



# The Messenger

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SO LET'S NOT GET TIRED OF DOING WHAT IS GOOD.  
(APRIL 2019)

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## Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson



This month we will celebrate Palm Sunday and Holy Week - a time when we remember the events of the last week of Jesus' life. Our Holy Week will begin with a Maundy Thursday service and end with our Sunday Easter service. On Maundy Thursday, the church remembers the last evening Jesus shared with his disciples in the upper room before his arrest and crucifixion. *Maundy* is derived from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning "commandment," and refers to the commands Jesus gave his disciples at the Last Supper concerning communion and his call to us to love one another. I encourage all of you to come out at 6:00 P.M. on April 18<sup>th</sup> to be a part of this service. Join with us again on Easter Sunday Morning to celebrate the resurrection, as we boldly proclaim, "Christ Has Risen."

Many of you have been asking how the search is coming for my replacement? It is coming along as quickly as possible. We have done all we can do until the church information form is approved by Presbytery and sent to Louisville (our denomination headquarters) for distribution. After much prayer Evelyn and I decided not to retire until January 2020 unless we find the right person sooner. Since I feel my health is getting better and my doctors see things better than they did six months ago, I believe I can do the job as your Pastor to the standards that you as a congregation deserve.

I would like to remind everyone that our church policy states our church is a: smoke, drug, and alcohol-free building. Our congregation along with all outside organizations, or individuals who use the building need to abide by this policy. Thanks for your support of this church policy. *God Bless you and Happy Easter.* Carl and Evelyn



## Calendar of Events

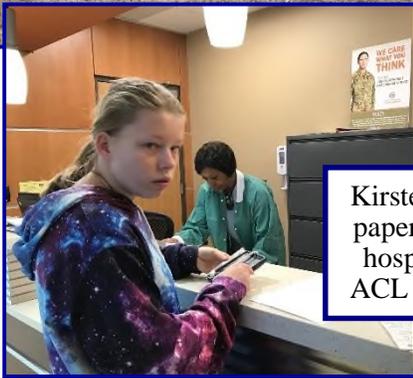
Adult Sunday School at 9:00 am  
Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 am  
Men's Prayer Breakfast Tues. 8 am  
Chair Yoga Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Choir Practice on Wednesdays at 5:30

- April 7 - Worship with Communion
- April 14 - Palm Sunday
- April 18 - Maundy Thursday Service  
6:00 PM with light meal
- April 19 - Good Friday
- April 21 - Easter / "Christ Has Risen"

APRIL 2019						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Yoga 1 PM	3 Choir 5:30	4 Yoga 10:30	5	6
7	8	9 Yoga 1 PM	10 Choir 5:30	11 Yoga	12	13
14 Palm Sunday	15	16 Yoga 1 PM	17 Choir 5:30	18 Yoga/ Maundy Thurs	Good Friday	20
	22 Easter	23 Yoga 1 PM	24 Choir 5:30	25 Yoga 10:30	26	27
28	29	30 Yoga 1 PM				



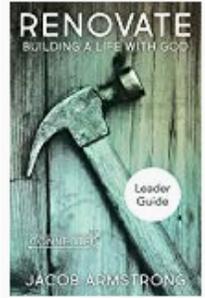
Bev Jones and Grandson, Colt  
Outer Banks, NC



Kirsten doing  
paperwork at  
hospital for  
ACL surgery.

## Adult Education - Shirley Pinkston

The class will conclude the study of Mike Slaughter's Made for A Miracle on Palm Sunday, April 14. On Easter Sunday, April 21, we will begin the final series of lessons before our Summer Break. Join us as we study Jacob Armstrong's book, Renovate: Building A Life With God.



Spring is the perfect time to renovate. A time to tackle all the projects you have put off all winter: fix the leaky faucet, paint the porch, weed the flower beds, trim the shrubs, and plant the garden. And what about your spiritual life? Does it need renovating too? If so, remember, that's not a do-it-yourself project. In our study we will see how Nehemiah led God's people to renew their relationship with God as they rebuilt the wall and gates to Jerusalem. Just like them, we need God's great power in us to renew our spiritual lives through the Holy Spirit.

Please join us. Books are provided and coffee is available.

Books Referenced in March Studies by Pat Hart  
Miracles by Eric Metaxas  
The Essential Tillich Sermons edited by Forrest Church  
The Scandalous Gospel of Jesus by Peter Gomes

## Common Lectionary Readings

	Fifth Sunday in Lent April 7	Palm Sunday April 14	Maundy Thursday April 17	Resurrection of the Lord /Easter 4/21	Second Sunday of Easter April 28
1st Reading	Isaiah 43:16-21	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14	Acts 10:34-43	Acts 5:27-32
Psalm	Psalm 126	Psalm 31:9-16	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Psalm 150
2nd Reading	Phil. 3:4b-14	Phil. 2:5-11	1 Cor 11:23-26	1 Cor 15:19-26	Rev. 1:4-8
Gospel	John 12:1-8	Luke 22:14-23:56	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Luke 24:1-12	John 20:19-31

## April Birthdays

Chelsea Ervi 6

Bobbie  
Dickerson 9

J.R. Lett 13

## About our Members

**Denice Kemp's** father, Lamar Drgac, passed away 3/24 at 78 years old. He has been in ill health for several years. Pray for Lamar's wife, Barbara of 58 years, plus Denice and the rest of the family as they deal with this loss.

**Carol Booher** has been gaining strength and has been able to join us in church. Pray for increased strength and no complications.

**Martha Harper** is under Hospice Care at home and **Robert Harper** has been in a rehab facility helping with strength and stability.

**Bev Jones** son, **Ash**, is still responding to his "first line" chemo. Pray for continued success.

**Betsy Tyson's** son-in-law, **John Davis**, had surgery Friday, 3/29. A tumor and some of his colon were removed. Initial reports reflected

that the tumor was not malignant. He returned home on Sunday. John is Tracey's (our Yoga instructor) husband. Pray that the biopsy confirms no cancer and a rapid recovery.

**Julie Vesely's** 8th-grade daughter, **Kirsten**, tore her ACL at a basketball competition in January. She will have ACL reconstructive surgery to repair the knee on April 8th. Pray for a successful surgery and 9-12 mo. rehab.

**Jack Goggans** has problems with a hernia and aortic aneurism. Pray that his doctors can develop a plan to resolving these in one surgery.

**Carl Thompson** will be having some surgery. Pray that all goes well.

**Ralph Castor** lost his aunt, Benita Martinez. Pray for the family of this strong Christian.

## LEGACY - by Linda Lloyd

We attended the funeral of Ralph's aunt, Benita Castor Martinez, who loved the Lord more than anything in life. We heard her family, friends, and pastor's testimony to her strong abiding faith, her lifelong witness for the Lord.

Each one attested to the fact that she loved her family fiercely, but loved God more, and served him in every way that she could, even when she moved to a nursing facility.

Benita was neither educated nor wealthy. She never had, never wanted, worldly goods. She and her husband worked in the fields to support their family. Benita also ran a full service gas station. She was a strong woman who made changing a tire look easy.

She had five children, including an adopted newborn. The family lived in the gas station with no running water, and no heat.

A salesman came to the gas station selling Bibles. Benita wanted a Bible so badly! She had heard about the gospel and wanted to find out for herself what it was all about. She had no money to buy a Bible, so instead bartered for it with S&H green stamps.



Once Benita had the coveted Bible she read it in every spare moment. She read that Bible from cover to cover, then started all over again. Her children related that she

cried and cried for a whole month after finishing it for the first time. Neither she nor her family could understand what she was crying about. Eventually, Benita talked to a local minister who informed her "Benita, you are crying because you met the Lord Jesus in the pages of HIS sacred book. You have been saved. HE has filled you with the Holy Spirit and your soul is rejoicing in the Lord."

Benita was an honorary chaplain to recovering alcoholics in the Alcoholics Anonymous program. She witnessed and counseled them several nights a week. She witnessed every day to everybody she met. She made mission trips overseas to witness for her Lord and minister to those who hadn't heard the word.

Benita went to meet her precious Lord on March 22nd, 2019, leaving behind two sons, three daughters, twelve grandchildren, and twenty one greats. At the memorial, the grandchildren spoke of their Abuelita's joyful nature, passion for Bible reading, and her joy in spreading the gospel. They said they would enter her house to find her reading, praying, praising the Lord, hands raised in worship, tears streaming down her face.

In the eulogy, grandson Alex summed it all up. He said "***Her legacy was not her family. Her legacy was JESUS, only JESUS.***"

May God richly bless each of you.

Happy Easter from A Merry 

Linda Lloyd



Lt. Chantel Millin of the Salvation Army

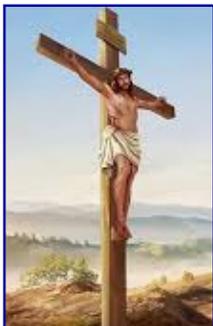
The 5th Sunday guest speaker for Missions was Lt. Chantel Millin, who with her husband serves as Co-Pastor to the Salvation Army Corps Center in Temple. She presented an enjoyable and informative slide show of the extensive services offered here in the Temple area.



## LESSONS FROM HOLY WEEK - by Pete Stebbins

The Men's Prayer Breakfast has been reading/ studying the Book of Luke. During almost the entirety of the Book, Jesus is the ideal human, healing the sick, casting out demons, performing miracles, and teaching his disciples. All goes well except maybe His dealings with the religious leaders.

On a number of occasions he actually predicts the future. He knows what is going to happen next, including his own crucifixion! We find in *Luke 18:31-33*: Taking the twelve disciples aside, Jesus said, "Listen, we're going up to Jerusalem, where all the predictions of the prophets concerning the Son of Man will come true. 32 He will be handed over to the Romans, and he will be mocked, treated shamefully, and spit upon. 33 They will flog him with a whip and kill him, but on the third day he will rise again."



**It's amazing how our lives can change so quickly and dramatically. It happened to Jesus.**

The Bible warns us that there will be trials in our life. You may have been blessed with the ideal life, so far, but this will likely not last forever. I warn you that there will be problems, trials, worries, and burdens in your life. Bad things will happen! God created a perfect world but gave humans the right to choose. We have not always chosen correctly.

The good news is that God can guide us through these tough times and will be with us - as He was with Jesus in during Holy Week.

In my life I have had some big trials and lots of little ones. I'm not sure I would have made it through without God being at my side via: faith, prayers, the Word, the Holy Spirit, and Christian support.

*Rom 8:28* And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. This "all things" includes some really bad things.

*John 16:33* "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." This comment "you will have trouble" is directly from Jesus.

*Romans 5:3-4* We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. These "problems and trials" can be building blocks as we grow in our faith and prepare us for our day of salvation.

*Luke 11:9-10* "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." There is a way to work through these problems and trials. Jesus says ASK for help. You can even ask again and again.

*Matt 6:34* Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Let God be in charge of worrying, you don't need to.

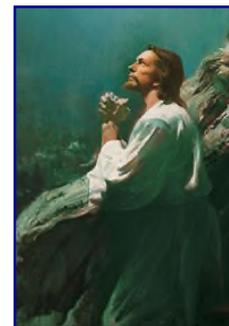
*Matt 11:28* Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Don't forget that when you have burdens, give them up to God and don't just hold onto them yourself.

*Luke 12:24-26* Look at the ravens. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than any birds! 25 Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? God does love you. One of these days, while you are still in bed, listen to the birds outside. Let this remind you, that if He can take care of all them, surely He can take care of you!

### Conclusion:

What can we learn from Jesus about dealing with crisis's as we study the events of Holy Week?

- ◆ He had a close relationship with the Father,
- ◆ He had intense Prayer conversations,
- ◆ He took comfort from the Scriptures,
- ◆ The Holy Spirit was with Him,
- ◆ His disciples and family stood beside him.



We need to be prepared for the "trials" that will come into our lives. Jesus has shown us the way!



## Highlights of Session Meetings

**March 10, 2019**

- \* Approval of January 13 Minutes and 2018 Statistical Report
- \* Assigned Joyce Goza and Evelyn Thompson to next Presbytery Meeting
- \* Approved luncheon in activity room for Bob Todd's 90th birthday in August
- \* Treasurer reported favorable budget news for February
- \* John Pettijohn was formally elected Treasurer for 2019
- \* Pat Hart was formally elected Clerk of Session for 2019
- \* Arrangements were made to review contents of our safety deposit box
- \* The annual \$3000 contribution to the Grace Presbytery was approved.
- \* Committees reported on their progress
- \* June 2 will be considered our "Fifth Sunday" so the choir will be presenting a musical program. Communion will be held on June 9.
- \* Church alcohol policy was clarified
- \* 2019 Theme was approved: "Let us not grow weary in doing good...." (Galatians 6:9)
- \* Liturgists and greeters will be reminded to have visitors sign our Friendship Registers and Guest Book
- \* Signs will be posted reminding all who use our building to turn off thermostats when leaving a room
- \* The Pastor Search Committee reported few candidates, none of which were appropriate to the position. Rev. Thompson announced that he will stay until the end of the year to give us more time, as our opening has not yet been posted with the Presbytery or with PCUSA.

Next Stated Session Meeting will be held June 9, 2019.

**March 31, 2019**

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Salado held a Called Meeting immediately after worship on March 31, 2019, to consider the following:

- \* Acceptance of a donation of handbells as a permanent fixture of the church, valued at greater than \$1000. Motion carried.
- \* Allowing the Public Arts League of Salado to increase the size of the property they lease from the church for their Sculpture Garden, provided that:
  - 1) Salado's liability insurance reflects that increase
  - 2) All sculptures are moved to be on the leased property.

Motion carried.

Pat Hart, Clerk of Session

## Benevolence Committee

Since Easter is coming soon, so is the **One Great Hour of Sharing! OGHS**, as it is also known, has been promoted by the Presbyterian Church for seventy years. We will collect this offering during Worship on Palm Sunday and Easter. You will hear more about those who benefit from it during Minutes for Mission on April 7 and 14.

The prophet Isaiah called his people to become "repairers of the breach," or to help those in need. His call is coming to us in today's broken world, and **OGHS** enables persons and communities in over 100 countries throughout the world, to seek and obtain improved living situations.

**OGHS** gifts are divided among three global projects:



Presbyterian Hunger Program receives **36%** of this offering through local partner agencies. It strives to alleviate hunger, to care for the creation and to address the causes of poverty.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance receives **32%** of this offering. It helps communities to recover after devastating natural or human-caused disasters, and it assists communities in supporting refugees. Long-term assistance is available to victims of catastrophic events.

Self-Development of People also receives **32%** of this offering. This program partners with communities experiencing oppression, poverty, and injustice. It educates Presbyterians about the impact that these issues are having in the world.

There is an offering poster in the Narthex. Feel free to take one of the usual cardboard fish banks or special envelopes that are available. If you take a fish bank, please put your name on it before placing it in the offering, to assist with record-keeping.

Thank you! - Pat Rehm - Chair

# Ash Wednesday Service



# March Social 3/31/19

“BELATED - ST. PATRICK’S DAY”



**Potatoes, Corned Beef, and Cabbage.**



**Some really tasty - but different - Irish Food!**



**Um-um good!**

