



The Messenger

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

Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

This past week we celebrated Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. On Pentecost, God gave the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, to all believers in Christ. The Spirit is our counselor and Guide. The Holy Spirit empowers us to do God's work here on earth.



I want to thank all of you for using your time, talents, and abilities for the Glory of God. You have made a difference. Without each of you and your individual Spiritual gifts we would not be the church that we are today.

The Spirit endows each of us with gifts to be used for making the church a mighty power for God, via both our individual lives and as we unify in the church.

As I was sitting in church Sunday, I looked around to see the people worshipping together, and I thought how blessed we are as a congregation. We are a small church but God has blessed us with so many gifted people. They sit in the choir, teach religious education classes, take care of the building, manage our finances, program our benevolence giving, provide hospitality, prepare our newsletter, and see that worship events are planned.



As I said on Pentecost Sunday, we need to ask ourselves this question; "*What is God's purpose for my life?*"

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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 am
- **June 4** - Communion Sunday
- **June 11** - Called Session Meeting - 9:30
- **June 18** - Father's Day
- **June 25** - Social after Worship
- **Chair Yoga** Continues on Tues 1-2 pm & Thurs. 10:30 - 11:30 am

June 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1 Yoga 10:30	2	3
4	5	6 Yoga 1 PM	7	8 Yoga 10:30	9	10
11	12	13 Yoga 1 PM	14	15 Yoga 10:30	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20 Yoga 1 PM	21	22 Yoga 10:30	23	24
25 Social	26	27 Yoga 1 PM	28	29 Yoga 10:30	30	1

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Also, a secondary question; [“What is my mission as part of the whole Body of Christ, the church?”](#)

If you are still looking for a way to serve the church, talk to one of our session members, or me. There are plenty of opportunities available to use your Spiritual gift. (You have one, we all do).

Have a great summer. God Bless You All,
Carl



Committee Reports



The **Finance Committee** reviewed the Church Insurance policy. It is a three-year policy ending in 2018. The review indicated that we had a reduction in premiums this year and may be able to further reduce the premiums when the policy is up for renewal next year.

The nomination committee has started their review process to identify three elders for the class of 2020. The nominating committee is also assisting in identifying a replacement for the church Treasurer. **Carl Menyhert**



Building and Grounds recently outfitted the Sunday School (SS) room with new chairs and tables. Heretofore, the tables and chairs in the SS room were moved into the game room in support of special events there. Having the additional chairs and tables should eliminate such shuffling in the future. It may be necessary however, to add even more chairs given the interest Shirley

Pinkston has generated recently - resulting in increased attendance and enthusiasm for Adult Sunday School.

Soon B&G will evaluate the need for replacing the window units in the front of the building as age and weather have taken a toll on the efficiency of these single pane units. **Chine Ray**

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

	Day of Pentecost — June 4	First Sunday after Pentecost — June 11	Second Sunday after Pentecost — June 18	Third Sunday after Pentecost — June 25
1st Reading	Acts 2:1-21	Genesis 1:1-2 to 2:4a	Genesis 18:1-15	Genesis 1:1-2 to 2:4a
Psalms	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	Psalms 8	Psalms 100	Psalms 69:7-10, 16-18
2nd Reading	1 Cor. 12:3b-13	2 Cor. 13:11-13	Romans 5:1-8	Romans 6:1b-11
Gospel	John 20:19-23	Matthew 28:16-20	Matthew 9:35-10:8	Matthew 10:24-39

June Birthdays

Letta	Meinen	2
Betty	Morgan	3
Sharon	Michael	9
Julie	Goggans	11
Miriam	Ervi	22
Bill	Pinkston	22
Ralph	Castor	23
Monte	Shuck	24
Amy	Carlson	25
Martha	Harper	27
Shirley	Pinkston	27
Bev	Jones	28

About our Members

Kim and Shane Gorman's infant, Adelaide, died unexpectedly on May 23rd. Kim is a very close cousin of **Kelly Thompson** (Carl and Evelyn's daughter-in-law.) Pray for this family during this time of loss.

Many will be traveling this Summer so pray that they will be safe while on the roads and in the air. Also, pray for those grandparents that will be hosting / caring for grandchildren in the coming months.

Nancy Kelsey, Barbara Tindell, and Bev Jones are still adjusting to different lives-without spouses while **Carl Menyhert** recently lost his mother. Pray for peace during these transitions.

Ellen Staples visited her sister in Arizona who is dealing with health issues. Please pray for Ellen and Anita as they provide assistance.

Rip VanWinkle must wear a brace for six weeks. Pray for patience and healing.
Stan and Bobbie Jackson have moved to the Hill Country and their new address is: -124 West Creek Drive, Bertram, TX 78605 -Home phone 512-572-0457.

Bev Jones has a new cell phone number (252-305-9181) in North Carolina.

When you have a chance, please welcome **Chris and Betty Gengler**, our new members from Ohio.

“The Twelve”

"For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called". (1 Corinthians 1:26)

These are the names of "the twelve:" Simon, whose name Jesus changed to Peter; Andrew, his brother; James and John, the sons of Zebedee; Philip and Bartholomew; Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus; Simon, called the Zealot; Judas the son of James; and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed the Lord.

You will find them listed by name in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the book of Acts, not necessarily in that order. However, Peter is always listed first.

"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church". (Matthew 16:18).

There was one political activist, thus the name Zealot, a tax collector, and some fishermen. As for the rest, I don't recall ever reading what their professions were.

They weren't doctors or lawyers. There wasn't a religious leader in the bunch. They were common men; and yet, they were chosen.

They were called disciples (students), and later apostles (messengers). And they were hand picked by Jesus, to spread the gospel.

Through God's wisdom, they were chosen. They believed in Jesus Christ and accepted the call of the Holy Spirit; and became the foundation of the church-the church which more than two thousand years later still stands.

God doesn't make mistakes. God can take "ordinary" men and turn them into "extraordinary" men.



"Happy Fathers Day"

From a Merry Heart,

Linda Lloyd

Teresa Tolbert's 90th Birthday Celebration



**Birthday 5/14/2017
Celebrated 5/7**

Chris and Betty Gengler New Members



On May 28th, Chris and Betty Gengler met with Carl Thompson and the Session before the Worship Service in a special Called Session meeting. They asked to become members of the Presbyterian Church of Salado by reaffirmation of faith.

Sara Pettijohn made a motion to receive Chris and Betty as members. Joyce Goza seconded the motion and the motion passed. A letter of acknowledgment will be sent to the Gengler's home church in Dayton, Ohio.

They were received into the congregation during the Worship Service.

Book Report on the Entire Bible

(A sixth-grade child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible. This is his report.)

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, "The Lord thy God is one," but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said, "Give me a light!" and someone did. Then God made the world. He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden. Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars. Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel.

Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something. One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat. Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston.

Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable. God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's stuff. Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy



mother. One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town.

After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me. After Solomon, there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore. There were also some minor-league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New Testament. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, "Close the door! Were you born in a barn?") It would be nice to say, "As a matter of fact, I was.") During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Republicans. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him. Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But the Democrats and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

Editor's Note:

If this all sounds OK to you, then maybe you should spend more time with your Bible. This is way off base on purpose, but don't we encounter TV commentators, evangelists, and others that also bend the truth of the Word at times. My point is - how do you know what's true or not if you haven't actually read the Bible?

Several years ago, I had an opportunity to attend a class that required us to read and study the whole Bible in nine months. When I finished, I wondered how (before the class) I could have called myself a Christian, when I didn't even know what was in God's Word.

Keep reading!

May 28 "Sundae" Social

