



# The Messenger

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TION.

## Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

It is November already, where does the time go? November is a busy time in the life of our nation and in the liturgical life of our church. It is important in our nation that we all participate in the democratic process. It is this process that makes our nation great, the ability to freely elect our representatives to local, state and national office.



We must carefully consider who we will vote for and then go out and do it. We cannot complain about our leaders if we don't exercise our right to vote. After the election, we need to put aside the political rhetoric and work together as a nation to solve the many problems facing us in our future.

On thirteen November, we will have a congregational meeting to elect our new elders, and the church budget will be present to you for 2017. This is not a long meeting, so please stay to vote.

Later in the month we will gather as a nation to celebrate Thanksgiving. This should not just be a one day event for a Christian, we should be thanking God every day for our Blessings.

The blessing of living in a free nation, the blessings of: health, home and family, you know what blessings God has given you, say thanks every day. It is also important that as a nation we pause to recognize from where are blessings come, so enjoy the national holiday of Thanksgiving.



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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.
- **Nov. 6** - Communion Sunday & **Daylight Savings "Fall Back"**
- **Nov. 6** - Session Meeting after worship
- **Nov. 13** - Congregational Meeting after Worship for election of Elders Class of 2019 and presentation of the budget for 2017
- **Nov. 24** - Thanksgiving
- **Nov. 27** - First Sunday of Advent & **Hanging of the Greens** with soups and chili



## Carl continued...

Finally, on the last Sunday of November we will decorate our Church for the Advent and Christmas season. We will do this right after church and it won't take long if we all participate. Bring your favorite soup or chili, and enjoying the fellowship, as we prepare the church to celebrate the nativity of our Lord.



*Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*

*This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him.*

*For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease.*

*He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection. Ps 91:1-4*

Happy Thanksgiving. **Carl**



### Some Directory Corrections

**Walt and Barbara Tindell**  
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**Greg & Emily Faber**  
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**Jean Teal**  
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**Robert & Adva Volle's Address is:**  
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## Common Lectionary Readings (Carl will change topics at times due to requests or other circumstances)

	25th Sunday after Pentecost — Nov. 6	26th Sunday after Pentecost — Nov. 13	27th Sunday after Pentecost — Nov. 20	Thanksgiving Nov. 24	First Sunday of Advent — Nov. 27
<b>1st Reading</b>	Haggai 1:15b-2:9	Isaiah 65:17-25	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Deut. 26:1-11	Isaiah 2:1-5
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 145:1-5,17-21	Psalm 98	Psalm 46	Psalm 100	Psalm 122
<b>2nd Reading</b>	2 Thes. 2:1-5, 13-17	2 Thes. 3:6-13	Colossians 1:11-20	Philippians 4:4-9	Romans 13:11-14
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 20:27-38	Luke 21:5-19	Luke 23:33-43	John 6:25-35	Matthew 24:36-44

## November Birthdays

James Ray	Ervi Ill	3
Renita	Menyher	4
Pastor Carl	Thompson	14
Rip	Van Winkle	16
Joe	Carroll	20
Annie	Pekin	20
Charlie	Simon	23

## About our Members

**Walt Tindell** is continuing an evaluation process. Pray for God's resolution & peace to be with both Walt and Barbara.

**Michael and Nancy Kelsey** Mike's tumor returned and is slightly larger than when he first went to MDA. The cancer has likely spread to two locations on the liver. He will start a new chemo in Georgetown to be closer to home and will not have to make the Houston trips.

So far this Wednesday is covered as to who stays with Mike while Nancy goes to Houston. Nancy's sister will go with her for the weekly MDA leukemia trial appointments. Mike's 87 year old mother will stay with him. Please pray for healing and God's peace to be with Mike and Nancy during this time.

**Michelle VanWinkle** of Hillsboro and daughter of Sharon and Rip VanWinkle has been diagnosed with colon cancer. No cancer is better or worse than others but in Michelle's situation she is fortunate that the cancerous polyps are in the lower portion of her colon. They are treating it now with a drug called Avastin. Thanks for your prayers.

**Chine Ray** Joan and I truly appreciate the many prayers, get well cards, and best wishes for a speedy recovery. Things are progressing after the 12 Oct. knee replacement surgery, but not as fast as we would like!! We will continue to covet your prayers and looking forward to returning to church activities soon. Joan and Chine

# Where Are They Now & What are They Doing?

## Bev Jones

This is a picture from last December with a couple of my friends from the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church. They are my new golfing buddies, but we only played once. We finished 6 holes in 3 1/2 hours!



One new activity that I enjoy is the Presbyterian Women's circle, which meets monthly and has breakfast at someone's home, a Bible study, prayer time, and mission projects. This year, we paid for 2 goats, a cow, and a well for an entire village in Africa.

This family picture was taken in June 2016. Mark in black shirt, front and center, is Spencer's oldest son with his family from Los Angeles; Randy in green shirt, back row and family on the right, live here; Spencer is next to Jack (6), Colt (2), and Ash and Kellie. It is a real treat to play with these little grandsons and watch them grow up!

It is so good to keep in touch with my Salado church family. I look forward to reading the Messenger each month. You are all treasures in my mind and heart. God bless you and keep you. Love, Bev Jones



## Bob and Adva Volle

We are doing as well as we can and are very grateful for having so many children so nearby. Lisa and Sara have been up to be with us when they can. We love the house I found in Avon, and many new friends in the neighborhood. I walk the dog every day 4 or 5 times, it helps me keep moving. My knee was replaced June 1st and has done great, the doctor was very surprised that I healed so quickly. Bob is still having trouble walking and getting worse. The autumn leaves have been so beautiful, but they will be gone soon, then the cold winter.

We found that so many of the people we knew 30 years ago at the Methodist Church, are still here and they remember us and how we were so much a part of the church family, some have past on but there are spouses still here.

This is from one of our First Friday Lunches. We meet with so many wonderful members that we knew 30 years ago, and have a great time.

We miss all of our Presbyterian family, and we keep all in our prayers and hope you will all keep us in yours.

Let us hear from you all, Bob and Adva Volle



## Jean Teal

I am in Granbury at Waterview Senior Living. I am very happy here and have adjusted well. Am doing well after the car accident a year ago and am not using a walker or cane. I drive some but go to church with my kids and even call on the chauffeur at times.

I enjoy the many friends that I've met. We eat and exercise together. The food is good but a little fancy (gourmet) at times.

I enjoy leading the sing-along on Saturday mornings but don't sing at the church. It's a Presbyterian Church with a great pastor (but not a "Carl"). It has two services so is larger than in Salado.

Granbury has an old "Opera House" and I recently enjoyed the *Oliver!* musical. I'm interested in a couple of other upcoming events also.

I miss everybody especially the choir.

Love, Jean



## Tommie and Dawn Mann Thompson

This summer has been one of waiting to have a procedure on Tommie's back. It is a neuro stimulator to control the back pain. It hasn't worked as well as expected. He is back in physical therapy. I am doing ok just had a cortisone shot in right knee and am good to go. We have become associated members of the Lakeside Christian Fellowship Church. I have joined the woman's club and Tommie, the Lion's Club. Neither one of us is back on the golf course regularly.....



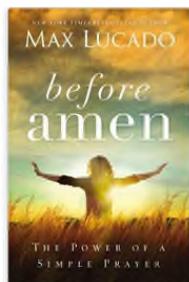
Blessings, Dawn and Tommie Thompson



## Adult Bible Study

We all pray...some. But wouldn't we like to pray more? Better?

In Before Amen, Max Lucado teaches us about biblical prayer and



reminds us that prayer is but a simple heartfelt conversation between God and his child.

\*Nov. 6-20 Before Amen

\*Nov. 27 Advent Study Begins with Pete Stebbins as leader

Shirley Pinkston



## Book Recommendations by Nancy Healey

I SAUL by Jerry Jenkins brings to life the story of Paul while weaving a mystery through the pages. You will feel that you are right there, in the dark, dank prison that Paul was sentenced to and you will feel a part of the conversations between Paul and Luke and Timothy, plus the prison guard who shows compassion towards Paul. Jerry Jenkins maintains biblical accuracy while writing a fictional mystery that begins, of all places, in Texas. I SAUL kept me feeling I was right there with Paul - and one day I will be - but for now, enjoy a great read that will bring the life and suffering that Paul withstood to you in the comfort of your

home.



## Who's Really in Charge

I've been a registered voter for a very long time. I've always tried to find out as much as I can about the candidates; what they stand for, especially on issues that are important to me, make an informed decision, and cast my vote accordingly. It used to seem like a pretty simple process. I just voted for the best candidate. But somehow, over the years, it has gotten harder.

This year has been a particularly difficult decision for me. It has been troubling me for some time now. I have even considered not voting. But I think this just might be the most critical election this country has seen in a very long time. I don't think that not voting is the answer.

There are so many vital issues facing our country and perhaps even threatening our way of life, especially regarding our religious freedom. Depending on what judges are appointed to the Supreme Court, the lives of our children and grandchildren will be affected for many years into the future.

I will cast my vote. It is not only a privilege, but a duty. I think this is a time to "Stand up and be counted", not only as an American, but as a Christian.

I take comfort in the fact that no matter who is elected president, my God is still in control.

From a Merry Heart  
Linda Lloyd



Another book, although more for women, is PEARL IN THE SAND by Tessa Afshar. Tessa is an amazing writer that documents biblical history in modern language. PEARL IN THE SAND presents the story of Rahab, her life and the culture of the day. It follows the book of Joshua. Rahab and Miriam, along with Rahab's future husband, and others will bring to life a wonderful story of redemption and love. Tessa was born in Iran but was educated in England. After immigrating to America, she is now a leader of women's ministries in New England.



## Benevolence Giving

Your Benevolence committee met September 25<sup>th</sup> for its third quarter giving. Guiding our giving, while always seeking wisdom in our stewardship, is our 60/40 guideline: to give 60% to local organizations and 40% to worldwide needs. The following agencies have received your support through your sharing of God's blessings: AWARE (Belton), Body of Christ (Bell County), Salado Fire Dept., Salvation Army of Temple, Presbyterian Children's Homes, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and we continue with our support of the Salado Food Pantry with bread twice a month.

On Thanksgiving we join with the Methodists and Baptists to provide a Thanksgiving Box dinner for approximately fifty families.

Nancy Healey



# Fifth Sunday, October Social, and Golf Outing



**“ALL I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GOD, I LEARNED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL”.**

Jesus loves me—this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to him belong,—  
They are weak, but he is strong .

This is an example of the concepts taught in Sunday School. Carl used this and nine other children’s songs to make his case during the Fifth Sunday Celebration on October 30th.



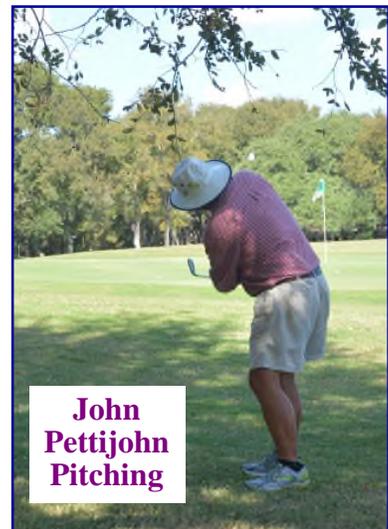
**The hats were our School “craft project”**



**This is Group #3 of 4 golfing groups playing the 9-hole scramble coordinated by Letta Meinen**



**Anita Johnson hosts the “after golf” social on behalf of her sister Ellen Staples. Denice Kemp and Pat Rehm help prepare snacks.**



**John Pettijohn Pitching**