



# The Messenger

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH AND  
LET IT BEGIN WITH ME.  
(JANUARY 2019)

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## Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson



Time flies, I can't believe it is 2019. It seems like yesterday that we welcomed in 2018. I finally learned to write 2018 on my checks and now I must remember it is **2109**. About September, I will have that down. I look forward to 2019 with high hopes and expectations. This year will be full of transitions. We enter a new year with amazing opportunities. With God's grace, it will be another wonderful year for our congregation.

Last year did not close the way I had hoped it would. I must tell you, in sixty years I have never missed a Christmas Eve Service. In forty-six years of ordained service, I have never missed a service I was scheduled to conduct. All that changed on Christmas Eve.



As most of you know, the doctor said I could not do services if I wasn't getting better. I always get better. **Not this time.** I missed being with you. Thanks to the choir, Nancy Norris, and Evelyn for picking up the ball (actually Christmas candles) and running with them. I am feeling much better now. I know many of you have also been under the weather. You have been in my prayers, and I hope you are now doing well.

I heard about a man who had retired, and he got up every morning and the first thing he did was read the obituary column to find out who had died. Well, on this particular morning he read that column and the newspaper by mistake had put his name in the column and reported that he was dead.

He was not only shaken, he was irate. He called the editor of the newspaper and fussed him out. Finally, the editor said, "I'll tell you what we'll do. In the morning we'll put your name in the births column and give you a brand-new beginning." Every day we to have an opportunity for a brand-new beginning - how will we use it in 2019?

Jerry Killfome of Killen, Tx passed on January 1, 2019. Born on September 10, 1907 in Bryan, TX to Sam and Della Killfome. Married to Gina for 29 years until her death in 2015. They had 16 children but we forgot all their names except Peter.



Brian, Todd and Jess. He was a member of the Seventh Brigade for 12 years after graduating from Devlin High School. Please send all gifts to the Presbyterian Church of Salado.

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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

- Jan. 6 - Worship with Communion
- Jan. 13 - Ordination of new Session Members - Session Meeting after Worship
- Jan. 27 - Monthly Social "Comfort Food"

\* Note new church phone # 254-308-2023

2019 JANUARY						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Choir 5:30	Yoga 10:30		
		Yoga 1 PM	Choir 5:30	Yoga 10:30		
Session Meeting		Yoga 1 PM	Choir 5:30	Yoga 10:30		
		Yoga 1 PM	Choir 5:30	Yoga 10:30		
Social		Yoga 1 PM	Choir 5:30	Yoga 10:30		

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Here are some things to try in 2019:

**For the New Year**

- H**old fast to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)
- A**ssemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)
- P**ray earnestly everyday (I Thessalonians 5:17-18)
- P**ray for great blessings (Malachi 3: 10)
- Y**ield not to temptation (I Thessalonians 5:22)
- N**eglect not your talents and opportunities (Galatians 6: 10)
- E**xamine yourself daily (11 Corinthians 13:5)
- W**ork diligently for the Lord (I Corinthians 15:58)
- Y**ield your members to righteousness (Romans 6:11, 16)
- E**xercise yourself in godliness (I Timothy 4:7)
- A**im at sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)
- R**edeem the time (Ephesians 5.1-16)

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, we will ordain Pat Hart, Shirley Lett and Evelyn Thompson to the office of ruling elder. You have selected them to this sacred office. I ask you to pray for them as they assume positions on the session. I hope many of you will volunteer to serve on one of our session committees. Talk to a session member and let them know how you would like to serve God and our church this coming year.

God Bless and Happy New Year. *Carl and Evelyn*

## NOW THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:

- \* to find the lost,
- \* to heal the broken,
- \* to feed the hungry,
- \* to release the prisoner,
- \* to rebuild the nations,
- \* to bring peace among the people,
- \* to make music in the heart.

*By Howard Thurman*

Gary Mathews, our guest minister on  
Dec. 30, read this during his sermon.  
*And is worth repeating.*

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

	Epiphany of the Lord - Jan. 6	Baptism of the Lord - Jan. 13	Second Sunday after Epiphany - Jan. 20	Third Sunday after Epiphany - Jan. 27
1st Reading	Isaiah 60:1-6	Isaiah 43:1-7	Isaiah 62:1-5	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Psalm 29	Psalm 36:5-10	Psalm 19
2nd Reading	Ephesians 3:1-12	Acts 8:14-17	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	John 2:1-11	Luke 4:14-21

### January Birthdays

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- Anita Johnson 5
  - Chine Ray 8
  - Edrie Chiles 10
  - Missie Lanham 12
  - John Pettijohn 18
  - Jim Arner 23
  - Shay VanWinkle 29

### About our Members

**Carol Booher** has occupational and physical therapy plus aids twice a week. An RN visits weekly and John has daily duties. Carol is busy getting better. Pray for improved strength.

**Anita Johnson** is now in Hillsboro at Wesley House, a senior residence/care center. More details to follow. 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.

**Bev Jones'** son, **Ashley**, continues to get improved numbers on his cancer marker. When he does better, Mom does better.

**Betty Gengler's** daughter, Amber Harvey, of Moraine, Ohio will be having surgery in late January or early February. The doctors will be re-

moving 2 fibroid tumors. She is not to lift anything heavier than a gallon of milk for at least 8 weeks after surgery - which will be difficult while running a household with husband and two children. Pray for a successful surgery, no complications, and rapid healing.

**Ron & Jeanie Miller** have not been able to attend church as they have had ongoing chest colds and congestion.

**Carl and Evelyn Thompson** claim to be alive but Carl still has a hacking type cough/congestion and Evelyn is right there with him. Neither can really shake it. With God's Grace and our prayers they will overcome this trial.

**Julie Goggans** is through her thyroid surgery, is feeling pretty good, and has returned to work. Pray that the pathology report is also positive.

## Happy New Year



“Out with the old, in with the new.” “Tomorrow is the first page of a 365 page book. Make it a good one.” “Exhale the old, inhale the new.” “For Auld Lang Syne, my dear....”

You’ve probably heard most of these phrases referencing the “New Year.” Back in my Grandma’s day they were called “saws, adages, morals, sayings, etc.” And my Grandma had one for each and every occasion. When I’m at home in a family gathering, it is not unusual to hear the older cousins talking about Grandma and her axioms. Almost every day, I catch myself saying, “My Grandma would have said...” And I am surely the worst of the lot, as I lived with my grandparents and heard them all repeatedly.

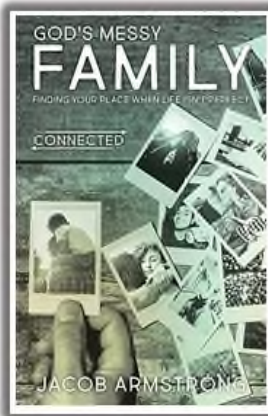
We are officially in 2019, starting at midnight on 12/31. I heard lots of firecrackers going off way before midnight. By the grace of God, we have made it to the start of another year. We have one more chance to “get it right” and try to be better today than we were yesterday.

May God richly bless you with health, happiness, peace, and joy in 2019.

From a Merry   Linda Lloyd

## Adult Sunday School

Is your family perfect? Is any family really perfect? Our first Bible lessons this year draw our attention to a family chosen by God: Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, and Esaw.



We will see how their messy lives fall short of being perfect. We will also explore the patterns of brokenness and redemption in the stories of families in Genesis, and find out how everyone has a place at the table as part of the family of God.

This study of God's Messy Family begins on January 6 with our discussion of Chapter One. Please join us for Bible Study, fellowship, coffee and cookies.

---Shirley Pinkston

## Mission Giving in 2018

In 2018, our congregation donated funds among 18 different agencies, plus the One Great Hour of Sharing at Easter. Your Benevolence Committee met each quarter to continue to distribute about 25 percent of your total contributions for each period. At the year's end, we designated gifts to the Austin Theological Seminary, AWARE, the Body of Christ Clinics, Families in Crisis, Fisher House at Fort Hood, Heart & Hands Ministries, Helping Hands/Belton, Presbyterian Children's Homes, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Salado Family Relief, Salado Fire Department, and Salvation Army/Temple. In the previous quarters, we had also included Children's Special Needs Network, Doctors without Borders, First Presbyterian Church of Rockport, Salvation Army/Greater Houston, Samaritan's Purse, Solar Under the Sun (a Presbyterian project by Synod of the Sun), and the purchase of \$25 Brookshire Brothers gift cards for Pastor Carl to give to needy travelers at his discretion.

In addition, our church allows Salado Family Relief to distribute both its end-of-summer school supplies & backpacks and its Christmas gifts for families with children from our activity room. At Thanksgiving, our members also took food and actively served at the Heart & Hands community meal. Throughout the year, members have also contributed to containers in our narthex for the Community Military Project of the SARW and to the Heart & Hands' pantry and clothing shop.

From Pat Rehm, Chair, Benevolence Committee

# December 2018



**Advent Reading by Knox and Betsy Tyson**



**New "Greens"**



**Bob Tyson singing solo "Here I Am"**



**Carl Thompson  
12/9/2018**



**Knox and Betsy  
Contribute  
Decorations**



**Gary Mathews  
Guest Preacher  
12/30/2018**

