



The Messenger

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH AND
LET IT BEGIN WITH ME.
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MONTH'S PUBLICA-
TION.

Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

The last week in September, Evelyn and I traveled to her home town to attend her fiftieth high school reunion. It was a great trip, Evelyn got to get reacquainted with many old (in age and time since seen) friends. It was fun for me to see the excitement on peoples' faces as they hugged, and talked about what had gone on in their lives since the last time they saw each other. For some that was fifty years ago.



Since I only knew a few people there, I got to watch the joyful interactions. Because we were sitting with Evelyn's friends at the same table, my job was simple. While Evelyn visited with her two high school boyfriends, I talked to the one, that she was not talking to at the time. No, I did not learn any long-lost secret information.



As we were riding home Evelyn said, "why don't you write about reunions for the newsletter. Write about all the joy and excitement of being reunited with old friends and loved ones." That was a good idea because reunions are wonderful events. Oh, how we look forward to seeing those that we have not seen in a long time.

These earthly reunions are just a microcosm of the great reunion that we will have in heaven, when we are once again reunited with Christ, our love ones, family and friends. I look forward to that day, and I hope you do too. It reminds me of the hymn chorus, "When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory."

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Calendar of Events

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 am
Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 am
Men's Prayer Breakfast Tues. 8 am
Chair Yoga Tuesdays and Thursdays
Choir Practice on Wednesdays at 5:30

- Oct. 7 - Worship with Communion
- Oct. 14 - Session Meeting after Worship
- Oct. 28 - Congregational Meeting
- Oct. 28 - Social after Worship (Sandwiches, dips, and chips)
- Oct. 28 - Golf Outing (see Letta Meinen)

OCTOBER 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2 Yoga 1 PM	3 Choir 5:30	4 Yoga 10:30	5	6
7	8 Columbus Day	9 Yoga 1 PM	10 Choir 5:30	11 Yoga 10:30	12	13
14 Session Meeting	15	16 Yoga 1 PM	17 Choir 5:30	18 Yoga 10:30	19	20
21	22	23 Yoga 1 PM	24 Choir 5:30	25 Yoga 10:30	26	27
Meeting /Social /Golf	29	30 Yoga 1 PM	31 Choir 5:30 Halloween			

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Because of God's love for us he gave us the gift of eternal life, and with it came an invitation to that great reunion in the sky. I enjoy being with you here on earth and seeing you again in that great reunion, when we all get to heaven.

God Bless You *Carl*

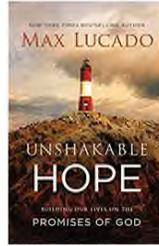
Adult Sunday School

In an unsteady world, how do you gain stability, find peace, and learn to trust God?

We will be using Max Lucado's newest book, Unshakable Hope along with its DVD to uncover the answers. During October we will read and discuss chapters six, seven, eight, and ten.

Join us at 9:00 as we continue this study in the adult classroom. Books are available, along with coffee and cookies. Come and enjoy this time together as disciples of Jesus.

Shirley Pinkston
Adult Sunday School Leader



Study References

During our study of Unshakable Hope by Max Lucado, Shirley has referred to the following books:

- Beyond Words by F. Buechner
- The Seven Deadly Sins Today by Henry Fairlie
- The Good Book by Peter Gomes
- The Challenge of the Disciplined Life by Richard J. Foster **
- Silent Strength: God's Wisdom for Daily Living by Lloyd John Ogilvie
- Living the Message: Daily Help for Living the God-Centered Life by Eugene H. Peterson
- Amazing Grace by K. Norris **
- The Cloister Walk by K. Norris

** In the church library

Compiled by Pat Hart

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

	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - Oct. 7	Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost - Oct. 14	Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost - Oct. 21	Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost - Oct. 28
1st Reading	Job 1:1, 2:1-10	Job 23:1-9	Job 38:1-7	Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm	Psalm 26	Psalm 22:1-15	Psalm 105:1-9, 24, 35c	Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22
2nd Reading	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Hebrews 4:12-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel	Mark 10:2-16	Mark 10:17-31	Mark 10:35-45	Mark 10:46-52

October Birthdays

Ann	Faber	4
Trish	Stebbins	5
Barbara	Tindell	9
Joyce	Goza	15
Joan	Ray	16
Linda	Lloyd	20
Jeff	Aldridge	21
Barbara	Harper	26
Jerry	Schleicher	30
Jeanie	Miller	31

About our Members

Carol Booher has been in S&W for ten days doing tests and beginning treatment. A special drug has improved her heart efficiency and well-being. There are still other concerns including the kidneys that need to be addressed. Thursday she will be released from the hospital to a rehabilitation center. Please pray for healing and strength.

Linda Lloyd has been enduring significant back/hip pain. Please pray for treatment, and more good days than bad days.

Anita Johnson has been feeling poorly and doctor visits indicate some potentially serious issues. Please keep Anita and Ellen in your prayers.

Martha Harper is under Hospice Care. She is comfortable at home with Robert and Barbara, her children. Please pray for her continued comfort, but also her children who provide much care.

Chris and Betty Gengler have several prayer requests for family members: Uncle Gail and Karen are under Hospice Care. Please pray for peace, hope, and comfort.

Sharon VanWinkle thanks the congregation for their prayers, cards, and food. She is recovering well from her second knee replacement. However, she asks for prayers for Rip who fell and cracked his knee cap during her recovery. Pray for both as they heal.

Bev Jones' son, Ashley, has a rare liver condition and in addition, now cancer. Ash has been seen by his local doctors, then Duke University Hospital and on Monday John Hopkins Hospital. The Hospitals have decided to administer the chemotherapy at Duke starting on Wednesday. Pray for effective treatment and peace for the family.

New Members - Sept 9, 2018



A short Session Meeting was held to receive three new members - Ron and Jeanie Miller and Sandy Klingberg. Welcome!

Benevolence Committee Report

On September 30, the 5th Sunday worship service featured our congregation's dedication to mission. Our special speaker was Marilyn Griffin, a Salado resident and an active volunteer in various community ministries.

As a member of the Board of Directors of Salado Family Relief, Mrs. Griffin described the agency's important local mission and its three special projects. The *Empty Bowl Fundraiser* is held each November to assist many families in Salado with certain necessary expenses, when needed throughout the year. Participants can enjoy a variety of soups from local restaurants and can purchase hand-made bowls from local artisans. Look for publicity soon.



Pat Rehm and Marilyn Griffin

Salado Family Relief also sponsors two seasonal activities, both of which our congregation has supported: The *Back-to-School Backpack Program*, recently completed, and *The Christmas Gifts for Children Program*, coming in December.

-- The Benevolence Committee.

The Personnel Committee

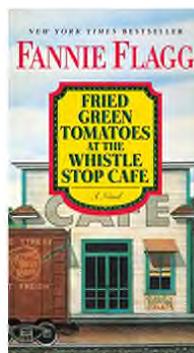
The annual church audit was completed satisfactorily. Church finances have improved from last year and there has been a seamless transition to our new treasurer. Carl Menyhart

FACING OUR FEARS

I recently re-read two of my favorite books: "Can't Wait to Get to Heaven", and "The Whole Town's Talking", by actress and author Fannie Flagg. They are both delightful books and will have you smiling as you read about the characters and their lives both here and in the after-life (you may be wanting more when you're finished.)



Some of you probably remember Fannie best as a comedian and a celebrity guest on game shows, sitcoms, and talk shows, including "Candid Camera," back in the 70's. What you may not know is that Fannie is dyslexic and cannot spell, or do math, and cannot tell her right from her left. When she was growing up, nothing was really known about dyslexia. She was thirty years old before someone recognized her handicap and put a name to it.



Despite all this, she has been able to author several books, including "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistlestop Café," which stayed on the New York Times bestseller list for several weeks. Later on, she turned it into a screenplay titled "Fried Green Tomatoes", which later evolved into a movie. Fannie was nominated for an Academy Award for the movie.

I have listened to an interview with her, in which she states that to this very day, she still sometimes feels less than dumb. I so admire her for overcoming her fears, and for taking the opportunities which, by the grace of God, (my words, not hers), smoothed and paved her way into a career as an actress and an amazing author.

Her story makes me wonder how many opportunities pass us by because we sometimes feel that we too are dumb or are handicapped in some way. Wouldn't it be amazing if we could all conquer our fears and insecurities?



When I looked up the phrase "Fear not," I learned that it is used more than 80 times in the Bible, most likely because God knows that the devil uses fear to decrease our hope and limit our victories.

Psalm 56:11 **"In God I trust; I will not be afraid."**

From a Merry ♥ Linda Lloyd

Molly Update

I've got an exciting new ministry. I am working at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary leading a student spiritual direction group.

The students share how they see God at work in the ordinary events in their lives. They reflect on their spiritual journey, the issues they have encountered and their relationship with God. Through the process they learn how to become "soul friends" with one another – helping to nourish each other's spiritual lives by listening and being open to the Holy Spirit's leading in conversation with one another. Half of the students are in their first year at the seminary, though they range in age from their 20's to their 50's. They all hope to go into ministry upon graduation.

This direction in my ministry is a natural outgrowth from my time at the Presbyterian Church of Salado, where Carl provided "holy listening" to help me hear the whispers of God and to become more aware of God's companionship.

Many Blessings to you, *Molly*.



Church Wild Flowers



This Yellow Blooming **Bull Nettle** in front of Carl's office has lovely yellow flowers - however, the leaves and stems of the plant are covered with brittle, hollow, hair-like structures. The stinging hairs act a lot like a hypodermic needle when your skin brushes against them. Chemicals flow through the hollow tubes and cause a nasty stinging sensation and a rash. Beware!

We also have a wild **morning glory** on a bush in front of the office. The name comes from the flowers, which last a single day. Flowers are white, blue, pink, purple, red, and multicolored. Ours are purple.

After all the rain, Bill Pinkston can use some help cleaning out beds. Call Bill to coordinate a time - 254-947-3372.



Blueberry Coffee Cake Recipe

Servings: 8 -12 servings (From Pat Hart)

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter softened
- 1 cup sugar ♦ 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest or the zest of 1 lemon
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 6 ounces fresh blueberries or about 1 cup's worth
- Topping Ingredients:
- 2/3 cup all-purpose or 2/3 cup brown rice flour
- 1/3 cup brown sugar ♦ 1/4 cup melted butter



This recipe was requested after the 9/30 Breakfast Social

Instructions

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease an 8" square pan with butter. Beat the butter and the sugar together until light and fluffy, about 6-7 minutes. Stir in the vanilla, lemon zest, lemon juice. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing just until combined.
- Combine the flour and baking powder in a bowl. Place the blueberries in a small bowl and sprinkle with a couple tablespoons of the dry ingredients, stir gently to coat the berries. Add half of the dry ingredients to the mixing bowl and stir to combine. Add the sour cream, mix again, and add the remaining dry ingredients. Mix just until combined.
- Gently stir in the blueberries and pour the batter into the prepared pan. Place the flour and sugar for the topping in the same small bowl that was holding the berries and add the melted butter. Stir lightly with a fork to combine. Sprinkle the sugary crumbs over the batter in the pan.
- Bake for 40-45 minutes, until a toothpick comes out clean or with moist crumbs. Let cool before slicing. Enjoy!

Breakfast Social - September 30, 2018



Sara and Laquita - Preparing or Eating?



Monte Shuck - I Cooked It - I Eat It!

Breakfast is a good idea!

