



The Messenger

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Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson



Just a short note this month. Several of our members and their family members have come down with COVID recently. I am happy to say that most cases have been mild and the individuals have fully recovered. However, we have a few members that are dealing with long term effects of COVID. We need to pray that a cure will be found for the long-term effect of this disease; it can be very debilitating. We take our health for granted at times. We need to thank God for the blessings of the good medical



care we have in this country. Keep all doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel in your prayers.

The summer will soon be over, and our adult religious education programs and choir will be starting up again in September. I hope you will consider attending our Sunday education program, Tuesday's prayer group and Bible study which has been going on throughout the summer, plus consider singing in the choir. God Bless You. *Carl*

Calendar of Events

Unvaccinated are asked to wear masks &
stay a safe distance from others.

- Sunday Worship at 10:00 am.
- Communion on First Sunday each mo.
- Men's Prayer Breakfast Tues. @ 8 am .
- Chair Yoga Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Women's Bible Study each Thursday
- Aug. 14 - Session Meeting after the Worship Service - All are welcome

August 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Yoga 1 PM	3	4 Bible Study 10:30	5	6
7	8	9 Yoga 1 PM	10	11 Yoga 10:30	12	13
14 Session Meeting	15	16 Yoga 1 PM	17	18 Yoga 10:30	19	20
21	22	23 Yoga 1 PM	24	25 Yoga 10:30	26	27
28	29	30 Yoga 1 PM	31			

About Bible Study -Shirley Pinkston

"Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."
Psalm 119: 105

The Bible is the Word of God--the living truth, powerful and exalting. But, it is not always easy to understand. There are 1,939 pages in the text of the Bible I'm holding in my hand. That's a lot of words. Have you ever read the poem, "The Bible in 50 words"? Here it is:

[God made](#), [Adam bit](#), [Noah arked](#), [Abraham split](#),
[Joseph ruled](#), [Jacob fooled](#),
[Bush talked](#), [Moses balked](#),
[Pharaoh plagued](#), [people walked](#),
[sea divided](#), [tablets guide](#)
[Promise landed](#), [Saul freaked](#), [David peeked](#),
[prophets warned](#), [Jesus born](#),
[God walked](#), [love talked](#), [anger crucified](#), [hope died](#),
[Love rose](#), [spirits flamed](#), [Word spread](#), [God remained](#).



I don't know about you, but that poem makes me appreciate all the pages in my Bible. Do you know enough of the Bible to fill in the important facts and details that belong in God's Word? Or, do you feel a need to know more?

Beginning, September 11, our Adult Bible Study will resume meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We pray you will join us to read, study, and discuss Holy Scripture. Watch for the title of our first study book in the next Messenger.

Shirley Pinkston

"The Bible is a window in this prison-world, through which we may look into eternity." Timothy Dwight

Common Lectionary Readings (Carl will change topics at times due to requests - especially in the Summer)

	9th Sunday after Pentecost - August 7	10th Sunday after Pentecost - August 14	11th Sunday after Pentecost - August 21	12th Sunday after Pentecost - August 28
1st Reading	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Isaiah 5:1-7	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm	Psalm 50, 1-8, 22-23	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19	Psalm 76:1-5-6	Psalm 81:1, 10-16
2nd Reading	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Hebrews 12:18-29	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Gospel	Luke 12:32-40	Luke 12:49-56	Luke 13:10-17	Luke 14:1, 7-14

Aug. Birthdays



Julie	Engelke	2
Nancy	Norris	4
John	Booher	6
James R.	Ervi, II	6
Bob	Todd	9
Carl	Menghert	11
Sara	Pettijohn	12
Britt	Healey	21
Jeanette	West	31

About our Members (and Prayer Requests)

Sharon Michael continues a rather slow recovery from her surgery. She appreciates the congregation and its support during this trial. She is home and able to perform most of her normal activities.

Reverend Van Vanderland went to the church triumphant on Tuesday, July 26th. Please keep his family in your prayers as they celebrate his life.

Carl Thompson appreciates your prayers. Part of his infusion worked, part not.

Jeff Aldridge's mother, **Lois Aldridge** is continuing to improve. Thank you for continued prayers for healing.

Prayers are requested for: **Betsy Tyson** for her back pain and upcoming medical procedures and **Pete and Trish Stebbins** for healing and strength as they recover from COVID.

A praise and answered prayers, **Matt Haynes**, the grandson of friends of Evelyn and Jerry Matthews, who was diagnosed

with leukemia, the bone marrow is now cancer free! Please continue to pray as they continue to treat and monitor Matt's progress.

Bob Norris is spending some time in the hospital while the doctors are rebalancing some of his electrolytes. Pray that this goes well and he can be back home soon.



Summer Bible Study Continuing in August

Pat Rehm

The Summer Bible Study has been meeting for five weeks and has four lessons through August. Twenty-six persons have a book, and about 20 have been attending the 11:30 AM Thursday classes when they can. The others have been reading the lessons at home.

Anyone may still come to the classes, if interested. Here is the schedule for the remaining lessons: August 4 - Lesson 6 - Sabbath and Hospitality; August 11 - Lesson 7 - Sabbath and Self-Care; August 18 - Lesson 8 - Sabbath and Justice; and August 25 - Lesson 9 - Sabbath and Community.

There is a 15–20-minute time allowed for lunch and socializing. Then we sing the hymn "Come Away from Rush and Hurry" to move into a time for contemplation and discussion.



Setting Sun Prayer Leah Dorion

The accompanying picture is associated with the final lesson, showing worshipers together at sunset -- when the Jewish Sabbath begins and ends. The author of this study has been encouraging us to consider making the Sabbath more than a day of "do's or don'ts." Her Christian perspective recognizes valuable insight into the ways and times throughout the week to observe the Sabbath as a time to honor God's commandment to rest and do "good work."

Rip's Singing

So who appreciates Rip's singing the most?

It may be his great grand daughter, Maleigha Jane, born April 29th. In this picture she is totally sacked out on dad's shoulder during the middle of Rip's solo on July 3rd.



Maleigha Jane is "out" on dad's shoulder and even if that guy up in front is Santa Claus, she is NOT waking up.

My Grandad - Linda Lloyd

My Grandad, Swart Taylor Johnston, was a tall man with a big belly, and a jolly laugh. He was raised in the country, but migrated to the city in search of work. He and my Grandma Valdie were raising a family of four, and finding a paying job was not easy back then.

Grandad will be remembered for many things. But these are some that my family and I talk about most when we're together.

He loved to sit in the backyard swing, cradling one of his grandchildren, and singing "How much is that doggie in the window?" And heaven help the neighbor passing by, because Grandad would hail them and have some joke to tell them.

One of his favorites was about a dog and some gasoline. "Mrs. Patterson," he'd say, "Did you hear about the neighbor's dog?" "No Mr. Johnston. What happened to him?" "Well", Grandad would say, "He drank a whole can of gasoline, ran around the house five times, and just dropped over." "Oh my goodness", Mrs. Patterson would reply. "Did he die?" Grandad's response? "No. He just ran out of gas." And he would chuckle for five minutes after she walked down the road.

When we'd go to visit his or Grandma's families, he'd wave at every farmer sitting on his front porch, and yell "Hey Jake." If I turned to look out the back window, the poor man would likely be scratching his head and looking confused, probably wondering who Jake was. And every cemetery we passed, Granddad would say, "You know, people are just dying to get in there."



My grandparents were never late for anything, especially not for church. If we weren't there at least an hour before the janitor arrived to open the doors of the church, Grandad thought we were late.

Our neighbors must have hated Sunday mornings. Every Sunday was the same. Granddad would put on his suit, don his Stetson hat, warm up the Chevy, and sit out in front of our house waiting for Grandma and I to come out to the car.

Since the two of us were not in any hurry, especially on a winter morning, to go sit in a cold, empty church, we took our time getting ready. About every 10 minutes or so, Grandad would honk the horn about three times.

I guess the lesson must have stuck with me. If you happen to enter the choir room on Sunday morning about ten minutes before ten, you will likely hear me saying, "We have to go. We're going to be late." That very thing happened this past Sunday, which prompted me to write this story.

I could tell you so many things about Grandad. But I think the two most important ones would be these. He and my Grandmother chose to raise me. They didn't have to do it. And they took me to church every Sunday. They put me in children's choir and sent me to church camp one summer. They gave me the most precious gift, a love of God. And for that, I could never thank them enough.

Leviticus 19:3: Everyone of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep the Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God.

From a Merry Heart,
Linda Lloyd



Our Bell Accompanist

Glorifying God thru the bells! Playing and listening to the bells during worship adds a different element to our church music and worship experience. I hope the congregation enjoys listening to them as much as I enjoy playing them.

Nancy Norris



This is one of the many beautiful flower arrangements donated to the church. This was in honor of Mrs. Carl's 95th birthday.