



The Messenger

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

Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

One of the advantages I have as pastor is, I get to see the newsletter before it is sent out to you. As I read Linda Lloyd's article in this Messenger, wonderful memories came flowing into my mind of blessed events in my life.

When I saw this picture of me, that Pete put beside this article, memories of my dad surfaced in me. I never realized how much I look like my father. I remember fishing, vacations, golfing and many other fun things we did together. Most of all, I remember the values, ethics, love of life, respect for all people, and love of God he taught me. Oh what wonderful memories!



Last Sunday we sang the song, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." The second verse of the song begins with these words: "Here I raise my Ebenezer." Where then does the term Ebenezer originate, and what does it mean? In 1 Samuel 7, the prophet Samuel and the Israelites found themselves under attack by the Philistines. Fearing for their lives, the Israelites begged Samuel to pray for them in their impending battle against the Philistines. Samuel offered a sacrifice to God and prayed for His protection. God listened to Samuel, causing the Philistines to lose the battle and retreat back to their own territory. After the Israelite victory, the Bible records: "Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far the Lord has helped us.'"



The word Ebenezer comes from the Hebrew words 'Eben ha-ezer (eh'-ben haw-e'-zer), which simply mean "stone of help." An Ebenezer, then, is simply a monumental stone set up to signify the great help that God granted the one raising the stone. There are still many Ebenezers spread around Israel that remind the people of the help and love of God.

We don't build monuments today as a reminder of what God

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Calendar of Events

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 (starts on 9/10)
Sunday Worship Services at 10:00
Men's Prayer Breakfast Tues. 8 AM
Choir Practice Weds. at 5:30 PM
Chair Yoga Tuesdays & Thursdays

- Oct. 1 - World Communion Sunday
- Oct. 15 - Session Meeting after Worship
- Oct. 19 & 20 - Centering Prayer 12-2 PM
- Oct. 29 - Fifth Sunday Celebration
- Oct. 29 - Short Congregational Meeting
- Oct. 29 - Social - Light Lunch
- Oct. 29 - Golf Outing and Watch Party

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	Yoga 1 PM	Choir 5:30	Yoga 10:30	5	7
8	9	Yoga 1 PM	Choir 5:30	Yoga 10:30	12	14
Session Meeting 15	16	Yoga 1 PM	Choir 5:30	Yoga 10:30 Prayer 12:00	Prayer 12:00 - 2:00 20	21
22	23	Yoga 1 PM	Choir 5:30	Yoga 10:30	26	28
5th Sun/ Social/ Golf 29	30	Yoga 1 PM	Choir 5:30	Yoga 10:30		

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has done for us. If we did, I would have tall piles of rocks piled everywhere around my house, in hospitals, by friend's homes, in many churches and chapels. God has helped me in my life, in many places, through many people.

Instead of placing a rock as a reminder of God's help, we build memories. These memories can carry us through hard times. Memories can remind us of God's faithfulness and love. We need to build Ebenezers to acknowledge God's bountiful blessings and help in their lives. Memories are so very important.

The sacrament of Communion is an Ebenezer for some people. It symbolizes God's faithfulness and love for us through His death and resurrection. Jesus tells us to do this, "in remembrance of Me." This Sunday we will celebrate world Communion Sunday. Come and celebrate with Christians around the world what Christ has done for us. "Here I raise my Ebenezer."

God Bless You. *Carl*

Centering Prayer Introductory Program



Do you seek the still, quiet voice of God? The Centering Prayer Introductory Program will help us to understand the Indwelling Presence of God within each of us and our intimate relationship with that Presence. The method of Centering Prayer will be presented. We will explore the benefits of Centering Prayer in ordinary life and experience two periods of Centering Prayer Practice. All are welcome to attend!

The two-day program will be presented on October 19 & 20 from 12:00-2:00 in the Presbyterian Church of Salado Classroom. The program will be presented by Molly Hatchell, a friend of the church, and an experienced practitioner of Centering Prayer who is commissioned as a presenter in training to present the program by Contemplative Outreach (www.contemplativeoutreach.org).

For more information or to sign up, please call or email, Molly Hatchell, mhhatchell@me.com, 512-228-6423. Or sign up at the church. Lunch will be provided between 11:30-12:00 prior to the program.



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

	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost — Oct. 1	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost — Oct. 8	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost — Oct. 15	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost — Oct. 22	Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost — Oct. 29
1st Reading	Exodus 17:1-7	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-20	Exodus 32:1-14	Exodus 33:12-23	Deut. 34:1-12
Psalm	Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16	Psalm 19	Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Psalm 99	Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
2nd Reading	Philippians 2:1-13	Philippians 3:4b-14	Philippians 4:1-9	1 Thes. 1:1-10	1 Thes. 2:1-8
Gospel	Matthew 21:23-32	Matthew 21:33-46	Matthew 22:1-14	Matthew 22:15-22	Matthew 22:34-46

October Birthdays

- Carolyn Williams 3
- Ann Faber 4
- Trish Stebbins 5
- Barbara Tindell 9
- Joyce Goza 15
- Joan Ray 16
- Ken Latiolais 18
- Linda Lloyd 20
- Jeff Aldridge 21
- Barbara Harper 26
- Jerry Schleicher 30

About our Members

Houston, South Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico Pray for those trying to survive, find food & water, shelter, and some sort of "normal" lives. Many have lost all that they had accumulated in this world. May God help them rebuild their lives.

Jerry Schleicher had an imbalance in his blood. This is on top of ongoing issues with his heart rate. Pray that the doctors can get together, identify the issue, and put a plan in place to resolve all the problems.

Ken Latiolais had emergency surgery on Sept. 16 and 19 designed to rid him of an MRSA infection. Toes and two inches of his foot were removed. The final surgery on 9/22 to close up the wound, went well.

He has been moved to Creekside Terrace Rehabilitation in Belton for on-going IV's and rehab. The plan is for him to be there for four weeks (starting on 9/20the day he got a clear blood culture). Pray for continued healing and strength for Linda, his precious caregiver.

Linda and Ken will go through with the closing on their home in October and will temporarily relocate locally, heal, and later do their home search.

"To our church family we feel so very blessed to have your support, prayers, concern, and love...looking forward to seeing all of you in church!"

Ken & Linda

New Member - Sept. 10, 2017

Another new member joined the church on 9/10/2017 by reaffirmation of faith. She is June Lubowinski. Below is a little information on June. I hope this helps you get to know her.

June Lubowinski

June Graybeal Lubowinski was born and raised in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. She holds a B.A in English from Emory & Henry College, a Master of Library Science degree from George Peabody College for Teachers at Vanderbilt University and a Master of Arts degree in English from the College of William & Mary.

She met her husband Steve in the library of her first job, as she had to wake him up to make him leave so she could close for the evening. They had their first date after she again awakened him, this time on the library porch where he was sleeping with *ZEN AND THE ART OF MOTORCYCLE MAINTENANCE* over his face.

Steve is a materials engineer, so they spent the first 25 years of marriage moving every four years as he progressed upward in his career.

They moved to Temple and fell in love with Salado, buying property and building their home here. Even though she is retired after 42 years as a professional librarian, June still loves books, and working with books.

June is delighted to be a member of the Salado Presbyterian Church and to use her knowledge to help organize the church library. Along with reading, June is an avid Janeite and a member of the Jane Austen Society of North America, she loves cats of all kinds, and making jewelry based on either a literary theme or as a tribute to an historical or antique piece.



Adult Bible Study Classes

This Fall we are our studying Adam Hamilton's newest book, Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today.

The lessons begin with foundational questions such as:

- How and when was the Bible written?
- Who decided which books made it into the Scriptures and why?

Then, the topics shift to questions of interpreting the Bible such as:

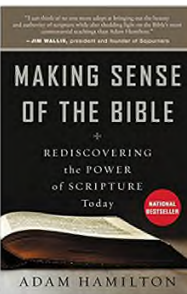
- How literally should we read the Bible?
- Why is God so violent in the Old Testament?
- Is the Book of Revelations a guide to the end times?

Together we will study this book, watch the DVD lessons, and discuss the answers to these questions as well as many others relating to the Bible and its meaning.

On October 29th we will have one of our special "Ask Carl Anything" sessions. Bring questions or if the question might require extensive research email or give them to Carl several days early.

I hope you will be present on Sunday mornings at 9:00 A.M., to add your thoughts and insights to our discussions.

Coffee and cookies are served!



Veteran Stories

Reminder: **There is still time!**

Veteran stories of all Presbyterian Church of Salado members and families who wore the uniform are still being collected. Contact Renita Menyhert at 254-317-2961 for assistance or submit to SOUTHERNBABE22@aol.com. Pictures in uniform without stories are also welcome.

The deadline for all material is October 1.



Sign-Up Sheets in Narthex

LITURGISTS

October - Jim Ervi
November - Rip Van Winkle
December - Evelyn Thompson

GREETERS

October - The VanWinkles
November - Kemps
Dec. - Nancy Norris & Joyce Goza

SECURITY MONITORS (October)

10 - 8 & 15 Carl Menyhert
10 - 22 & 29 Michael Moore

Thanks to all of you!

"Money Changers"



Where does your money go?
Cindy Pennington and Barbara Tindell
count, record, and deposit offerings.

Memories

As October rapidly approaches; my thoughts turn back to childhood: to “trick or treating” with my friends; fat, juicy, delicious red candy apples; bonfires; “weenie” roasts, with burnt, gooey marshmallows toasted on a stick; hay rides; plus the smell of gingerbread, fresh out of my Grandma’s oven, with a big fat dollop of home-made whipped cream on the top. Oh my! It makes my mouth water just thinking of it!



If you grew up in the North, as I did, when October arrived, the air was a little brisker, the leaves were changing colors from green, to gold, to brown, to red. The nights were getting a little cooler. Electric blankets were taken out of cedar chests; and slippers were removed from the closet and put under the bed, in anticipation of those cold autumn mornings just around the corner. Coal was being delivered, and oil tanks being filled furnaces being prepared for the cold, sometimes snowy weather, soon to follow.

Memories - My friend Marge, who is ninety five, considers memories to be one of God’s most precious gifts. She is pretty much “housebound” now, and can no longer attend church. But she is “so happy that I don’t have Alzheimer’s and I can still remember”-all the wonderful places she has visited, and the magnificent sights she has seen, the music to the treasured songs she can no longer sing, all of her, as she phrases it, “canine loves”, from the age of seven, including her precious Louis, who departed this world just a few months ago.

Things end.
But memories
last forever. ♥

Marge grew up in a musical family, sang with a group on the radio in her younger days, and of course, in church choirs for most of her life. We used to ride to choir practice together. She loves Southern Gospel music, and one of her favorites is “I know He (Jesus) cares for me.”

It is hard for me to imagine living to the age of ninety five. But in the event that God grants me that many days on this earth, I hope that I too will be like my friend Marge, despite her many infirmities, still praising her God every day for every precious moment, and as she says, “so thankful for memories and for all my many blessings”.

From a Merry Heart
Linda Lloyd

Committees

The **Benevolence Committee** met on Sept. 24th to take action on the hurricane and earthquake needs. The results of our meeting will be presented on Oct. 1st.

In the meantime, a need for volunteers at the Salado Food Pantry exists. The contact person for volunteering is Pat Scarborough - patscarborough2012@Yahoo.com. The food pantry is open the second and fourth Saturday mornings of the month, in the Brookshire’s shopping center, but there are other times when organizational volunteers meet to keep the pantry orderly and in good operation. The food pantry is primarily a Salado Baptist Church undertaking but is hoping the pantry will become a community effort. We continue providing bread for the clients but anyone with a bit of time to volunteer will be welcomed with open arms.

Another new group in Salado is Moms-In-Prayer International. Moms-In-Prayer is a lifeline of support for moms and grandmothers. This is an organization to teach women how to pray corporately using the four biblical prayer principles of praise, confession, thanksgiving and intercession. The group is meeting Thursday mornings from 0900-1000 at the Salado Library. Information is available from Adele Lambert 585.969.0667 or adelelambert76@Yahoo.com

WINTER CLOTHES DONATION

Another need of the food pantry is winter clothes, all sizes from babies to grown-ups. The food pantry has a wonderful clothes closet so donations are always welcomed, but this is a special request because apparently a raccoon (or several) decided to choose their winter attire early and in so doing, they chewed up, scattered, pooped on, and generally ruined a large quantity of clothes being saved for the winter. Donations can be brought to church and I will see that the items are given to Brenda at the food pantry. *Nancy Healey*



The **Finance Committee** has completed the annual audit and will provide the results at the next session meeting. A draft of Pastor Thompson's annual review has been completed and is in the process of review prior to submission to the Presbytery. *Carl Menyhert*

The **Fellowship Committee** is planning for the October social to be a lite lunch after church. The golf tournament will start at 1:00 PM. Ellen Staples & Anita Johnson have agree to host a watch party at their house during the tournament. There will be snacks, etc.

Please note that the Fellowship Committee (which includes ALL the ladies in the church) gives a **big applause and thanks** to the men who did a wonderful job Sunday September 24 with the Social. **Thanks Guys!**

Laquita Arner



Shirley Pinkston prepares for the new Adult Sunday School Season



Seminary Sunday
Jenny Saperstein, a student from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, provides the message.

Chine and Joan Ray watch as some of the flank steak Chine cooked disappears at the Sunday School Kickoff Dinner



The Bigger Choir



The Bigger Sunday School Class (37)

September 24, 2017 Social Coordinated by the Men of the Church



“a big applause and thanks to the men who did a wonderful job with this Social”. *Laquita*



Rip's Beans