



The Messenger

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SUNDAY OF THE
MONTH - FOR NEXT
MONTH'S PUBLICA-
TION.

Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

Everywhere in Jesus' ministry we see God's power for good flowing through Him. People were healed; people were brought to life; people received new hope for the future; people had their sins forgiven; storms of life were calmed, and blessings were multiplied. Why, because Christ was not a bottleneck, a dam for God's saving power, but was the very instrument through which God's blessings flowed to others.



Jesus once observed, that after a certain woman touched his robe, he felt the power of God going out from him to her. Jesus kept things flowing. God's power, God's grace, God's love, and God's compassion flowed through him to others.

God is blessing us richly each day. We must not become the place where God's blessings, which God has given us, become clogged and stop in us. We must Keep things flowing. So, in what area of life can you and I become instruments of God's loving care and healing? The answer is very simple: in all those areas of life where we see human beings in need.

We need to Look Around us, in the places where we spend our day. Will we notice people in need, I can assure you, we will. They need a ministry that we can give. We need to let God's care for them flow through us.



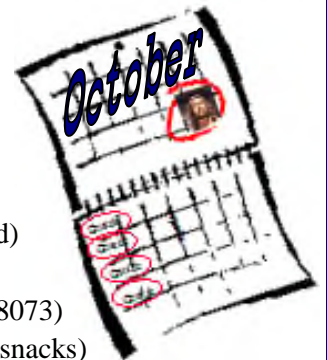
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Calendar of Events

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 AM

Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 AM

- **Tuesdays** - Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8 A.M.
- **Wednesdays** - Choir Practice at 5:30 P.M.
- **Oct 2** - Communion Sunday
- **Oct. 30** - Fifth Sunday Celebration (details to be announced)
- **Oct. 30** - Social with light lunch provided by the Church
- **Oct. 30** - Golf Outing (Sign up sheet or Letta Meinen 947-8073)
- **Oct. 30** - Afternoon golf watch party at the Staple's (bring snacks)
- **Nov. 6** - Session Meeting after worship
- **Nov. 13** - Congregational Meeting after Worship

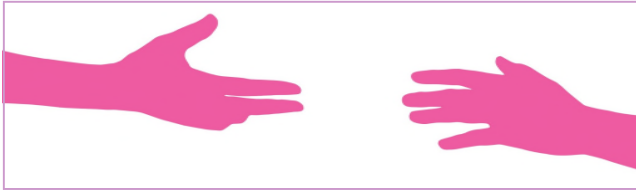


Carl continued...

I am not just talking about material things, we must use our time, talents and abilities in the service of God. So Today and everyday start your day with this prayer,

"Lord, as your blessings flow to me, may they continue to flow through me, for the good and encouragement of others!"

God Bless You. *Carl*



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

	20th Sunday after Pentecost — Oct. 2	31st Sunday after Pentecost — Oct. 9	22nd Sunday after Pentecost — Oct. 16	23rd Sunday after Pentecost — Oct. 23	24th Sunday after Pentecost — Oct. 30
Presbytery Weekly Focus (from Sara Pettijohn)	World Communion Sunday - supporting peacemaking and reconciliation ministries throughout the world	Domestic Violence Awareness Month encouraging helping local domestic violence prevention programs.	World Food Day	Children's Sabbath; Educate a Child, Transform the World	Reformation Sunday
1st Reading	Lamentations 1:1-6	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Jeremiah 31:27-34	Joel 2:23-32	Habakkuk 1:1-4:2:1-4
Psalms	Psalms 137	Psalms 66:1-12	Psalms 119:94-104	Psalms 65	Psalms 119:137-144
2nd Reading	2 Timothy 1:1-14	2 Timothy 2:8-15	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	2 Thessal. 1:1-4, 11-12
Gospel	Luke 17:5-10	Luke 17:11-19	Luke 18:1-8	Luke 18:9-14	Luke 19:1-10

October Birthdays

Carolyn Williams	3
Ann Faber	4
Trish Stebbins	5
Barbara Tindell	9
Joyce Goza	15
Joan Ray	16
Ken Latolaais	18
Linda Lloyd	20
Walt Tindell	20
Barbara Harper	26
Jerry Schleicher	30
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About our Members

Walt Tindell has gone back into the hospital for tests. Pray for God's peace to be with both Walt and Barbara plus an accurate diagnosis and healing.

Michael and Nancy Kelsey return to MD Anderson for Mike's chemo and a visit with his oncologist. Please continue your prayers for this family as they go through these difficult trials.

Michelle VanWinkle of Hillsboro and daughter of Sharon and Rip VanWinkle was recently diagnosed with a recurrence of an aggressive form of colon cancer. She will be starting a form of chemo therapy on 14 October. Your prayers will be appreciated.

Lucille Frank, Linda Lloyd's mother was put in the hospital for undetermined bleeding. She was out of the hospital by the time Linda drove back to Ohio from South Dakota. She received three units of blood but doctors haven't been able to identify the source of the bleeding. They are waiting for an OK from insurance to run more tests. Pray for a diagnosis, effective treatment, and healing.

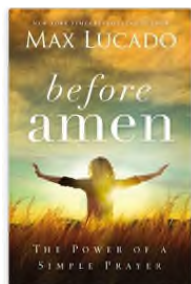
Mike Moore (Ann Moore's husband) had an episode of atrial fibrillation or irregular heartbeat on Monday (9/26). He went to the hospital and stayed overnight as the doctors determined the cause. Pray for on-going effective treatment.

Adult Bible Study



We all pray...some. But wouldn't we like to pray more? Better? With more faith and frequency? We're not the first to struggle with prayer. The first followers of Jesus needed guidance, too.

In Before Amen, Max Lucado teaches us about biblical prayer and reminds us that prayer is not just a privilege for the pious, but a simple heartfelt conversation between God and his child.



Join the adult class as we begin this study on Sunday, October 16.

Our schedule for October:

- *October 2 and 9: Half Truths
- *October 16 & 23: Before Amen
- *October 30: Questions for Carl

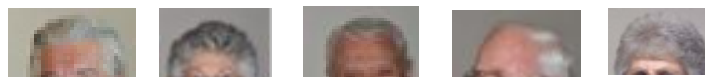
Don't miss this session with our pastor. You have the chance to ask him anything! You can give him your questions ahead of time or bring them on the 30th. We hope to see you on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. The coffee will be ready.

Shirley Pinkston

Gray is Good from Walt Tindell

Our society doesn't see gray hair the same way the cultures in Bible times did. In those times, gray hair was a beautiful representation of a wise, elderly and much-respected person. Proverbs 16:31 says:

*Gray hair is a crown of glory;
it is gained by living a godly life.*



Today, gray hair has become a symbol of someone who is slowing down, which may be why some seek to conceal it. It doesn't help that many of today's older folks aren't as technologically advanced as those in the younger generations. Or, that some members of today's younger generations gauge a person by these skills. (Remember that for many kids their whole life revolves around technology.)

Thus, younger people don't think to seek the wisdom those with gray hair have attained. Today's children will continue to be influenced by this attitude unless we change their mindset. I propose that we look for opportunities for young and old to hang out together. Actually, older people love to be around children and vice versa. Just being together will help children build respect for their elders and the elderly. When members of 'the elder generation' interact with children and share their incredible life experiences, it helps those younger generations develop an appreciation for "the Gray Hairs."

Benevolence Meeting Third Quarter 2016 - Nancy Healey

Quarterly meeting was held Sept. 25, 2016 with the following attending: Shirley Pinkston, Jeannette West, Cindy Pennington, Jerry Schleicher, Joan Ray, and Nancy Healey. Absent were Ann Faber and John Booher.

Carl presented a brief introduction to a solar program being undertaken by several Presbyterian churches within our Synod. It was decided to further research the program and discuss in greater detail during fourth quarter meeting.

The committee decided to follow a 60/40% giving guideline-supporting local agencies 60% and international 40% so the following agencies will receive distributions from our Benevolence fund for this third quarter:

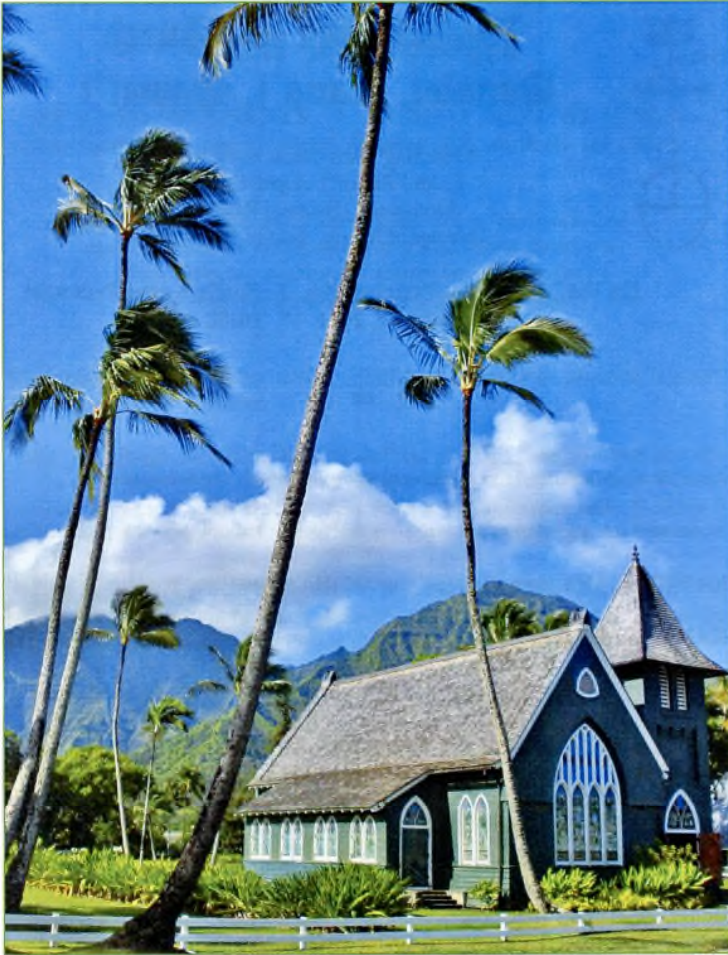
- AWARE \$1000.00
- Body of Christ \$1000.00
(divided 50/50 between medical and dental needs)

- Salado Fire Dept. \$ 500.00
- Salvation Army-Temple \$1000.00
- Presbyterian Children's' Homes \$1000.00 (quarterly)
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance \$1500.00
- Plus continue to provide bread to the Salado Food Pantry on a bi-monthly basis.

Our meeting was opened and closed in prayer for wisdom, guidance and gratitude while acknowledging that our Father provides, and we are His instruments here on earth to reach those in greater need through sharing His blessings.

IHS with Gratitude,
Nancy Healey
Benevolence Elder

God Working in the World by Pete Stebbins



Wai'oli Hui'ia Church
*"i ka poli o Hanalei — in the heart of
 Hanalei"*
 Founded 1834
 Hanalei, Kaua'i, Hawai'i

While Trish and I were in Hawaii celebrating our fiftieth wedding anniversary we attended this church in Hanalei. The service was conducted in both Hawaiian and English. We felt welcomed and it was a very loving experience. This article printed in the bulletin caught my attention:

Each Sunday, I enter worship in full command of my emotions. But it often doesn't last. A verse or phrase of a hymn I have sung for decades strikes me in an entirely new way. I reflect on how God has worked in my life, in the lives of my loved ones, and in members of the church I attend. A flood of memories and feelings pours over me. I am overwhelmed with gratitude for God's grace and mercy, and tears come to my eyes.

For many years I could not have imagined standing in church, unashamed of my lack of composure. I could not have imagined being comfortable talking about my faith, or praying in public. Then, through many different experiences, not all of them positive, God broke through my shell of insecurity and self-protection. God put agents of grace in my path, and opened my heart to their acceptance and love. When I finally understood that God is present and active in my life and the lives of others, I became more confident in my faith and more committed to grow in it.

Some may think of God as abstract and remote. But for me, the opposite is true. The Holy Spirit can transform the way we experience God, inviting us into a personal relationship with our Creator.

Prayer: Gracious God, thank you for being with us each day. Grant us courage to respond authentically. Amen. *Hayes Mizell (South Carolina)*

The psalmist wrote in Psalm 66:16;
*"Come and hear, all you who fear God,
 and I will tell what he has done for me."*

Thought for the Day

*The heart of the godly thinks carefully before speaking;
 the mouth of the wicked overflows with evil words.*

Proverbs 15:28

*Neighbors lie to each other,
 speaking with flattering lips and deceitful hearts.*

Psalms 12:2

*Then keep your tongue from speaking evil
 and your lips from telling lies!*

Psalms 34:13



Notice:

The 2016 Church Directory will be available soon.

Watch for it in your mail box or see Pete Stebbins at church.

Sunday School Kickoff and September Social



The Sunday School held a Kickoff Dinner on September 8th in the Church's "Great Hall"



Chine (the chef) Ray slices the flank steak after completing the grilling at home



The September Social was really a "Spaghetti Luncheon" provided by Evelyn and Carl Thompson. Carl planted, fertilized, watered, and harvested a huge crop of tomatoes. Evelyn then turned them into tomato sauce, added spices and meat balls, cooked gallons of pasta and shared their abundance with the congregation on the 25th of September.

