



The Messenger

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH AND
LET IT BEGIN WITH ME.
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TION.

Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

I want to begin this newsletter by saying congratulations to Molly Hatchell on her upcoming ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament on 4 March 2018. Here is what our book of order states about Ordination. "Ordination to the ordered ministry, of minister of the Word and Sacrament, is an act of the whole church carried out by the presbytery, setting apart a person to ordered ministry. Such a person shall have fulfilled the ordination requirements of the presbytery of care, and received the call of God to service to a congregation or other work in the mission of the church that is acceptable to the candidate and to the presbytery of call."



"The Church's ordered ministries described in the New Testament and maintained by this church are deacons, ministers of the Word and Sacrament, and ruling elders. Ordered ministries are gifts to the church to order its life so that the ministry of the whole people of God may flourish. The existence of these ordered ministries in no way diminishes the importance of the commitment of all members to the total ministry of the church."



Carl presents Molly a set of stoles

"Those who undertake particular ministries should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel in the church and in the world." Molly has demonstrated all those traits here at our church as she served as an intern, preached, taught, and conducted prayer groups. We as a church, pray our blessings upon Molly as she continues to serve God in her hospital ministry.

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Calendar of Events

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 A.M.

Men's Prayer Breakfast Tues. 8 A.M.

Choir Practice Weds. at 5:30 P.M.

Chair Yoga Tuesdays & Thursdays

- Mar. 4 - Communion Sunday
- Mar. 25 - Social After Worship / Sandwiches and Cookies
- Mar. 29 - Maundy Thursday Service 6 pm - Holy Communion with Light Meal
- April 1 - Easter

2018 MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		Yoga 1 PM	Choir 5:30	1 Yoga 10:30	2	3
4	5	6 Yoga 1 PM	7 Choir 5:30	8 Yoga 10:30	9	10
11	12	13 Yoga 1 PM	14 Choir 5:30	15 Yoga 10:30	16	17
18	19	20 Yoga 1 PM	21 Choir 5:30	22 Yoga	23	24
25 Palm Sunday Social	26	27 Yoga 1 PM	28 Choir 5:30	29 Maundy Thursday	30 Good Friday	31

As we move through Lent and into Holy Week once again we will have a Maundy Thursday service on 29 March. I hope you will put this on your calendar and come out for Worship and Fellowship.

Easter, which celebrates Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, is Christianity's most important holiday. We celebrate Easter this year on 1 April. Easter is the fulfilled prophecy of the Messiah who would be persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day. Remembering the resurrection of Jesus is a way to renew daily hope that we have victory over sin and death. Come worship and celebrate communion with us.

May God Bless you. *Carl*



Carl and I both appreciate the many cards and donations received during this time, but most especially, we appreciate your love, prayers and friendship. God has truly blessed us with a special church family.

Thank you. *Evelyn.*

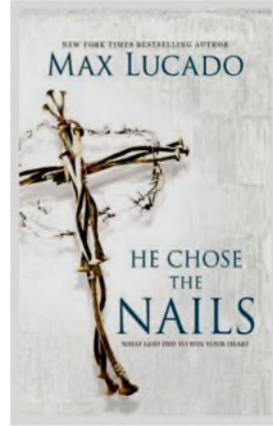
Adult Bible Study Classes

Our Lenten study will continue with our study of Max Lucado's new book, He Chose the Nails. This study includes an introduction, on DVD, for each lesson by Max. This study takes us up to Palm Sunday.

This has been a very popular series so far. We hope you will join us for this study as we contemplate God's gifts to us from the cross.

This is also a great way to build a sense of community in our church. Books are provided plus coffee and cookies are available.

Shirley Pinkston



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

	Third Sunday in Lent - Mar 4	Fourth Sunday in Lent - Mar 11	Fifth Sunday in Lent - Mar 18	Palm Sunday - Mar 25
1st Reading	Exodus 20:1-17	Numbers 21:4-9	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm	Psalm 19	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Psalm 51:1-12 or 119:9-16	Psalm 31:9-16
2nd Reading	1 Cor.1:18-25	Ephesians 2:1-10	Hebrews 5:5-10	Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel	John 2:13-22	John 3:14-21	John 12:20-33	Mark 14:1 to 15:47 or 15:1-39

March Birthdays



About our Members

Billy Smith the founding pastor of our church passed away recently in the Ft Worth area. Pray for his family.

Eluterio (Lutie) Castor, Ralph Castor's father, saw a surgeon on Monday (2/26). They're going to remove his leg above the knee on Thursday. Pray for no complications and rapid recovery. Keep Lutie and his family in your prayers.

Barbara Tindell has had two surgeries on Tuesday (2/27) to remove a basal cell cancer in her nose - then plastic surgery. Pray that Barbara's surgeries are successful, no complications, and complete healing.

Jerry Schleicher is doing well with his new pacemaker. Pray that this solves all (at least most) of his health issues.

The Chiles' son has had surgery this week. Pray for success and healing.

Chris Gengler is dealing with health issues in his family back in Ohio. On 2/12, his 41 year old step-son, John Rhidenhour, passed away due to diabetes complications. This last weekend his 85 year old father, Jim Gengler, was hospitalized with pneumonia. This is Jim's fourth bout of pneumonia in the last couple of years. Pray for Jim's recovery and peace for the whole family.

Diane Vanderland, wife of Chaplain Vanderland, has passed away on 2/28. The Vanderlands have visited PCS and Chaplain Vanderland has been pulpit supply many times. Please keep the Vanderland family in your prayers.

Molly Hatchell Ordination - March 4th

Molly Hatchell has special meaning to the Presbyterian Church of Salado. We celebrate her Ordination into the Ministry in Austin on March 4th.

- Carl Thompson has been her mentor while progressing through the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary toward her Ordination as Minister.
- Molly was an intern here during the Summer of 2014.
- She lives in Austin but has a family home here in Salado.



A Service of Ordination of Molly Hatchell as a Minister of Word and Sacrament

Mary ("Molly") Elizabeth Hatchell is being Ordained into Specialized Ministry as Chaplain at Seton Hospital in Austin.

The ordination will take place at

Westminster Presbyterian Church

3208 Exposition Boulevard

Austin, Texas 78703

Sunday, March 4, 2018, 5:30 PM

Reception Following

- * Our Rev. Carl Thompson will preach at the Ordination Ceremony.
- * Parking is provided in the lot west of the Church and Fellowship Hall buildings and entered from Carlton Street.
- * People with mobility impairments may enter the church through the Carlton Street doors on the north side of the sanctuary.
- * Reception is at Chez Zee, 5406 Balcones Drive, Austin, TX 78731
- * Please let Carl Thompson know if you will be able to attend. He will forward data, so there will be an abundance of food at the reception.



John Pettijohn, Treasurer, indicates that as of 2/27, the church has received \$1,690 in donations year-to-date for our back-of-the-building stone wall. The total we are trying to raise is \$10,000.

Anyone wishing to make a donation in the Memory of **Mable Paige** can make a check payable to:
Killeen Kickers

Put a note in the memo section:
Teen Dance/M. Page
All monies will be deposited into the Killeen Kicker Account and then one check will be written to Heart of Central Texas Square & Round Dance Association .

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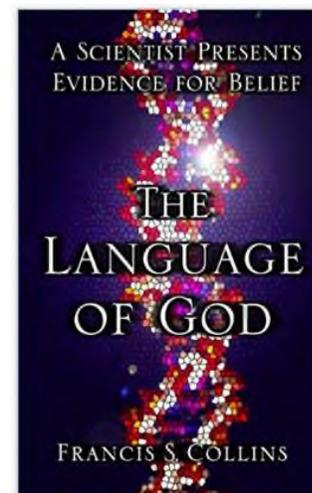
Book Report on our Library Book - *The Language of God*

The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief, by Francis S. Collins, MD

The existence of science and religion within one belief system has often been a stumbling block to modern man. In this 2006 book *The Language of God*, by Dr. Francis S. Collins, the two seemingly disparate points of view are brought together in thoughtful elegant discussions of what we know and how it supports and enhances our belief.

Dr. Collins now head of NIH, was at the time of the writing of this work involved in the Human Genome Project, and much of this research has helped him form his conclusions and is included in his discussions. As a medical librarian, I had the good fortune to work on several projects with a geneticist who knew Dr. Collins and introduced me to his work in both science and Christian belief. This book made an impact on my thoughts and understanding, and so I am recommending it to those readers who enjoy an intellectual perspective that is as uplifting as it is informative.

We have this book in our library. - by June Lubowinski



Remembering Easter.....

As most of you know, I grew up in a small town in Western Pennsylvania in the 50s. With Easter on the horizon, I have been thinking a lot about my hometown, and the Easter celebrations of my childhood.

My Grandma, like most women of that era, never worked outside the home, and my Granddad had a low paying job in a local factory. So there wasn't a lot of money for extras. But I don't ever remember an Easter when I didn't get a new set of "church clothes" and a new pair of black patent leather shoes and white socks with a ruffle around the top. As I got a little older, the outfits included high heels, stockings with seams, an "Easter bonnet," a purse, a pair of white gloves, and a little corsage to wear to church.

As you can imagine, it is very cold in Pennsylvania in the Springtime. But regardless of the temperature, my Grandparents and I drove to the Washington City Park for Easter Sunrise Services. It did not matter how cold it was. We could be found there every Easter Sunday morning for as long as I can remember. And since proper little girls didn't wear pants to school or to church, my little legs got mighty cold on those Easter mornings. And they didn't shorten the services because of the weather either. They seemed to go on forever.

The services were held in the main pavilion, which was one of my very favorite places in the park. You see, I spent a lot of time in that park when I was growing up; and a lot of my childhood memories centered around that pavilion. The pavilion was where we held our Sunday school picnic, and my Granddad's factory also held their company picnic at there every year.

Directly below the pavilion were the swing sets. And I loved to pump and pump, until I was soaring high in the sky; and then, at just the right moment, my friends and I would jump off, and try to outdistance each other. And all the while, we were holding our breath and hoping we wouldn't jump too far, and roll down the hill that lay just a short distance in front of the swings, and ended in a copse of trees. Oh, how I loved to swing!

When the minister finally finished his remarks, and the sun started to rise over the hill, behind the bare trees, oh, what a wondrous sight! I can still hear the voices rising in unison, singing "He arose, He arose, Hallelujah, Christ arose." I wouldn't trade those memories for anything in the world.

I still visit the park every time I go home. And I still swing. But for some reason, the seats seem to be a little smaller than they used to be. And I don't swing as high, or even try to jump off anymore. But that's OK. I still have those wonderful memories from my childhood.

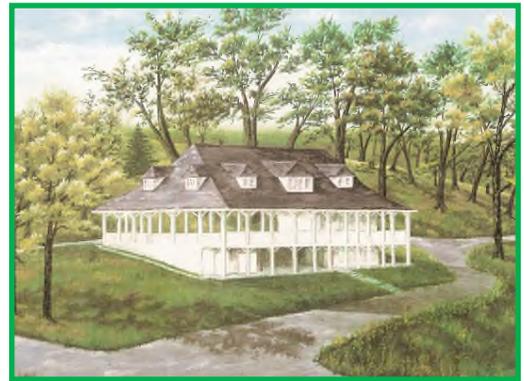
And every time I see that old pavilion, I am reminded of my Grandparents, and their faithfulness, and the joy we shared on those cold Easter mornings so very long ago.

"Happy Easter" from a Merry Heart,

Linda Lloyd



Note: Black patent leather shoes



Feb. 25 Social - "Italian Surprise"

Want to thank Renita for the delicious lasagna, Evelyn for the wonderful ziti and garlic bread as well as everyone that made wonderful salads & desserts. It was all great and a fun social.

The social for March will be just sandwiches and cookies on March 25th. Then four days later we will have our Maundy Thursday service on the 29th. There are sign up sheets for both.



Ash Wednesday

2/4/2018

A number of members of the congregation attended the noon *Imposition of Ashes* Service. Lunch was served afterwards.

