews Lanham, who is a practicing psychologist said the following:

"Our language shapes our reality." How do you think your reality might change if you read the above statement aloud each day for a given period of time...a week, two weeks or longer? If you choose to do this, you might also find it interesting to note any changes you notice in your life. You might also find it meaningful to read the Corinthians passage on love in several versions of the Bible.

What does Love Mean? From a group of 4 – 8 year olds.

'When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.
 Rebecca - age 8

'When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.'
 Billy - age 4

'Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.'
 Danny - age 8

'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.'
 Nikka - age 6

'Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.'
 Tommy - age 6

And the final one was a four-year-old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife.

Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there.

When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said,

'Nothing, I just helped him cry'



Our 2016 Session Members

★ These Session Members started their three year terms on January 3rd, 2016



★ Sara Pettijohn, Clerk of the Session

The Clerk is responsible for maintaining records, keeping all rolls and registers current., preparing agendas in conjunction with the pastor and recording minutes of the session and congregational meetings.



★ Laquita Arner, Fellowship

The Fellowship Committee coordinates the social events of the church including end-of-month socials, Christian events like Ash Wednesday, and celebrations.



Nancy Healey, Benevolence

Benevolence is the heart and soul of our church. I am thankful for those who willingly serve on our committee to oversee the sharing of 25% of our tithes and offerings. We help, serve, support, and pray for others.



★ Carl Menyhert, Personnel & Finance

Finance and Personnel recommends the allocation of funds in support of clergy activities. It works with the Treasurer to ensure collection and bill payment. It coordinates financial reviews as required, and supports the negotiation of contracts.



John Booher, Education

Works with the Adult Sunday School teachers to ensure supplies are available. Assesses the educational needs of the church in order to reach a large percentage of the congregation. Supports the Men's Prayer Breakfast.



Chine Ray, Building and Grounds

The Building and Grounds mission is to maintain all church property. With the exception of lawn maintenance and cleaning of the inside of the church building, work is done by various members of the church.



Walt Tindell, Worship

Arrange for pulpit supply when Carl is not available. Plan for special services (Fifth Sunday, Ash Wed, Easter, Maundy Thurs, ...). Coordinate flowers, communion services, liturgists, greeters and weekly bulletins.



Rip Van Winkle, Worship

Rip assists Walt, especially in regards to the music department. He makes suggestions regarding worship music selections, especially for months which have fifth Sundays. He has input as to special music selections and coordinates with Carl, Monte and Carol.

In addition, the congregation elected Carl Menyhert, Bill Pinkston and Ellen Staples to the nomination committee for 2016.

Others of Service



Mike Moore, Treasurer

He develops a budget, tracks incoming funds, writes checks for expenditures, provides a monthly income statement balance sheet and year-end Tax Reports.



Monte & Carol Shuck, Co-Choir Directors

Working with Pastor Carl they choose special music (choral call to worship, choir anthem, etc.) for each service and conduct practice each Wednesday. Monte directs the choir on Sunday and Carol is a back-up pianist.



Jeanette West, Organist

She plays for our church services, the Choir practices, and any special services as needed. (Recently she has had surgery on her hand which has required a backup organist.)



Pete Stebbins, Communications

He creates and distributes the monthly *Messenger* and sends other e-mails as necessary to keep the congregation informed of events and news. Plus he takes lots of pictures.

Fifth Sunday Celebration - Bell Choir and Pizza Social

Bell Choir from the First Baptist Church Salado, Aline Wilson, Director
 Members: Diana Coggin, Rosalie Glass, Jerry Harrison, Sue Heflin,
 Kathy Hollas, Rosemary LeGuin, Nancy Norris, Bella Rodriguez,
 Dottie Shirley, Sandy Tucker



The pizza, spaghetti, salads, desserts, and the **Frozen Cranberry Salad** were well received.



Grandmas Frozen Cranberry Salad

- 12 oz. Cool Whip
- 14 oz. Whole Berry Cranberry Sauce
- 8 oz. Crushed Pineapple Drained
- 8 oz. Package of Cream Cheese (softened)
- 1 Teaspoon Almond Extract
- 1/2 Cup of Sugar
- 1 Cup Chopped Pecans

- Blend
- Put in 8x11 Cake Pan
- Freeze
- Makes 12 Servings

Enjoy - Trish Stebbins



Our Choir is a blessing every week!