



# The Messenger

THEME: "GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME"  
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## Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

I want to wish all of you a very happy New Year. As I look back on 2016 we had a good year, up until the last week of the year. We gained some wonderful new members to our church family in 2016. We lost others through moving from the community. However, the death of Walt was a real loss to our church family. He was such a great church and session member, but more than that for me, a great friend, he will be greatly missed by all of us.



We had a good year with our budget once again as we were able to close out the year giving 26% of all offerings for benevolence giving. Not many churches can say that they give away 26% of their total income. I say to each of you, well done my good and faithful servants.

As I look forward to our coming year together I have chosen as my theme for the year the words of an old gospel hymn, "God Is Good All The Time." I have to remind myself of that more often these days. Yes, God Is good all the time but sometimes we get caught up in the darkness of the world, that we don't see the: hope, peace, joy, and love of God all around us.

I was glancing through the newspaper last week when I noticed the caption, "Dear Abby's prayer for the New Year," it was the Serenity Prayer. I went back and read it once again and plan to read it over and over again in 2017. I encourage you to do the same. God Is Good All The Time. *Carl*

### The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity  
To accept the things I cannot change;  
Courage to change the things I can;  
And wisdom to know the difference.  
Living one day at a time;  
Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;

Taking, as He did, this sinful world  
As it is, not as I would have it;  
Trusting that He will make all things right  
If I surrender to His Will;  
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life  
And supremely happy with Him  
Forever and ever in the next. Amen.  
(prayer attributed to Reinhold Neibuhr, 1892-1971)

## Calendar of Events

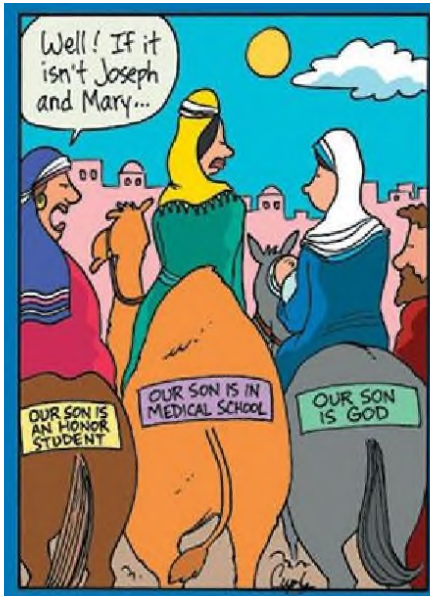
**Adult Sunday School at 9:00 AM**

**Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 AM**

- **Tuesdays** - Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8 A.M.
- **Wednesdays** - Choir Practice at 5:30 P.M.
- **Jan. 8** - Called Session Meeting at 9:30
- **Jan. 8** - Installation of Elders Joyce Goza and Nancy Norris
- **Jan. 15** - Session Meeting after Worship
- **Jan. 29** - Fifth Sunday Celebration and Congregational Meeting



## Christmas Message



## January / Looking Back / Forgiveness

January is named for the Roman god Janus, who is always depicted as having two heads, one looking back at the old year, and the other looking forward to the new.



Fortunately, we as Christians, have no need to look backwards. Because we know without a doubt, that what is behind us is forgiven and forgotten. And we can move forward with the confidence that the Lord is always with us, no matter what the future may hold.

One of my favorite quotes about forgiveness is from Lewis B.

Smedes, noted Christian author and theologian. Lewis said, "To forgive is to set a prisoner free; and discover that the prisoner was you".

And C.S. Lewis, had this to say. "I think that if God forgives us, we must forgive ourselves. Otherwise, it is almost like setting up ourselves as a higher tribunal than Him".

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone; the new has come"! (2 Corinthians: 5:17)

Wishing you a joyous and "Happy New Year".

From "A Merry Heart"

*Linda Lloyd*

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

	First Sunday after Christmas — Jan. 1	Baptism of the Lord — Jan. 8	Second Sunday after Epiphany — Jan. 15	Third Sunday after Epiphany — Jan. 22	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany — Jan. 29
<b>1st Reading</b>	Isaiah 63:7-9	Isaiah 42:1-9	Isaiah 49:1-7	Isaiah 42:1-9	Micah 6:1-8
<b>Psalms</b>	Psalms 148	Psalms 29	Psalms 40:1-11	Psalms 27:1, 4-9	Psalms 15
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Hebrews 2:10-18	Acts 10:34-43	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 2:13-23	Matthew 3:13-17	John 1:29-42	Matthew 4:12-23	Matthew 5:1-12

## January Birthdays

Anita Johnson 5  
 Chine Ray 8  
 Missie Lanham 12  
 John Pettijohn 18  
 Jim Arner 23  
 Sharon Van Winkle 29

## About our Members

**Barbara Tindell** - Sincere thanks to all those who went above and beyond to put together all the elements to make Walt's memorial service happen in a timely way. The food was delicious and very much appreciated so soon after all the Christmas cooking you must have been doing. Thanks, too, to those who braved the cold winds at the veterans' cemetery for the service there. The cards you've sent were more than a comfort. They touched me deeply. And heaps of thanks to Carl Thompson for all his suggestions, help and comfort. God bless all of you. Barbara

**Michael and Nancy Kelsey** Mike is feeling better than he has since his surgery back in November 2015. He is gaining weight. He gets chemo again on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>

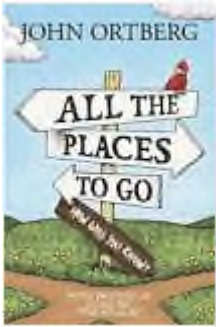
and prays that he continues to feel well. Mike has even worked in the yard - one day for 4 hours. Plus, two times he drove to Georgetown for his IVs.

Nancy is on two targeted trial drug therapies at MDA for chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL). Prayers are helping as Nancy continues excellent response to the treatments.

**Bev Jones** - Dear friends at the Presbyterian Church of Salado, thank you for your outpouring of sympathy and support to me following the death of my husband, Spencer, on Thanksgiving Day. You are my church family forever and I am so grateful to be part of you. In Christ's love, Bev Jones

## Adult Bible Study

Classes resume on Sunday, January 8 with the study of John Ortberg's book, All the Places to Go, How Will You Know? God Has Placed Before You an Open Door, What Will You Do?



God doesn't usually command us to stay. Instead, He opens a door, and then invites us to walk through it into the unknown.

In this study, we will look at the countless open doors God places before us every day and discuss how we recognize them and learn how we can step out in faith and take advantage of all the extraordinary opportunities that await us as we begin this new year.

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*Shirley Pinkston*

## BAKED PINEAPPLE & CHEESE

### A recipe request

- 1 cup sugar
- 6 tablespoons flour
- 2 - 20 oz. cans of chunk pineapple, drained
- (reserve 1/3 cup juice)
- 2 cups grated mild cheddar cheese
- 1 stack of Ritz crackers, crushed
- 1 stick of melted butter



- 1) Drain the pineapple - reserving 1/3 cup juice.
- 2) Mix together sugar, flour, pineapple chunks, reserved pineapple juice and cheese.
- 3) Place into a greased 8 x 11 baking dish.
- 4) Top with the crushed cracker crumbs and spoon the melted butter over the crackers.
- 5) Bake at 325 for 35 minutes. (May be served hot, room temperature, or cold. Good with baked ham and other meats.)

**Serves 8 - Enjoy - from Carol Shuck**

## Christmas Eve Service



# Walter R. Tindell

10/20/1940 ... 12/24/2016

Memorial Services for Walt Tindell, 76, were Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at the Presbyterian Church of Salado with Carl Thompson officiating. Walt was born October 20, 1940 in Ashford, Alabama and passed away on December 24, 2016.

Walt is survived by his wife and best friend of 39 years, Barbara, plus many children and grandchildren.



Walt was an active member of the Salado Presbyterian Church since 2008 and Elder from 2011 to 2016. Most recently he has been Chair of the Worship Committee.



The church provided a luncheon after the memorial service. Family and friends enjoyed the meal and shared "Walt stories".

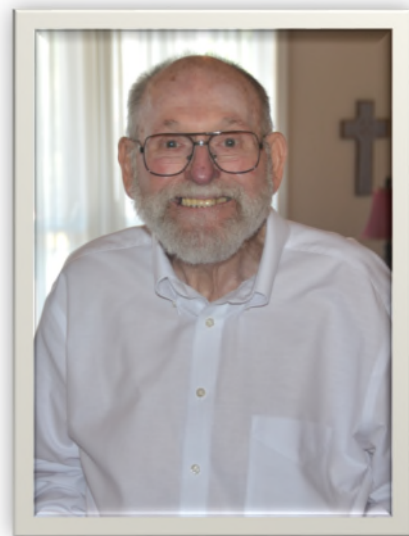


# Walt Tindell - Remembered

*He was a good friend who had a great sense of humor. And we could always count on him with his church duties. He will be sorely missed by all. **Barclay McCort***

*Walt, was a true member of our church. He always gave his best on Sunday. He will be missed. I certainly will be one that will miss his dedication. **Jim Ervi***

*Walt communicated with me regarding bulletins – special services, liturgists, greeters, etc. He was always appreciative and considerate. He even offered to prepare the bulletins for me if I needed a break one weekend. His courtesy and thoughtfulness meant a great deal to me. It's amazing that seemingly small things can encourage and lift up another person. Walt was a kind man; I look forward to seeing him in Heaven one day! **Sharon Michael***



*Prior to their moving from Killeen, Walt, Barbara, and I served on the Session of the FPC Killeen church together. Walt was always very conscientious about his responsibility as a member of the Session; and was very active in many different areas of church life. He seemed to always be there and was always busy, just like he was here in the Salado church.*

*Ralph and Walt both served on the usher team at FPC Killeen; and we had occasion to visit in Walt and Barbara's home, along with some other church members, at one point.*

*The fact that Walt was a dedicated Christian was evident in everything he said and did to honor the Lord.*

*Ralph and I will both miss him. It was an odd feeling to walk in church Sunday morning and not see him there. **Linda Lloyd***

*Walt was always able to smile or at least find some humor in any given situation. We will miss you, Walt and we are thankful to have Barbara as a part of you still with us. **Faithfully, Nancy and Britt***

**W**alked with God.

**A**lways could be depended upon to do whatever was needed at the Presbyterian Church of Salado.

**L**oved Barbara, his family & his Savior, Jesus Christ.

**T**riumphed in spirit, even as his body was failing.

*Walt was a good man. Rest in peace - Walt.*

**Ann Faber**

*My remembrances of Walt include how his 'can-do' attitude and steadfast faith set an example for those he met. He also seemed to have an innate ability to bring out the best in people. **Cindy Pennington***

