



# The Messenger

THEME: "GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME"  
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TION.

## Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

As I was preparing my sermon for Sunday I found this illustration that I want to share with you today:

"Wauconda is a small village in the state of Illinois. For over 40 years the town had placed two large illuminated crosses on the city water towers during the Christmas season. Until one year when the town council received a threat of legal suit if the crosses were continued, based on the separation of church and state. The town council grudgingly took them down."



"But that's when the citizens of Wauconda took matters into their own hands. They decided to place lighted reminders of Christ on their own property. So, all over the community, up went crosses and nativity stars and lighted manger scenes and trees. You could see Wauconda from the interstate freeway! You could see Wauconda miles away. All night it was as bright as day because the people decided to turn on the lights."

"When Jesus told his disciples, they were the "light of the world," he meant they were to be reflectors of the light of God. God is the illuminating source. God provides the light that is reflected from us. And God needs us to be reflectors of God's light to a world of darkness.

Jesus is urging us to turn on the lights. Each of us is supposed to shine for Christ's sake. Our light is not like that of the sun. Our light resembles that of the moon; it is a reflected light, from Christ's spirit who lives within us. We are supposed to shine that other persons might see that light and give glory to God, not to us, but to the Lord who illuminates us." (End of Quote)



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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.
- **Feb. 19** - Called Session Meeting after Worship
- **Feb. 26** - After Worship Social (Pot Luck N-Z)
- **March 1** - Ash Wednesday service with lunch

| February 2017 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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## Message Continued..

I wonder how well are we reflecting God's light to the world around us? With the use of social media, more and more people get to see a true reflection of who we are by what we post. I have friends on both sides of the political spectrum who are Christians, but post some things that aren't reflective of their Christian faith.

Think before you post: is this true, is it necessary, is it reflective of my faith -- before you press the send button. May we be a good reflection of Christ in all we do, say and are, in all areas of our life's. God Bless *Carl*



Each Tuesday the Church hosts a Men's Prayer Breakfast. The breakfast starts at about 7:30 AM with the prayers and study starting at 8:00. We conclude by 9:00. All men of the community are invited to attend this inter-faith session.

What's it about:

- ◆ We raise up our friends, village, and nation in prayers
- ◆ We support and encourage each other as Christian Men
- ◆ We grow in our understanding of God
- ◆ We develop a closer relationship with God
- ◆ We strive to strengthen our individual churches

We start with a breakfast, take prayer requests, pray, and conduct a brief study from 8 to 9 at the Presbyterian Church.

*"I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer."* 1 Timothy 2:8

All men are welcome to come and join us as we meet in the name of our Lord.

Hosts: Pete Stebbins (231-4883) and John Booher (947-0585).

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

|                    | Fifth Sunday after Epiphany — Feb. 5 | Sixth Sunday after Epiphany — Feb. 12 | Seventh Sunday after Epiphany — Feb. 19 | Transfiguration Sunday — Feb. 26 |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| <b>1st Reading</b> | Isaiah 58:1-9a 9b-12                 | Deut. 30:15-20                        | Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18                  | Exodus 24:12-18                  |
| <b>Psalms</b>      | Psalms 112:1-9                       | Psalms 119:1-8                        | Psalms 119:33-40                        | Psalms 2                         |
| <b>2nd Reading</b> | 1 Corinthians 2:1-12                 | 1 Corinthians 3:1-9                   | 1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23             | 2 Peter 1:16-21                  |
| <b>Gospel</b>      | Matthew 5:13-20                      | Matthew 5:21-37                       | Matthew 5:38-48                         | Matthew 17:1-9                   |

## February Birthdays

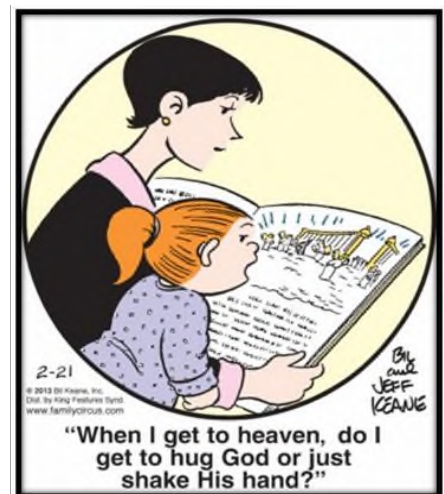
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| Cindy   | Pennington | 8  |
| Laquita | Arner      | 19 |
| Jim     | Ervi, Sr.  | 19 |
| Claire  | Hartman    | 26 |
| Carol   | Walls      | 28 |

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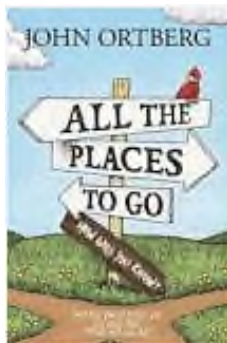
## About our Members

**Michael and Nancy Kelsey** Mike is feeling well. He feels blessed in that he was only given 5 months to live and he has been with us for 15. Also, in many cases his cancer causes extreme pain and he has had none. He is on a three week chemo schedule with the first being difficult. and prays that he continues to feel well. MDA is monitoring some potential complications so pray that that these are not significant. He is hopeful that he can get into a drug trial (out of San Antonio) that provides a long term cure.

Nancy is on two targeted trial drug therapies at MDA for chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL). They are working! Pray that they continue.



## Adult Bible Study



The Adult Class is currently studying All the Places to Go by John Ortberg. These lessons will be paused for three Sundays in February for these classes:

- Feb. 12--Ask Carl Anything
- Guest Instructor Jack Goggans
- Feb. 19 -- "Limits: Calvary"
- Feb. 26 -- "Limits: Grace"

On March 5, we will resume All the Places to Go with "The Jonah Complex," Chapter 8.

Please come and be a part of this time of fellowship, study, coffee, and cookies. We begin at 8:55 AM.



### Presbyterian Church of Salado Called Congregational Meeting Minutes Sunday, January 29, 2017 – Sanctuary

**Opening Prayer:** Rev. Carl Thompson, Moderator

**Clerk:** Sara Pettijohn

The clerk declared there was a quorum present and the meeting was opened at 11:00 a.m. The Congregation approved the minutes of the Congregational Meetings of January 24 and November 13, 2016, following a motion by the clerk, and seconded by Brad Rehm. The minutes are available for review.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Carl Menyhert

Carl M. presented the following candidates for the Nominating Committee: **Ellen Staples** and **Jerry Schleicher**. The moderator asked if there were further nominations from the floor. There being none, the motion was made to approve the nominees and seconded by Joan Ray. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's 2016 Report:** Mike Moore

Mike gave a brief review: church finances are positive for the year; the church continues to maintain accounts with Texas Presbytery and Vanguard; the budget for 2017 was reviewed in the November Congregational Meeting.

### Committee Reports:

- Clerk:** Sara Pettijohn
- Benevolence:** Nancy Healey
- Education:** John Booher
- Fellowship:** Laquita Arner
- Worship:** Rip Van Winkle
- Building and Grounds:** Chine Ray
- Finance and Personnel:** Carl Menyhert

**Adjournment/Closing Prayer:** Rev. Carl Thompson  
Rev. Thompson gave the Benediction, ending the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Sara Pettijohn, Clerk

**Benevolences were 26.3% of total giving in 2016!**



Flying Door Knob

In the Session Meeting on January 15th replacing the "flying" glass door knobs with a more secure locking mechanism was approved. The new locks have key pads - no keys. Old keys are no longer useable. Any members who had the old keys can contact Chine Ray for the access code.



# Meet Our New Session Members

**Installation  
of New  
Session  
Members  
Joyce Goza  
and  
Nancy Norris  
on  
January 8<sup>th</sup>.**



**Nancy Norris** and her husband, Bob, moved to Salado in 2009 from Austin, TX. They have three daughters who live in Waco, Austin, and Kerrville, plus five grandchildren.

Nancy is originally from Kansas City, Kansas. She moved to Miami, Oklahoma in 1953, where she attended Miami High School and Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Jr. College. After junior college, Nancy worked with AT&T in Kansas City, Missouri and for two years in Washington, D.C. where she met her husband, Bob, who was an attorney with the National Labor Relations Board.

Bob was born in Paris, Texas and attended Baylor University, where he completed his law degree. Because of their desire to raise their family in Texas, they moved back to Houston - then to Austin in 1964; where they lived until moving to Salado in 2009. In March, 2013, they purchased "Stamp Salado", a scrapbooking and arts and craft store located on Main Street in Salado.

Though Nancy was raised a Catholic until her late teens, she was baptized at Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin when she was 28 years old. Her decision to be baptized came as a result of reading the book, "A Christian's Secret of a Happy Life" by Hannah Whitehall Smith written in 1892. At this time, they moved their church membership to Highland Park Baptist Church in Austin, where she served as a Sunday School teacher, Church Librarian and a member of the Handbell Choir for many years.

As an elder at Presbyterian Church of Salado, Nancy wants to continue the organization of the Worship Committee, which had been handled for many years by Walt Tindell. "I hope to give as much support to Carl and the other members of the church as Walt did, in any way I can," Nancy said. Nancy looks forward to working with Carl and the other elders presently serving on the Session. One of the areas Nancy would like to pursue during her time on the Session is to bring a Women's Retreat to the church, perhaps on a weekend in the summer.

**Joyce Goza** was born and reared in Texas. She has lived in many parts of Texas, but for the last 60 years she has lived in Temple and Salado. She and her husband have lived in Salado nearly 42 years. She has no children but has had numerous 4-legged babies.

Joyce graduated from Scott & White Memorial Hospital School of Professional Nursing, with a degree in nursing, she later attended Mary Hardin-Baylor College and graduated with a BSN. She also graduated from Texas Woman's University with an MS degree.

Joyce worked for the Department of Veteran's Affairs for over 41 years as a staff nurse and in many managerial positions. Concurrent with this employment, she served in United States Army Reserves. She served in the Reserves as a nurse, with the last 3 years being as Chief Nurse for the hospital. She served from 1977-2001, and retired as a Colonel. While in the Reserves, she was deployed to Germany for Operation Desert Storm.

In her early years, she attended and participated in numerous church activities, primarily at Baptist churches. She was baptized when she was twelve years old. For a number of years, she did not attend church except when on duty with the Reserves and visiting numerous churches with her friends.

Finally, when meeting with the ABWA in the Presbyterian Church of Salado classroom, Barclay McCort invited her to attend this church. She did and loved it and the people from the minute she entered. There is such a strong Christian fellowship and warmth among the members, coupled with strong Christian leadership demonstrated by Pastor Carl (whom I refer to many times as Chaplain). As a neophyte in this church and as a neophyte elder, I look forward to learning and participating in the Lord's work.

"Thank you for this opportunity." L. Joyce Goza



# Fifth Sunday - Special Music Program



**Presbyterian Church  
Choir  
"Blest Are They"**

**Guest Soloist,  
Terry Hall sings "He  
Loves Me Still"**



**A special  
thanks to  
Choir Directors  
Monte and  
Carol Shuck  
for putting  
together this  
beautiful  
program.**



**Guest Soloist,  
Betty Scott**

**Men's Quartet  
(Monte Shuck, Chine Ray,  
Bill Pinkston, Rip VanWinkle)  
"In the Garden"**





# January Pot Luck Social



**Next Month-  
German  
Chocolate  
Upside Down  
Cake Recipe**

**Meal provided by the A-M members.**

**We'll see how the N-Z folks do in Feb!**

**Recipe of the Month** from Denice Kemp

### Chicken Casserole

- 1 pkg Wild Rice with herbs
- 1 cup white rice
- 1 can sliced water chestnuts (drain & chop smaller)
- 4 – 5 cups cooked chicken, chopped
- 1 large jar chopped pimentos
- 2 cans green beans, drained
- 1 cup onion
- 1 T butter
- 2 cans cream of celery soup
- ¾ to 1 cup mayonnaise



1. Cook wild rice and white rice according to directions. Set aside
2. In large bowl combine together all ingredients-mix.
3. Pour into a 13x9 casserole dish and bake at 350 degrees. Bake for 30 -40 min. or until completely hot.



A psychologist will tell you that love is one of the most profound relationships known to human beings. "Love" (the noun) can be defined as "a personified figure of love, often represented as Cupid, an imaginary figure most often associated with Valentine's Day."

For the Christian, the personification of love is God. Scripture tells us that **He is Love**; and that we are "the apple of his eye." He created us. He dwells in us. He's the "lover of our souls." Our God is not some fictional character. He is the "real deal." He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

Jesus said that the greatest commandment is this: to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your being." He also said that we should love others as he has loved us.

Quite a charge for us flawed human beings, when we often seem to have trouble even loving ourselves. So how do we go about fulfilling this heavenly commission?

I can't speak for everybody. But personally, I have little "reminders" scattered throughout my home. For instance, I have a plaque on the wall next to my bed. It's the first thing I see when I open my eyes in the morning. It simply says

"Jesus loves me." It reminds me that God should be my "first love;" and it helps to set the tone for my day.

The ottoman in front of my favorite chair holds a lap desk with my study Bible, my iPad, a songbook, and miscellaneous devotional books. The proximity of these items helps me to remember to read his word and seek his face every day.



I have a plastic frog attached to my key-chain. Each time I touch it, I am reminded to "fully rely on God" (F.R.O.G.); and it frequently gives me the opportunity to share my faith with people who are curious about the frog when they see it.

Jesus set the example. He showed his love for us and for God, by his complete submission and obedience to God's will, by allowing himself to be hung on a cross to die for our sins.

Love isn't just a noun. It's also a verb that denotes action; and can be defined as "devotion to." Perhaps that is the answer. We must put our love into action. We must give our Lord our total devotion and do our best to remember to love each other with the kind of love that he has so freely given us.

From a Merry Heart,

**Linda Lloyd**

