



The Messenger

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Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson



I want to begin this newsletter by thanking all of you for the wonderful support you have been to my family and me during my mother's illness and death. She was always so happy when she received the many cards from you. When she went to the doctors or someone came to the house, she would always tell them about the Presbyterian Church of Salado. She loved being a part of it.

I have always seen you go into action when we had someone sick in our congregation, or if we lost a church member. Support would come from every direction as we ministered to the families and tried to give them support at their time of need. I was so proud of how this congregation always came through in times of need.

It is different though being on the other end of the stick. What love and support we all felt from you as we mourned the loss of my mother. Thank you for the cards, the prayers and the gifts to the church's memorial fund. We saw in you, faith in action.

Death is tough even though we know it is the beginning of new life with Christ. Your love made it easier, not easy, to make it through those trying days and the days that will come, as we continue to work through the grieving process. So once again, thank you for your love and support.

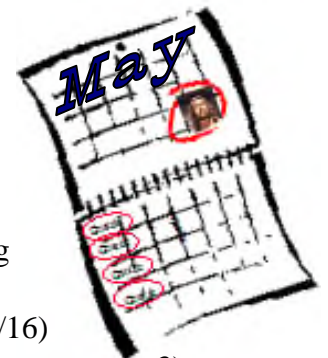
We will continue our custom this summer that our Sunday religious education program will be on recess for the summer. I know many of you will be traveling and visiting with family and friends throughout the summer. I hope you have a wonderful time. Please bring me back a bulletin from the churches you attend (no, I am not checking up on you), I enjoy seeing how other congregations plan their order of worship. I know you will not be taking a vacation from worship. Thanks for your love and support.

Carl and Evelyn

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.
- **Wednesdays** - Choir Practice at 5:30 P.M.
- **May 1** - Communion Sunday, Social, and Golf Outing
- **May 8** - Mother's Day
- **May 15** - Session Meeting after the Service (was 5/8/16)
- **May 22** - Fifth Sunday Celebration (on Fourth Sunday - see page 3)
- **May 22** - After Worship Service Social



Thank You from the Millers

Ron and Jeanie Miller are the couple who had the crisis in church this past Sunday. Ron was transported to Scott & White via ambulance and the physicians there determined that his problem was not heart related. He was released at about 5:30 P.M.

Both Ron and Jeanie want to thank the Presbyterian Church of Salado, the EMT and the nurse who attended (both from the congregation --> Don Engelke and Barclay McCort), plus Pastor Carl Thompson for their concern and attendance. There were others who offered help and they are sorry they don't know all their names. But they want to say a big thank you to all!

It was a very scary situation for everybody, and very embarrassing for the Millers. They feel bad that the church service was stopped..

They are beginning to really appreciate our Presbyterian Church of Salado. Ron finds this church very comforting.

“God Bless & Thank You” - Ron & Jeanie Miller

Congratulations Alana

Congratulations to the Graduate! Announcing the Graduation of Alana Pinkston. Alana will be receiving a Bachelors of Science Degree in Psychology with a Music minor from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. She hopes to stay in the area and teach elementary school until she is ready to go back and get her masters degree.



Her email has changed to alanapinkston@yahoo.com.

Common Lectionary Readings (Carl will

	Sixth Sunday of Easter — May 1	Seventh Sunday of Easter — May 8	Day of Pentecost — May 15	Trinity Sunday — May 22	Second Sunday after Pentecost — May 29
1st Reading	Acts 16:9-15	Acts 16:16-34	Acts 2:1-21 or Gen. 11:1-9	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	1 Kings 18:20-21, (22-29), 30-39
Psalm	Psalm 67	Psalm 97	Psalm 104:24-34, 35	Psalm 8	Psalm 96
2nd Reading	Rev. 21:10, 22-22:5	Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21	Romans 5:1-5	Galatians 1:1-12
Gospel	John 14:23-29	John 17:20-26	John: 14:8-17 (25-27)	John: 16:12-15	Luke 7:1-10

May Birthdays

Ashley	Simon	3
John	Michael	10
Teresa	Tolbert	14
Brady	Carlson	22
Lilree	Jackson	23
Andy	Duque	24
Liz	Duque	27
Linda	Latiolais	27

About our Members and Friends

Michael Kelsey has completed 16 of 28 radiation treatments and continues the oral chemotherapy. The tumor in the pancreas is manageable and he is scheduled for surgery on June 30. Please pray for Mike and Nancy as they continue treatment at MDA.

Jim Arner is doing much better. He is at Creekside Terrace (Room 309) for continued IV Antibiotics and Rehab.

Carl Thompson's aunt, **Linda Evans**, has had a stroke. Pray for recovery.

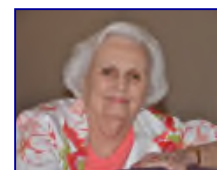
Walt Tindell is still not strong and "normal" after his new electronics have been installed. Pray for a full recovery.

Missie Lanham thanks the church family for all the expressions of care and love we have shown after her fall and time in rehabilitation. She looks forward to being back

amongst us soon. She is praying for wisdom in making the decision of when that will be. (She may be home this week.)

Don Engelke's mother, **Hilda Engelke**, has had a stroke and is in S&W. Pray that all functions return and that this dear 91 year old can soon be back to her normal life.

Ethel Jones, a long time member of our congregation, passed away on Friday 4/29.



Ethel had moved to Minnesota in June of 2012 to be closer to her daughter. Her husband Bill passed away while they were members here and his

ashes were placed on the church grounds.

A memorial service will be held here in Salado. Details to follow.

Mother's Day - from Walt Tindell

Anna M. Jarvis first suggested the national observance of an annual day honoring all mothers because she had loved her own mother so dearly. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Miss Jarvis gave a carnation (her mother's favorite flower) to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities in the U.S. On May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country."



Mother's Day is a very special day. It is a day when we remember our mothers. We give her gifts and phone calls. I heard about a wealthy son who decided to do something special for his mother on her day. He went to a pet shop and saw a very expensive talking bird. This was an unusual bird. This bird could whistle Amazing Grace. This bird could quote the 23rd Psalm. It was an unusual bird. The cost of the bird was \$30,000. But what did he care. He was wealthy so he spent the \$30,000 and bought the bird for his mother and had it shipped to her. On Mother's Day he made his call to his mother. "Mother, how did you like the bird I sent you?" She said, "O, it was delicious, son." I don't suppose any of you sons will get into that dilemma but it is a day when we send our mothers something very, very special.

May 8th is Mother's Day, so I thought you'd enjoy this list of things my mother taught my brother and me:



- My Mother taught me **LOGIC**: "If you fall off that swing and break your neck, you can't go to the store with me," as well as, "If everyone else jumped off a cliff would you do it too?"
- My Mother taught me **HUMOR**: "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
- My Mother taught me **GENETICS**: "You are just like your father!"
- My Mother taught me **ANTICIPATION**: "Just wait until your father gets home."
- My Mother taught me about **RECEIVING**: "You are going to get it when I get you home."
- My Mother taught me **RELIGION**: "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
- My Mother taught me about **STAMINA**: "You'll sit there until all that spinach is finished."
- And the all-time favorite thing my Mother taught me, **JUSTICE**: "One day you will have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you. Then you'll see what it's like! I can't wait!"

On Mother's Day, we say thank you to all our mothers for their undying love, their untiring work, their unselfish giving, and their undivided devotion.

Adult Education

We will continue the DVD Series on Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis through Sunday May 22. This will conclude our studies for this spring.

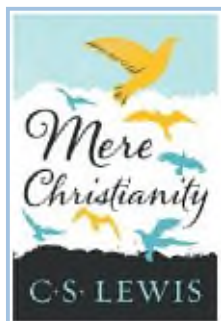
On the 5th Sunday, May 22, Carl will conduct a question and answer session at 9:00 a.m. You can give him your questions ahead of time or bring them with you. Remember, you can ask him anything.



Following this time with our Pastor, we begin our summer recess, resuming classes in September. Have a wonderful summer!

Please join us every Sunday morning through May 22. Everyone is welcome. We always have coffee and good Christian fellowship.

Shirley Pinkston



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Fifth Sunday Celebration - May 22

We will be having 5th Sunday service on May 22nd (the fourth Sunday). The focus will be what my old home church used to call a "Singspiration" with lots of old-style revival numbers.

This will be a very song-based service: lots of singing by the congregation, special numbers by the choir, the debut of a special medley requested by Cindy Pennington and arranged by Monte & Carol, as well as a variety of small group numbers that are being specially prepared. The congregation should bring their smiles and best singing voices.



Choir Directors, Monte and Carol

Deployed Soldiers

The Salado Area Republican Women are continuing to support deployed soldiers from Ft. Hood. They are collecting items that are then shipped to these soldiers. These items could include; magazines, paperback books, snack food, personal care items like small items from a hotel, puzzles or other forms of entertainment.



They are also collecting monetary donations to help with shipping costs and purchase of additional items to fill out a shipment.

Contact barclaymccort@gmail.com or 947-3617 for more information.

Session Report on Church Security - Building & Grounds (Chine Ray)

For a number of weeks now, the Session has been considering the need and specifics of a Security Policy for the Church. The Building and Grounds Committee reported in last month's Newsletter that some aspects of the Policy had already been implemented or installed, such as the expanded phone system, a policy decision on prohibiting open carry of guns on church property, and installation of upgraded exterior security lighting. Additionally, an upgrade in building exit signage will be forthcoming shortly as well as emergency lighting for the sanctuary, the kitchen, and the narthex.

Another area of concern has to do with security of the building itself. It is general knowledge among the congregation that many members have keys to the building. This makes sense, given the significant number of members who have responsibilities which necessitate having access to the building at times other than when Carl is onsite. On numerous occasions, the building has been found insecure because someone did not lock a door behind them upon their departure. Presently, this committee is considering the installation of a locking mechanism that will lock automatically after either entry or exit. Also, anyone who

presently requires access at unusual times will be asked to sign for a key. Once a new locking system is installed the congregation will be advised.



The most discerning aspect of developing a security policy revolved around whether to hire an armed/uniformed law enforcement officer during scheduled services to provide a visible and active defense against any actual or perceived threat to the congregation, such as an active shooter. After much discussion, prayer and member input, the session decided that the presence of a uniformed law enforcement officer would offend the religious dignity of worship and otherwise be an uncomfortable environment for many folks. Consequently, the session will implement an internal security concept whereby members will be asked to monitor the premises immediately before, during and after regular services. Monitors will be asked to immediately report any security infractions noted and make recommendations for improving the security posture of the church. A training plan for security monitors is presently being developed and will be in place shortly.



Finance Committee - Carl Menyhart



The treasurer has compiled his yearend data. The finance committee will nominate two individuals to conduct the required yearly financial review. Recommendations for changes in review procedures are under consideration. Drafting Rev Carl's Annual Review is underway. The draft will be available by the May 15 Session Meeting.

A new business was opening and one of the owner's friends wanted to send him flowers for the occasion. They arrived at the new business site and the owner read the card, "Rest in Peace."

The owner was angry and called the florist to complain. After he had told the florist of the obvious mistake and how angry he was, the florist replied, "Sir, I'm really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry you should imagine this. Somewhere there is a funeral taking place today, and they have flowers with a note saying, 'Congratulations on your new location!'"



Editors Note: Maybe not a bad message?

Bluebonnets Landscaping

Many thanks to Bill Pinkston for the beautiful landscaping he has added to the church grounds. The bluebonnets were especially spectacular this Spring. This is another example of members sharing their unique gifts with the church.



Social and Golf Outing - 5/1/2016



Social at the Church



More Social at Staple's Thank You Ellen



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