



The Messenger

BE JOYFUL IN HOPE, PATIENT IN AFFLICTION,
FAITHFUL IN PRAYER. ROMANS 12:12

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

Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson



What a difference a year makes. Last year around this time we were planning all the events that would be going on at our church during Holy Week. Palm Sunday service, Maundy Thursday communion and fellowship, and then the joyful celebration on Easter Sunday morning when we would all proclaim, "Christ has risen, Christ has risen indeed." This year it will be different, the doors to our church will be locked, the choir will not be singing a great anthem, the horrible smell of Easter Lilies will not permeate the building, but the Christian Church will still be gathered around a television, a computer, an iPad, or other device; hearing or reading the words, "Christ has risen, Christ has risen indeed."

The church is not a building, it is the people who love the Lord and love each other. We are the church whether we stand together in a building or remain at home celebrating the joy of the Resurrected Christ. As we listen to or read of God's amazing grace, remember we are the church. We care for each other and we pray for each other as we celebrate the Good News, "Christ has risen, Christ has risen indeed." I look forward to the time when we can safely gather again to Worship in our church building, but until then be careful, be safe.

I will continue to send out a worship service on Saturday night, if for some reason you have not been receiving it send me an email at cthomps106@aol.com and I will make sure you are on the distribution list. I also sent out a list of services available online that you can use for Sunday worship, here they are again listed below. Also, if you are not able to get out for groceries, let me know. Several people have volunteered to either pick things up for you or take you to the store. That is what the Church is all about. Remember, we are the church - Christ's faithful community.

God Bless You. Carl

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Calendar of Events

**This Schedule Depends on the Coronavirus.
(Currently all these activities are suspended)**

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

- April 5 - Palm Sunday
- April 9 - Maundy Thursday Service 6:00
- April 10 - Good Friday
- April 12 - Easter
- April 19 - Scheduled Session Meeting

2020 APRIL						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Choir 5:30	2 Yoga 10:30	3	4
5 	6	7 Yoga 1 PM	8 Choir 5:30	9 Yoga 10:30	10 	11
	13	14 Yoga 1 PM	15 Choir 5:30	16 Yoga 10:30	17	18
19	20	21 Yoga 1 PM	22 Choir 5:30	23 Yoga 10:30	24	25
26 	27	28 Yoga 1 PM	29 Choir 5:30	30 Yoga 10:30		

Carl continued:

Some On-Line Church Services:

**Molly Hatcher’s church -
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Austin**

Sunday mornings at 11 am. They livestream a half-hour worship service from:



<https://www.facebook.com/wpcaustin/>. You don’t need a Facebook account to watch the service. Simply click on the link a few minutes before 11 am and you’ll see a video box pop up when we begin recording. If you miss seeing this live, a video of the service will remain on the Facebook page so you can watch anytime. You may also access Sunday’s service through their website: wpcaustin.org Worship / Sermons.

**Bev Jones's church -
Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, NC**

The Worship Services will be live-streamed beginning at **10:00 a.m. Eastern Time**. To watch this service, click this link <http://www.outerbankspresbyterian.org/media/watch-services.html>, then select, “Click here to view live broadcast. You may also watch past worship services at any time by clicking on the same link and selecting a service under “Watch Services on Demand.” You may also access these services by going to their website at www.outerbankspresbyterian.org and clicking on the “Media” tab.



**Evelyn Thompson’s brother
Bill Carl’s church -
Independent Presbyterian,
Birmingham, AL**

<https://ipc-usa.org/> Just click on that at 11:00 am on Sundays. Then click on IPC live stream.



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

	Palm Sunday - April 5	Maundy Thursday - April 9	Resurrection of the Lord - April 12	2nd Sunday of Easter - April 19	3rd Sunday of Easter - April 26
1st Reading	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Exodus12:1-4, 11-14	Acts19:34-43	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm	Psalm 31:9-16	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	Psalm 118:1-2,14-24	Psalm 16	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
2nd Reading	Philippians 2:5-11	1 Cor. 11:23-26	Col. 3:1-4	1 Peter 1:3-9	1 Peter 1:17-23
Gospel	Matthew 27:11-54	John 13:1-17,31-35	John 20:1-18	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:13-35

April Birthdays

- Chelsea Ervi 6
- Bobbie Dickerson 9
- J.R. Lett 13

When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul. Ps 94:19

About our Members

Britt Healey is progressing well and is grateful for the providential timing of his medical diagnosis and care. Please keep Britt and Nancy in your prayers as Britt continues to recover and pray that Nancy can get some rest. Once again: No calls, texts, emails or food.
Pat Rehm is just going one month at a time. Pray for continued healing. She is continuing to wear the restrictive brace for a while longer.
Shirley Pinkston’s leg pain has improved. Pray that this improvement continues.
Chris Gengler is dealing with severe headaches, however the frequency is decreasing. He has had a scan but when he will see the doctors is unknown. Pray for improvement.
Carol Booher continues treatment for heart issues. Pray that Carol gains strength.

Pat Hart has been “off” her foot since March 5. Hoping for no pain when she can start walking on it. Pray for healing.
Monte Shuck started radiation in February. It will continue 5 days a week for 8 weeks – till April 9th. Side-effects have been minimal.
Linda Lloyd had hip replacement surgery three weeks ago. Pray for recovery & no falls.
Barbara Tindell had a spot of cancer removed from her face. Pray for no recurrence.
Jim Arner - Laquita is in the process of finding a place that can provide Jim with long term memory care. Pray that she will be able to find a place that can meet Jim’s needs. If you know of a memory care facility let Carl know and he will get that information to her. Laquita is very busy right now so please do not contact her.

Thank You

Bill and I would like to thank everyone who was so thoughtful during Bill's surgery and my bout with nerve pain.

All of your prayers, good wishes, and phone calls were so appreciated. You sent so many of your messages in the most wonderful cards. Each one of the cards were special in its own way: inspiring, beautiful, prayerful, expressions of care, Bible verses, and inspiring quotes, touches of humor that brought much-needed smiles to our faces---every one of them meant so very much.



I already knew that you were a caring people and followed the teachings of our faith to love one another, but it was a new and wonderful experience for us to personally feel your care and concern. We both thank you so much.

Shirley Pinkston

Adult Bible Study

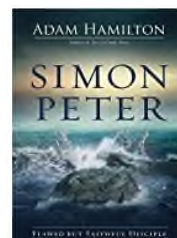
We cannot, as yet, see the end of "social distancing" and banned gatherings. So, we don't know when we will be able to meet for Sunday School again. But that doesn't mean we can't read our Bibles, study our lessons and pray. Let's use this time of mostly staying at home to stay up with our lessons? On April 5th we would have read the last chapter of the Simon Peter book.

Imagine how informed our discussions will be if we all have time to read carefully, think and pray about our lessons!

No matter when our date of return, we will finish the Hamilton lessons, and then we will finish the Covenant series. We will resume the Covenant study with Episode 19 on April 12, 2020. So go ahead and start up reading that series.

I miss you all and our time together on Sunday mornings. Let's all pray for a timely end to the spread of the COVID-19 virus and having to "shelter in place".

Blessings to all,
Shirley Pinkston



A Poem - Fr. Richard Hendrick - OFM (Irish Priest) 3/13/20

"Lockdown"

Yes there is fear.

Yes there is isolation.

Yes there is panic buying.

Yes there is sickness.

Yes there is even death.

But,

They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise

You can hear the birds again.

They say that after just a few weeks of quiet

The sky is no longer thick with fumes

But blue and grey and clear.

They say that in the streets of Assisi

People are singing to each other

across the empty squares,

keeping their windows open

so that those who are alone

may hear the sounds of family around them.

They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland

Is offering free meals and delivery to the household.

Today a young woman I know

is busy spreading fliers with her number

through the neighborhood

So that the elders may have someone to call on.

Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples

are preparing to welcome

and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary

All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting

All over the world people are looking at their neighbors
in a new way

All over the world people are waking up to a new reality

To how big we really are.

To how little control we really have.

To what really matters.

To Love.

So we pray and we remember that

Yes there is fear.

But there does not have to be hate.

Yes there is isolation.

But there does not have to be loneliness.

Yes there is panic buying.

But there does not have to be meanness.

Yes there is sickness.

But there does not have to be disease of the soul

Yes there is even death.

But there can always be a rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.

Today, breathe.

Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic

The birds are singing again

The sky is clearing,

Spring is coming,

And we are always encompassed by Love.

Open the windows of your soul

And though you may not be able

to touch across the empty square,

Sing.



Yoga Update by Letta Meinen



Our twice a week Chair Yoga classes are now going on our third year. Since the church has agreed to sponsor these classes as an Out Reach program, I am pleased to give you an accounting of this successful class. We meet twice a week in the Fellowship Hall of our Church. As of this week we have had 63 people sign up for this program but that does not mean they all stay with it. We now can have from 15-20 show up for each class.

I count each class to see how many we have attending and how many are members of the church. I find that non-members attending, far out-numbered our church members. On one particular day we had twenty-one attending and only two were church members. We are reaching out into the community and they are enjoying the exercise. We are so pleased with Tracey Davis in her leadership abilities and dedication to this class. She has been so faithful and shows her concern for everyone in the class.

I was contacted by the Activities Instructor from Stony Brooks of Temple, if he could attend the classes to check if they could start classes at their Care Center. He did attend twice and found the exercises just what he was wanted for their group.



So, we are still reaching out and showing the benefit that Chair Yoga can give the older people of our community. We have several men attending, so men of our church give us a try.

At our age, we can hide our own Easter Eggs, wait half an hour, and have no clue where we left them. P.B.S.

One Great Hour of Sharing



At the Presbyterian Church of Salado, helping others through the *One Great Hour of Sharing* is an important part of our Easter traditions. Usually the offering is received on Palm Sunday or Easter, but we may need to adopt a new plan this year, due to the current precautions and restrictions of the COVID-19 crisis. If our congregation cannot gather before or on April 12, **please consider sending your donation to the church at P.O. Box 865, Salado TX 76571 with note OGHS.**

Gifts to *OGHS* have been changing the lives of many suffering and vulnerable persons all around the world. For seventy-one years, it has taken positive action in situations of disaster, violence, or economic deprivation. Therefore, our 2020 gifts will enable God's love to form a "household of caring" around the recipients, so that they know they are not alone, but loved. They, like us, need the comforts and security of food, shelter, warmth, and a supportive "family" of loving friends. *OGHS* gifts are distributed by three church-related programs: **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People.**

Pat Rehm - Benevolence Committee



Session Meeting

-3/15/20-

Opening Prayer / Call to Order: Rev. Carl Thompson

Roll Call / Quorum : Rev. Carl Thompson, Moderator; Elders: John Booher, Pat Rehm, Shirley Lett, Evelyn Thompson, Debby Aldridge, Monte Shuck Also attending: John Pettijohn, Jeanette West, Ellen Staples

Evelyn Thompson will serve as temporary stated clerk.

Motion carried

Meeting was called to discuss and determine how our church will respond to coronavirus.

Presbytery has recommended that churches in Grace Presbytery be closed until local Health departments deem it safe to reschedule normal activities.

Presbyterian Church of Salado will cancel worship services and all activities in the building (minimum through March 31), and then determined by PC Salado session moderator (Carl) that it is safe to return, at which time activities will resume, notification by email.

Motion carried

The PC of Salado will continue to pay the Yoga Instructor and our organist during this time.

Motion carried

Benevolence distribution will be \$1000.00 each to Presbyterian Disaster Relief and Presbyterian Children's Home

Motion carried

Adjournment/Benediction:
Rev. Thompson, 11:25 am

Respectfully submitted: Evelyn Thompson for Patricia Hart, Clerk

DO NOT BE AFRAID

Our Lord and our Bible tell us hundreds of times to "Fear not". And we've all heard the saying "Let your faith be bigger than your fear". I was watching Dr. Charles Stanley on TV this morning. His emphasis today was "Don't let your fear override your faith". Sounds good, sounds logical, sounds simple enough. It's certainly nothing new to those of us who claim to be Christians. But I think that we, like Peter, when he walked on water for that brief moment in time, tend to lose our focus after a little while. How CAN we focus on our faith, when the stench of fear is all around us?

We are bombarded incessantly with words and phrases like "death, pandemic, coronavirus, lack of surgical masks, no toilet paper, no bottled water, no antiseptic soap or wipes, no diapers for babies, stay six feet away, wash your hands", just to mention a few. The press and the media feed our fear 24 hours a day. We are constantly being reminded that we can't go certain places, we can't do certain things, we can't get every little thing we want at the grocery store every time. But saddest of all I think, is that we can no longer go visit our old people in assisted-living facilities, our family and friends who are hospitalized, and we can't worship God together on Sunday.



I understand the need to stay informed and aware of the enemy that is attacking the world right now. It makes sense that when we're informed, and try to work within the guidelines that have been set out for us by our world leaders and health officials, that we stand a much better chance of surviving this crisis. I get it. I really do.

But personally, I do not watch or listen to the news. I have not read a newspaper in the last few weeks. I do not listen to every TV news person who wants to tell me how horrible he or she thinks my life and your life is at this time, or what percentage he thinks my chances of survival are at my age. No thanks. I do not need all that negativity surrounding me.

My family and friends keep me informed of anything they think I might need to know. Yes, I'm trying to follow the guidelines set out for us. Yes I'm washing my hands all the time. Yes I use hand sanitizer. And yes, I have sequestered myself in my home, mostly because I am recovering from hip surgery.

But these are the most important things I'm doing. I am exercising to try and get this new hip in shape, reading a lot of books, various things, scripture, inspirational stories, listening to the TBN, and some of my favorite music on KLOVE. I can't speak for everyone. But personally, I need positive energy. I need cards and letters and phone calls and texts and emails from my friends and family. I needed the lovely flower arrangement that I received from some friends at church last week. I needed that delicious dinner that some friends dropped off one evening. I needed those phone calls asking how I'm doing. And I need to reach out by text or email or phone call to my friends and family to inquire about their health and safety and to say "I love you and I'm praying for you".

But I think what I need most of all is the reminder that I am a child of God. My life and times are in his hands. Hebrews 9:27 tells us that "And as it is appointed once for man to die, and after that the judgment." Death is not to be feared. It is an appointment that must be kept. It is an appointment made for us by The Lord God Almighty. And he is the only one who knows the date and time and circumstance. (Romans 15:13) "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope".

From a Merry Heart, Linda Lloyd



Obituary – Joyce Goza

Joyce (Bingham) Goza was born in Greenville, Texas, October 15, 1941 and died March 5, 2020. She has lived in Salado with her beloved husband, William F. Goza and pets since 1975. She is survived by her beloved husband of 54 years, her beloved pets and friends.

With the help of Martha and Bill Herod of Navasota, TX, and their children, she was able to attend and graduate from Scott and White Memorial Hospital School of Nursing with a diploma in 1963. She also attended and graduated from Mary Hardin Baylor College with a BSN in 1973, and from Texas Woman’s University with a M.S. in 1976. After graduation from the school of nursing, she worked briefly at Scott and White Memorial Hospital as a staff nurse. From January 1963 to January 2003, she was employed as a Registered Nurse by the Department of Veterans.

Concurrently, from 1977 she was a Commissioned Officer in the Nurse Corps with the United States Army Reserve and was assigned to the 94th General Hospital in Seagoville, TX. She was deployed with this unit to Germany during Operation Desert Shield/Storm. She retired from the USAR in 2001 at the rank of Colonel. Her performance in these organizations brought numerous awards.

Joyce was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Salado. She found great enjoyment in cooking, reading, the computer, and spending time with her husband, pets, and her friends. She expressed a special thanks to all who have helped her along the way.



Funeral March 11, 2020

March 2020

Debby Aldridge is added to the Session 3/15



Because of the Coronavirus we will not be having any activities in the church until public health officials say it is ok to meet in groups. Our concern is for the health and welfare of all who use our facilities. Counseling with the Pastor will be continued as scheduled. Thanks
Pastor Carl 254 702 4119

Temporary Closing of the Church