



The Messenger

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

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BE SUBMITTED TO
PETE BY THE LAST
SUNDAY OF THE
MONTH - FOR NEXT
MONTH'S PUBLICA-
TION.

Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

For the last forty years Evelyn's parents have giving me a subscription to *Readers Digest* for Christmas. I really enjoy reading that little magazine. It is loaded with many little stories and anecdotes. Many are really inspiring and challenging. I look forward to its arrival every month.

There was an article in the July Edition that I really enjoyed reading because it was so true. It was by Billy Graham entitled Billy Graham's 6 Rules of Living. I believe Billy Graham was one of the last true evangelists. He had pure intents and was not doing it for money or prestige. I believe he was a true spiritual person who loved God and his neighbors.

In this article he lists 6 great rules for living a good and happy life. Here they are from Billy Graham. I have edited them to save space and added my own comments.

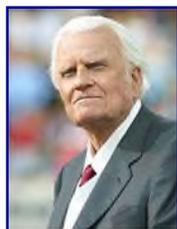


Six Rules of Living

1. Make it your goal to live at peace with others. This is not possible to do in all cases. At times, even our best efforts may not change another person's attitude. The key is to ask God if we are at fault and seek God's help to overcome it.

2. Avoid revenge. Don't be captive to the past. Hurting someone only because they have hurt you is not the Christian way to treat others.

3. Guard your Tongue. Use it only for good and not for evil. As the Bible says, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs. Boy do we need this in 2018. There is so much hateful talk going around especially in the political arena. We can disagree without being hateful.



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Calendar of Events

Sunday Coffee and Cookies at 9:30 A.M.
Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 A.M.
Men's Prayer Breakfast Tues. 8 A.M.
Chair Yoga Tuesdays & Thursdays

- July 1 - Worship with Communion
- July 4 - Fourth of July Holiday
- July 5 - Women's Study for 9 weeks
- July 8 - Session Meeting after Worship
- July 29 - Fifth Sunday Musical Program
- July 29 - Social (Men's Month)

2018 July						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 4th of July	5 Women's Study Noon	6	7
8 Session Meeting	9	10 Yoga 1 PM	11	12 Yoga 10:30	13	14
15	16	17 Yoga 1 PM	18	19 Yoga 10:30	20	21
22	23	24 Yoga 1 PM	25	26 Yoga 10:30	27	28
29 5th Sunday & Social	30	31 Yoga 1 PM	1	2 Yoga 10:30	3	4

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4. Never repay evil with evil. Being evil is sin; it is a deadly cancer that can invade our souls. Why some people repeatedly choose evil is hard to understand because it destroys those who practice it. Ask God to replace evil and sin in our hearts with love and kindness.

5. Treat others as you would want them to treat you. It is a simple but profound truth, Jesus' Golden Rule. We need to practice this every day.

6. Practice the power of forgiveness. We must hate the sin but love the sinner. This is the way God deals with us and we must deal with others in the same way.

Aren't these wonderful rules to live by from Billy Graham? Let's try to put them into practice in our daily lives and see what a better Christian person we can become.

May God Bless you. *Carl*

Thank You from the Walls Family

Dear Carl,

We want to thank you very much for the beautiful job you did with Carol's Service. It reflected her perfectly and several people told me how much they enjoyed your message.

Also, would you please thank the following people for us: the organist, the choir, and the people who made and served the delicious lunch. Their service was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Anne Bryan

(Carol's Twin Sister)



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

	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - July 1	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost - July 8	Eight Sunday after Pentecost - July 15	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - July 22	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - July 29
1st Reading	2 Samuel 31:1, 17-27	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19	2 Samuel 7:1-14a	2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm	Psalm 130	Psalm 48	Psalm 24	Psalm 89:20-37	Psalm 14
2nd Reading	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Ephesians 1:3-14	Ephesians 2:11-22	Ephesians 3:14-21
Gospel	Mark 5:21-43	Mark 6:1-13	Mark 6:14-29	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	John 6:1-21

July Birthdays

Charlotte Carl 4
 Evelyn Thompson 7
 Danney McCort 15
 Nancy Healey 27

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About our Members

Rev. Sam Lanham had a skin cancer removed from an area just above his ankle. He is doing well but we might pray for no complications and rapid healing.

Jack Goggans was in church and took some substance with us on Sunday (6/24). He is recovering from surgeries well and hopes to go back to work this week. Pray that he does not overdo, that healing continues well, and that he feels God's Peace in his rehab.

Nancy Norris is still recovering from her fall and cracked knee cap. She has started physical therapy twice a week for 4 weeks and is getting around with a cane, but still has much pain. Pray that the cap heals, the pain moderates, and she gets through the next weeks. Nancy wants to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, and food.

Evelyn and Carl Thompson have been helping her mother, **Charlotte Carl**, relocate from Bartlesville, OK to Copperas Cove. Pray that her transition goes smoothly to a new house, community, doctors, friends, and church (us).

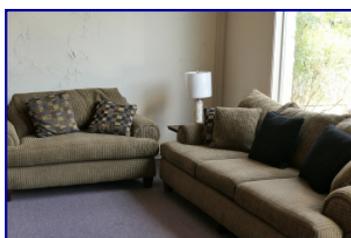


Charlotte Carl being welcomed by Letta Meinen

SESSION / COMMITTEE NOTES

Next Session meeting is July 8.

- ◆ There have been several ongoing maintenance/repairs since the last meeting. The AC needed some attention, lights in the hallway were replaced, and new taller toilets installed.
- ◆ The pool, ping pong, and foos ball tables were donated to the youth program at the Catholic Church and picked up by their members. The Yoga Class has happily expanded into the space and Letta Meinen has added a “conversation corner.”



- ◆ The Nominating Committee will be considering candidates to fill the 3 Elder positions for the Class of 2021.
- ◆ A decision on window coverings for our new windows will be addressed.

Sara Pettijohn.

The Finance and Personnel Committee is drafting the annual review for Pastor Carl. The nomination committee has identified some possible candidates for new session elders and those candidates are being contacted to determine their interests in supporting our congregation!

Carl Menyhert

The Benevolence Committee wishes to thank everyone who has been donating items in the basket or bags of clothing for the Heart & Hands Ministries. They have been delivered. Also, items placed in our box for the community-wide Military Support Project will continue to be taken to the library all summer.

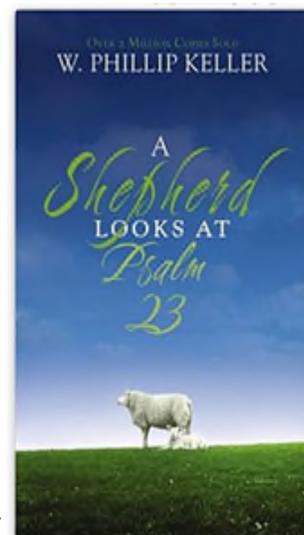
On June 17th, the committee members designated \$7300 for benevolence giving this quarter. Your generosity will help others in need through 12 local, national, or international agencies including PCUSA missions and non-denominational groups.

Pat Rehm

BOOK REPORT by June Lubowinski

A SHEPHERD LOOKS AT PSALM 23

by Peter Keller,
Zondervan Publications, 1970.



Psalm 23 is perhaps one of the most comforting passages in the BIBLE, a touchstone for many during troubling times, and an assurance that the Lord our Shepherd has the situation in hand. Peter Keller has written an interesting analysis of this favorite Psalm using his background knowledge of having been a shepherd, a sheep rancher and a devout Christian. His enthusiastic arguments for why the Lord is OUR Shepherd and The Good Shepherd are eloquent theological assessments mixed with gritty true life dealings with sheep. It is a fascinating juxtaposition of images and ideas. How like sheep we humans are, and how the Lord manages us is almost comical at times. The fact that a good shepherd really does have to give over his life to caring for the flock if he wants them to survive and thrive leads Mr. Keller to call this Psalm “David’s Hymn of Praise to Divine Diligence” and that it recounts “the manner in which the Good Shepherd spares no pains for the welfare of his sheep.”

This is an older book (and course is in our library), but is no less relevant today than when it was written. It’s unique historical information based on Mr. Keller’s life, growing up in East Africa among herdsmen, his career in British Columbia as a rancher, an agronomist and finally as a land management researcher combined with his enthusiastic form of expression will give the reader a different experience from most laymen’s volumes. Be certain to read the introduction before starting, as it will provide the framework to absorb the blessings of this experience.



The Presbyterian Church of Salado Library is for everyone to use, whether you just want to browse or have a specific topic to research in mind. Some 755 titles are now cataloged.

Pat Hart and June Lubowinski are available to answer questions or to give you assistance any Sunday after services. They are also available before and after chair yoga classes. (Yoga is on Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00; Thursday’s, 10:30-11:30) Please come and see what a treasure we have in our church library!

The “Church Library Catalog” has been added to our website (www.presbsalado.org). It is in EXCEL, or PDF files by Author or Title sequence.

Favorite Verses (and why) from Men's Prayer Breakfast Men



My Favorite Verse – Mike Hart

Ps 23:4 *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

I was not a big Bible reader while I was growing up. I had my own Bible but did not read it much. This verse is what I have used for courage and confidence during times when I feel that I'm not in control.

I first relied on this verse when I was in the Mekong Delta in 1966. There was a chance that things might not go well on any given day. I felt like I might need a little extra confidence to function as expected.

As you can imagine, there have been many instances during my passage through life where I am not in control. I still rely on this passage to get me through.



My Favorite Verse – Bill Reynolds

(not a member of PCS)

I think over the years as we mature, our relationship with God becomes more intimate or should, in my opinion. Hopefully, mine has, as I have faced decisions of all kinds, therefore, several scriptures come to mind which have had an effect on my life at different times.

2 Timothy 2:15---*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the work of truth.*

After I became a Christian by accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior, I needed to know more about how I was supposed to relate to God and people around me. The only way that could be accomplished was to study the Word. Which I probably did not do very well.

Psalms 46:10---*Cease striving and know that I am God.*

There are times in our hectic lives-marriage, raising children, professional lives and spiritual lives that we just need to "cool it" and know that God is there and available to us whenever we need Him. And the amazing thing is that He wants us to "yell" for help.

Proverbs 3:4-7---*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him. And He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your eyes; fear the Lord and turn away from evil.*

This one is my favorite, at least for now. During my wife's illness and death, it became evident in my life, that God was there all the time. Therefore, I try very hard to trust Him in everything. I did say that I try (not that I do.)



My Favorite Verse – John Booher

In this very busy world, I have seen even three year old children playing on smart phones. How much time is spent watching TV? It seems that people cannot be alone with their thoughts and feelings.

How can God, through the Holy Spirit, talk to you, if your senses are full of drivel?

Psalms 46:10 *"Be still and know that I am lord."*

Repeat 46:10 and find an eternal voice to lead your life.



My Favorite Verse – Curt Strong

(not a member of PCS)

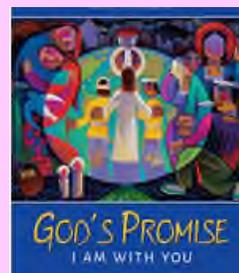
As a child, I laid in a hospital for over three months in traction after a swimming pool diving board accident. I was practically unmovable during the healing process. It was very difficult. I come back to a verse in

Joshua. **Josh 1:9** *"This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* I vividly remember those words while lying there. This was the basis for my lifelong commitment to God.

Later in life, as head of a family, another verse in Joshua took on significant meaning. **Joshua 24:15b** *"But as for me and my household we will serve the Lord"*. I have made substantial efforts to follow this command within my household. I am not perfect, but continue to hold this up as my goal.

Horizon Bible Study Begins July 5th

So far twelve members plan to participate in the Horizon Bible Study, "God's Promise: I Am with You." On the nine Thursdays in July and August, we shall meet at the church at noon for a light lunch and a discussion. This study shows that throughout history God offered comfort and commitment to certain individuals, and it proposes that God's promise speaks to us today. If interested, notify Pat at 512-876-4211 or pacrehm2017@gmail.com.



June 24 - Hotdog Social

This was a Hotdog Picnic with all the fixens.



Jack is back in church for the first time since a stroke on March 25th.

It's Summer, watch for little ones.



Is it proper to eat a hotdog on a bun without yellow mustard?



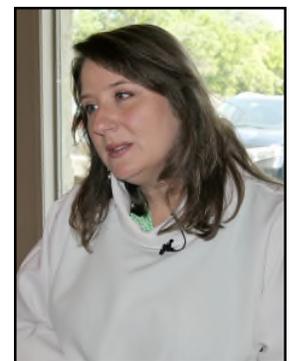
June 2, 2018
Letta scores another Birthday



The "Girls" Talking Cars



6/17 - Guest Minister, Professor Don Davis, Jr. Retired UT Dept. of History. Ruling Elder, Mission Presbytery



6/25 - Guest Minister, Rev. Gini Norris-Lane, Campus Minister Schreiner University in Kerrville