



# The Messenger

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## Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

I hope you all had a good time with family and friends this Memorial Day. The Memorial Day Service which is sponsored by the Salado Cemetery association was canceled this year because of weather. Many other Memorial Day events were canceled around our area.



This year I was honored to be asked to be the speaker at the Salado event. Serving in the Army I have many friends who served - some came home from war and some did not. On Veteran's day we honor all of the men and women who served in our Armed Forces, those that are still with us and those who have died. We thank them for their service.

However, on Memorial day, we remember the women and men who made the ultimate sacrifice, we honor those that gave their all for their country, their lives. I will summarize what I planned to say at the Memorial Day service:

"It is important that we remember why we celebrate Memorial Day. It is the day that we honor those brave soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who died protecting their country and what it stands for. They gave all, defending our way of life. We need to recognize the valiant efforts of these hundreds of thousands of men and women, not just on Memorial Day. They put country before self and made a mark in history. They gave all they had to give. We owe our freedom, our happiness, and our lives to them. Let us as individuals and a nation never forget what they have done."



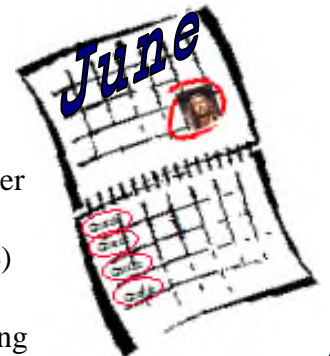
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## Calendar of Events

### Worship Services at 10:00 AM

(Adult Sunday School breaking for the Summer)

- **Tuesdays** - Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8 A.M.
- **Wednesdays** - Choir Practice breaking for the Summer
- **June 5** - Communion Sunday
- **June 13** - Women's Prayer Group Begins (see page 4)
- **June 14** - Mixed Prayer Group Begins (see page 4)
- **June 26** - After Worship Service Picnic - Men Cooking



## Carl continued

On another topic, as we move into our summer programs, I am happy to announce that Molly Hatchell and Patricia Winnop (Molly's twin sister) have volunteered to teach a Contemplative Prayer group this summer. Many of you have asked for a study program during the summer months and now we have one. You will find more details on page four. Thanks, Molly and Patsy.



Again have a great summer. *Carl*



*Missie Lanham*

June, 2016

*My Dearest Friends,*

*I feel God's grace each day through your cards, notes, flowers, prayers, cookies and meals you so generously sent. I wanted to write each of you a personal note, but that task is beyond what I can currently accomplish. So this note will have to suffice for now.*

*It is sent to each of you with a heart full of love and appreciation. I love you, my church family! You have meant so much to me during this time of pain and healing. You are the expression of God's grace.*

*Peace and blessings,  
Missie*

*(and Sam the workforce who serves meals, washes dishes, does the laundry, reads aloud to me and prays with me each day)*



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

	Third Sunday after Pentecost — June 5	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost — June 12	Fifty Sunday after Pentecost — June 19	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost — June 26
<b>1st Reading</b>	1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24)	1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a	1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 146	Psalm 5:1-8	Psalm 42 and 43	Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Galatians 1:11-24	Galatians 2:15-21	Galatians 3:23-29	Galatians 5:1, 13-25
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 7:11-17	Luke 7:36 - 8:3	Luke 8:26-39	Luke 9:51-62

## June Birthdays

Letta	Meinen	2
Robert	Volle	2
Betty	Morgan	3
Sharon	Michael	9
Miriam	Ervi	22
Bill	Pinkston	22
Ralph	Castor	23
Monte	Shuck	24
Amy	Carlson	25
Martha	Harper	27
Shirley	Pinkston	27

## About our Members and Friends

**Michael Kelsey** has completed all chemo and radiation treatments. He is scheduled for surgery on June 30 assuming the 6/20-21 tests are positive. Please pray that the tumor can be removed surgically.

**Jim Arner** continues to improve. Jim's doctors feels his body is free of infection so his IV antibiotics have stopped & he is rehabbing so he can come home soon.

Carl Thompson's aunt, **Linda Evans**, has had a stroke then broke a hip. Considering all, she is doing well. 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** is home with caretaker, Sam. She still has much pain but mobility is improving after breaking her pelvis.

Don Engelke's mother, **Hilda Engelke**, had a stroke that affected her speech pattern and swallowing ability. She is doing much better and residing at Park Place Manor.

**Nancy Norris**'s surgery went well and she has no pain in her left leg. She feels it is nothing short of a miracle. The procedure was called a micro disectomy and it was done on an out-patient basis. She was home by mid afternoon. She must take it easy for a week or two. Nancy is thankful for the calls, cards, and prayers.

**Carl Thompson** is just fine and had no injuries after his 30 year old wood chipper blew up. Praise the Lord. He is continuing his 6 month physical testing. Results are not yet conclusive, so pray for good results.

## Joseph an Earthly Father - from Walt Tindell

Joseph, best known as the husband of Mary and earthly father of Jesus, is found in the New Testament books of Matthew and Luke. Joseph was a man of strong beliefs. He not only strived to do what was right but also to do it the right way. When his betrothed Mary came to him with the news of her pregnancy, he knew the child could not be his.

Joseph decided he would break the engagement but determined to do it in such a way that it would not bring shame to Mary. He wanted to be just, acting with fairness and love. He had great respect for Mary's character but her story of being miraculously impregnated by God's Holy Spirit was difficult to believe. During this time of consideration, he was visited by a messenger from God confirming Mary's story and convincing Joseph that Mary had not been unfaithful. God instructed Joseph to marry the young woman and honor her virginity until the baby was born. Joseph obeyed the Lord.

This must have been initially very difficult for Joseph to reconcile in his natural mind. But Joseph had to be a very spiritual and faithful man of integrity. It is not known how long Joseph was in the life of Jesus but he realized from the moment of the heavenly visit that Jesus was to be very special. The last time Joseph was mentioned in the Bible was when

Jesus was 12 years old. We can assume, that being the honorable man he was, Joseph fulfilled the role of earthly father to the best of his ability with all the love any man can have for his son. Joseph was given and fulfilled the role of protector, provider and teacher, raising the young boy without any further reservation. God provided Joseph with assurance, strength, and the abilities of leadership to raise the child who was brought to be Savior.

### Lessons from Joseph

By reading the stories of Joseph, we find that he was a man of great integrity. He was tried and tested by events in life that could have left him bitter or angry. Instead, he had a close relationship with God in which he remained steadfast, regardless of the undeserved adversities and trials he was forced to endure. Joseph was a man of great faith and open to hearing in his spirit what God intended for him and his life to come. God proved through him that social position is of little importance to God, bringing him from a meager standing to a role of great importance and example.



## “Ask Carl Anything” Discussion is held 5/29/16



Carl speaks to the adult education class every time there's a fifth Sunday in a month. It's a good opportunity to ask questions pertaining to...well, just about anything you'd like to ask.

This “Ask Carl Anything” discussion seemed to focus on the health and direction of the Presbyterian Church USA. We discussed issues facing the Presbyterian church including; membership, mission, financial, and where will the PCUSA will be in 20 years.

There were several questions concerning Carl's health. He explained that he has had some inconclusive test results which is a battery of tests that he goes through every six months.

A number of questions came up about Bible verses and some of our Theology (i.e. what did Jesus do while in Hell after the crucifixion).

Be sure to watch for and attend the next session.

## May Session Meeting - 5/15/16



May Session meeting was attended by: Walt Tindell, Chine Ray, John Booher, Paster Carl Thompson, Sara Pettijohn (Clerk), Laquita Arner, Mike Moore (Treasurer), Carl Menyhert, and Rip VanWinkle.

### Session Meeting Committee Reports:

**Fellowship:** Men will be responsible for the upcoming June picnic.

**Worship:** Walt is working on two "Fifth Sunday" services, one will feature a benevolence recipient, probably Presbyterian Children's Home. He will coordinate with Austin Seminary on Education Sunday in Sept.

**Building and Grounds:** Chine reported the Security Policy is in draft form. Items to finish are emergency lights, lighted exit signs, and volunteers for security observing during service. Sign up process for key usage to be set up and all those having a key to be identified and recorded.

**Choir and Asst. Worship:** Rip reported that the choir will be on vacation for the summer. Special music will be provided.

**Benevolence/Outreach:** Nancy provided a written report regarding benevolence contributions and food pantry bread assistance. Sexual Harassment and Child Abuse policy update is complete.

### Old Business

\*Carl Menyhert and Jerry Schleicher are working on the financial review that should be completed in June.

\*Pastor Carl, Carl Menyhert and Rip Van Winkle attended Presbytery meeting May 26 in McKinney.

\*Letter of church membership transfer for Jim and Carol Walls to the Presbyterian Church of Mabank has been received and approved.

### New Business

\*Molly Hatchell requested to teach a six-week class this summer (mid-June) on spirituality for the congregation. Session approved the request.

## Contemplative Prayer Groups

Starting in mid-June, we are offering two contemplative prayer groups that will focus on deepening relationship with God. They are inspired by Psalm 46:10 - "Be still, and know that I am God."

Each week we will use different methods to help quiet our minds and open our hearts: images, sound, body movement and Scripture. We will provide support to each other in the silence and in the discussion that follows.

There will be two opportunities to choose from: a Women's Group (evening) and a Mixed Group (afternoon).

The Women's Group meets from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Hatchell Stone Cabin, 351 Van Bibber Lane. Meetings will occur on the following Mondays: June 13, June 20, June 27, July 18, and July 25. The closing meeting will be held July 28 (Thursday). Patricia Winnop will join our former intern, Molly Hatchell, in leading the Women's group.

The Mixed Group meets from 12:30-2:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church of Salado. Meetings will occur on the following Tuesdays: June 14, June 21, June 28, July 19, and July 26. The closing meeting will be held July 28 (Thursday). Molly will lead the Mixed Group meetings.

You can take advantage of these opportunities, even if you cannot commit to the entire series, by signing up at the church or by contacting Molly Hatchell (512 228-6423, mhhatchell@me.com).



# “Fifth Sunday” “Singspiration” - 5/22/2016

“Lot’s of Old-Style Revival Songs”



**Men’s Trio - “For Those Tears I Died”**



**Women’s Trio - “Send the Light”**

### Other “Singspiration” Songs:

- “How Great Tho Art”
- “He Keeps Me Singing”
- “When the Roll is Called Up Yonder”
- “Will there Be Any Stairs”
- “This Little Light of Mine”



# May Social - 5/22/2016

Laquita Arner and her band of faithful coordinate the food.



Mike and Nancy Kelsey home from Houston MDA

