



# The Messenger

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## Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

I want to begin this newsletter by thanking Molly and Patricia for all their efforts this summer in providing us with a weekly worship opportunity through the contemplative prayer group. It took a lot of time and effort on their part to conduct these events. I have heard from many people on how much they enjoyed the group. The fellowship with each other and learning a new prayer style was a blessing to all who attended. So once again thanks Molly and Patricia.



I want to thank Sam and Missie Lanham for all they do to help me when I am gone. You don't know what a relief it is for me knowing that Sam is always ready to step in and help me when I call on him. Not only is he willing, but he is so competent in what he does. I heard what a great job he did when I was gone. Thank you Sam and Missie.

Next month our regular Sunday Christian education class will begin again. Shirley Pinkston has been hard at work making sure we have a quality program. You can always depend on Shirley. Every time we have visitors to the class I get wonderful reviews on the quality of the classes and how much they enjoy the class. If you have not attended these Sunday sessions I encourage you to do so, I know you will be blessed. Thanks Shirley for all you do for the congregation.



Finally, a big thank you to Carol and Monte Shuck what a wonderful choir we have. Every week they lead us in worship through beautiful, well done choral call to worships and Choir Anthems. I want to clap and shout amen every time they sing, and for you hard core Presbyterians that is OK. They work hard providing us with new musical numbers every week. It is these songs that set the tone for our worship services. So thanks you Monte and Carol.

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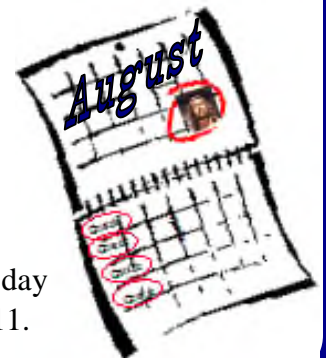
## Calendar of Events

### Worship Services at 10:00 AM

(Adult Sunday School breaking for the Summer)

- **Tuesdays** - Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8 A.M.
- **Aug. 7** - Communion Sunday
- **Aug. 28** - After Worship Social
- **Sept. 8** - "Back to School" dinner at 6:00 PM on Tuesday

Note: Sunday School begins on September 11.



Carl continued...



There are so many people that I need to thank for all their efforts in making our church the great place that it is, but I would take up the entire newsletter. We have been Blessed with so many talented people in our congregation, for such a small church. God has truly Blessed us.

I hope you all have a great August and that you are looking forward to the startup of our fall programs in September.

God Bless You. *Carl*

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

Allison Harris from the PCHS spoke to our congregation on July 24th. We support this Program through our Benevolence giving.

For more than 113 years, Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services has provided Christ-centered care and support for children and families in need. They have been blessed to have financial support and prayers from churches like us (and individuals) who enable them to serve more than 3,400 children and families each year.



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

	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost — Aug. 7	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost — Aug. 14	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost — Aug. 21	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost — Aug. 28
<b>1st Reading</b>	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Isiah 5:1-7	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Jeremiah 2:4-13
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-9	Psalm 71:1-6	Psalm 81:1, 10-16
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2	Hebrews 12:18-29	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15,16
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 12:32-40	Luke 12:49-56	Luke 13:10-17	Luke 14:1, 7-14

August Birthdays

- Tommie Thompson 2
- Julie Engelke 2
- Nancy Norris 4
- John Booher 6
- James R. Ervi, II 6
- Dawn Mann Thompson 6
- Bob Todd 9
- Carl Menyhert 11
- Sara Pettijohn 12
- Britt Healey 21
- Jeanette West 31

About our Members

**Michael Kelsey** continues to feel well. Still waiting and watching. Nancy and Mike go back to Houston on August 28. This trip will be for tests for both. Continued prayers are requested for cancer remission.

**Walt Tindell** is getting stronger. After tests and a couple of procedures on his heart, then an infection - he is home, eating, and getting stronger.

**Pete and Trish Stebbins** will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 27th. On the 28th, the Stebbins' children will provide a reception after our church service for the congregation.

**Jean Teal** is doing well and is back in her apartment overlooking Lake Granbury.

She is driving, but staying on the "little roads", and attending church with family.

**Adva and Bob Volle** - Bob and I are doing well, I had a knee replaced on June 1 and have really amazed everyone as to my recovery, I am driving and doing my own shopping, and really moving along. Bob is getting along as well as can be expected, gets a little harder as time goes by but he is in good health. -- Give everyone our love, we miss you all very much.

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## Our Spiritual Life

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this! If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it. If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!



A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every

Sunday. He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" col-

umn. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible &; receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

## Security Monitoring

The Menyherts, Carl and Renita, were the first folks to provide Security Monitor services for our church over the past two Sunday services (July 24 and 31). This service is critical in support of the new security program of the church.

Please consider volunteering for a couple of Sundays, or more. For those who have already signed up, some one from the Building and Grounds Committee will be contacting you to arrange dates for volunteering. A sign-up sheet is available for those who wish to assist in this important service. Thanks are in order for Carl and Renita!! Chine Ray

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Carl Menyhert reports that the annual financial review of the church has been completed and a draft report has been submitted for final review pursuant to approval at the September Session.

## Contemplative Prayer Groups



The summer contemplative prayer groups held their last meetings in late July. The group meetings started in June with steady participation by those attracted to a worship format focused on praying the scriptures and reflection. Church members and guests from other churches attended the meetings. Many thanks from Molly and Patricia to all those in the church who made this worship activity possible. All the best, *Molly*

## Memorial Service Ethel Jones

The memorial service was held on July 23 from 11 to 2 pm. Pastor Carl officiated a short service and spread her ashes in the flower garden to join her husband's (Bill Jones).



Jones Family Children (6 of 7)





# July Social - 7/31/16



**The Women of the Church come through Again!**



**Bobbie provides advice about the food to Stan**



**Without Rip we wouldn't have a Men's Trio, he made it today.  
The shoulder is feeling better and just needs nourishment.**

