



# The Messenger

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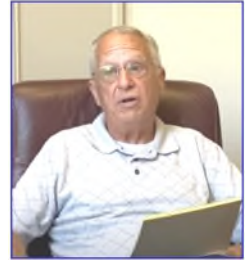
## Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

When I was the pastor to a gospel congregation, one of the songs that we sang often was "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand." The words are listed below:

Time is filled with swift transition,  
Naught of earth unmoved can stand,  
Build your hopes on things eternal,  
Hold to God's unchanging hand.

Refrain:

Hold to God's unchanging hand,  
Hold to God's unchanging hand;  
Build your hopes on things eternal,  
Hold to God's unchanging hand.



In the midst of so much change and transition going on in the world around us this song reminds us even more our need to hold on to God's unchanging hand.

Yes, life is filled with swift transition. This past year people we love have moved, others' lives have changed because of illness or other life events. Several of our members have gone home to be with the Lord. I am sure that many more changes will be coming our way in our new church year. At times, I just want to shout, **stop - make things like they were before**, things are just going too fast. Have you ever felt that way? I think we all have.

The Good News of the Gospel can bring us peace in these situations as we remember that our God is unchanging. God is the same **Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow!** There are no surprises with God - God's Love and Commandments are consistent throughout all generations.

We have to remember to "Build your hopes on things eternal and Hold to God's unchanging hand." We can find peace in knowing that God is still in control. God is still a God of love, peace, hope, joy, mercy, and forgiveness. So, when things happen in your life that you just don't understand, remember, "Build your hopes on things eternal, Hold to God's unchanging hand".

Next month our regular Sunday Christian education class will begin again. Shirley Pinkston has always worked hard making sure we have a quality program. You can always depend on

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## Calendar of Events

**In-Person Worship, Yoga, and Men's Prayer**  
Breakfasts are back to normal. Unvaccinated are asked to wear masks & stay a safe distance.

**Sunday Worship and Communion at 10:00**

**Communion is on the First Sunday/month**

**Men's Prayer Breakfast Tuesdays @ 8 am**

**Chair Yoga Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**Women's Bible Lessons Thursdays at Noon**

**Aug. 1 - Monte Farewell Cake after Church**

**Aug. 8 - Carol Booher Funeral - 1 PM**

**Aug. 15 - Session Meeting after Church**

### AUGUST 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <b>Monte Farewell Cake</b>	2	3 Yoga 1 PM	4	5 Yoga 10:30	6	7
8 <b>Carol Booher Funeral</b>	9	10 Yoga 1 PM	11	12 Yoga 10:30	13	14
15 <b>Session Meeting</b>	16	17 Yoga 1 PM	18	19 Yoga 10:30	20	21
22	23	24 Yoga 1 PM	25	26 Yoga 10:30	27	28
29	30	31 Yoga 1 PM		Yoga 10:30		

Carl continued:

Shirley. Every time we have visitors to the class, I get wonderful reviews on the quality of the classes and how much they enjoy the class. If you have not attended these Sunday sessions, I encourage you to do so; I know you will be blessed. Thanks, Shirley for all you do for the congregation

Finally, a big thank you to Monte Shuck. What wonderful work he did with the choir over the years. Every week he led us in worship through beautiful, well done choral calls to worship and



Monte Shuck and Nancy Norris

Choir Anthems. I wanted to clap and shout, "Amen!" every time Monte sang, and for you hard core Presbyterians that is OK. He worked hard providing us with new musical numbers every week. It was these songs that set the tone for our worship services. When we could not meet in person, he provided us with audio calls to worship and anthems. So, thank you, Monte, for your service to our congregation all these years. We wish you God's Blessings as you move back to Michigan.

Our choir program will start up again in September. We need choir members. Please consider singing this year. Let Jeanette know if you are willing to serve our church with your voice.

God Bless you. *Carl*

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

	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - Aug 1	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - Aug 8	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost - Aug 15	13th Sunday after Pentecost - Aug 22	14h Sunday after Pentecost - Aug 29
1st Reading	2 Sam 11:26 - 12:13a	2 Sam 18:5-9, 15, 31-33	1 Kings 2:10-12:3:3-14	1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43	Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm	Psalm 51:1-12	Psalm 130	Psalm 111	Psalm 84	Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
2nd Reading	Ephesians 4:1-16	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Ephesians 5:15-20	Ephesians 6:10-20	James 1:17-27
Gospel	John 6:24-35	John 6:35, 41-51	John 6:51-58	John 6:56-69	Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

## Aug. Birthdays



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

## About our Members (and Prayer Requests)

**Carol Booher** passed away on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Pray for husband, John, and daughters Amy and Beth, plus the whole family during this time of loss. You can send cards to: John Booher at 6312 Dorothy Muree Drive, Temple TX 76502

**Julie Goggans** needs our prayers. She went to MD Anderson for a second opinion which confirmed the treatment at Baylor Scott & White. This includes chemotherapy after weekly testing. She has both good and bad days. Please keep Julie, Jack, Joan, and Chine in your prayers.

**June Lubowinski** is feeling okay. She gets keytruda every 21 days which can make her feel sick for a couple of days. She has lots of follow up tests this week including the first brain MRI. She expresses a special thank you to people from church who have sent such lovely and encouraging notes. June looks forward to being with us when she can.

**Joe Carroll** is finally home! Joe is better every day. Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy are scheduled twice a week. Joe still has feeding tube and trach, but appointments are scheduled this week and next to hopefully take the trach and feeding tube out. Joe is still weak but hoping to join friends at church soon. Joe and Susan thank us for our prayers of encouragement.

**Bob Todd** is continuing a three-week immunotherapy injection program and doing well. The lymph node cancer is under control and he is going on about his normal (golf) life.

**Chine Ray** will have foot surgery this Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Browning will calm the inflamed tendons and fix the damaged ligaments in the ankle. Pray for a successful surgery, no complications, rapid recovery, and patience during the weeks of non-weight bearing on the leg healing.

**Sharon Michael's** father, **Jim Michael**, suffered a heart attack on June 5. He passed away on July 1 and had a service at Broecker's Funeral Home on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for Sharon and all the family during this difficult time. You can send cards to: P.O. Box 391, Salado TX 76571

**Tommie Thompson**, formerly part of the Salado Presbyterian Church choir, passed away on July 10<sup>th</sup> after a fall resulting in a broken hip & femur then related illnesses. His funeral service was held Friday, July 16, at Beck Funeral Home in Cedar Park. Please pray for his wife, Dawn Mann Thompson, and all the family during this difficult time. Cards can be sent to: 20531 Highland Lake Drive, Lago Vista TX 78645

## August 2021 Benevolence Report

Since the Fall term for school districts will begin soon, our congregation is 'on board' for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual **PROJECT BACKPACK** distribution of school supplies by Salado Family Relief. On August 10 and 12, from 5 to 7 PM, in the parking lot of our church, volunteers will provide appropriate backpacks and specified grade-level supply kits to its clients with children in the Salado schools. Social distancing guidelines used in 2020 will be observed again, allowing families to remain in their cars to receive the supplies.

Salado Family Relief started this community project in 2009 and has been able to continue due to the generosity of individuals, businesses, and churches in Salado. In 2020, 194 students in the SISD received backpacks and supplies, and a larger participation is expected this year. The cost of supplies has also increased.

Donations from the community will be appreciated and accepted through August 4, either online at the website, [www.SaladoFamilyRelief.com](http://www.SaladoFamilyRelief.com), or by check sent to the Salado Family Relief Fund, P. O. Box 461, Salado TX 76571. A congregational donation from our church has already been made, but individuals are welcome to contribute, as well. Pat Rehm



## Seventeen Members to Study Summer Bible Lessons



Members and friends of our congregation have been gathering in our church's classroom at Noon each Thursday since July 1<sup>st</sup>, and they will complete the nine-lesson study on August 29<sup>th</sup>. There are 17 members participating either in the class or at home. In July, the lessons presented the Old Testament stories of three women considered ancestral "grandmothers" of Jesus, namely Tamar, Rahab, and Ruth. All of them are listed in Matthew's genealogy in the New Testament among the traditional male ancestors and all are now recognized as having a significant role in the Israelite heredity from Abraham to Jesus.

In August, the lessons will look ahead to the New Testament story of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. A common theme connects the nine lessons: How God can work through ordinary people, empowering them with his steadfast love. Ultimately, the story of Mary brings God's Son, Jesus Christ, into our world to save humanity. Today's Christians are also challenged by the lessons to practice love toward all people, respecting and helping those who are in need and less fortunate than we are. Pat Rehm

## When God Calls Us

Ralph and I have been traveling for the last couple of weeks. It started out simply enough. It was just supposed to be a trip from Texas to Pennsylvania to take my dad home. Enroute, we stopped in Tyler for an evening to visit my daughter Dawn and her family. My Dad hadn't seen his newest great-great-granddaughter. It was a sweet time.

When we arrived in Pennsylvania, we went to visit two of my aunts. They are both in facilities and they both have dementia. One was just admitted, and my cousin was struggling with the decision. She needed some reassurance that she was doing the right thing. It was heart-breaking to visit the aunts. But I have this deep need to hug them and tell them how much I love them, even if they don't understand.

Next, we stopped in Ohio to visit my cousin Jayne Ann. Her husband passed away recently, and she is alone now. She needed somebody to listen to her talk about her husband and to share in her grief over his passing. Her daughters don't live close by, you see.

We then wended our way through Indiana, taking the northern route to avoid all the bad weather further south. We soon found ourselves in Arkansas, visiting with Ralph's nephew and his family. Dean Cody, the nephew, is facing some serious surgeries at some point. He and his wife have three little girls and are having a rough time since he can't work. So, a dinner out and a little "back to school" shopping seemed to be in order. The girls had a lot of fun making their selections and can't wait to wear them to school. We took pictures and shared lots of hugs.

A phone call then brought us to Enid, Oklahoma. My friend's daughter has had to admit her mom to a facility this week. Again, a bad case of dementia, and yet again, the daughter is struggling with the decision. Her brother and sister are not close by. Her father is dead. So, she reached out to me. I've known her most of her life. And she knows that Ralph and I will be there for her whenever she needs us. So, for the last couple of days, Ralph has been replacing dishwashers, repairing gates, and moving things to storage, in preparation to sell my friend's house. I have been helping in any way that I can.

It's been nice seeing the grandchildren and having a meal with people we've met here. But it has been so hard for me to see my friend sitting in a chair with a baby doll in her lap and talking gibberish. I have shed so many tears these last two weeks. Sometimes I feel like they will never stop.

And then a text from my grade school friend with the news that her husband's dementia has gotten so bad that he is being admitted to a facility. They are in California so it's unlikely that I will get there anytime soon. But oh, how I want to hug her and tell her how much my heart aches for her and "our Teddy," our childhood name for her husband. I said as much to her in a text since she has no time for phone calls.

Now, I know and believe in my heart that each one of these "calls" is a call from God. But sometimes I feel like Jonah. I just want to run away. I feel so inadequate to the task. And I just must wonder "why" Almighty God would send me. What qualifications could I possibly have? But then I am reminded of the following scriptures:

(Galatians 6:2) Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

(Philippians 4:13) I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength.

From a Merry Heart, *Linda Lloyd*



One of my all-time favorite hymns is

"Here I am Lord."

This article made me think of this song.

I hope to someday be as in-tune to God and the needs of others as Linda has been lately. Pete



*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go Lord, if You lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart.*



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[Here I am Lord with lyrics - Bing video](#)

## Celebration of Lives

### Carol Joyce Booher

December 27, 1943 ~ July 25, 2021 (age 77)



Memorial Services for Carol Joyce Booher, age 77, of Temple, TX will be held at Salado Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 8, 2021, at 1:00pm with Pastor Carl Thompson officiating. A viewing will be held on Tuesday, July 27 from 6 to 8 pm at Broecker Funeral Home in Salado. Burial will be at Lynn Grove Cemetery in Greeley, CO.

Carol died Sunday, July 25, 2021, at Cornerstone Gardens in Temple. She was born December 27, 1943, in Greeley, CO and later adopted by Arnold and Zada Brochtrup. She attended Greeley High School and graduated in 1962. She married John H. Booher from Eaton, CO on April 2, 1962. They have been residents of Temple for 2 years and formerly of Salado, TX; Casa Grande, AZ; Windsor, CO; and Eaton, CO.

A member of Salado Presbyterian Church, Carol previously volunteered with the Ladies Auxiliary in Salado. She previously worked at the Salado Olive Oil Store, Bell County Tax Appraisal, Freedom Chrysler, Fertilzona, Hewlett Packard, and Warren Bunting Ford.

Survivors include husband John Booher of Temple, daughter Amy and husband Bill Prather and great-grandson Brycen Prather of Rogers; daughter Beth Booher with grandson Morgan Adams of Salado; granddaughter Shyla Banfield with Hugo Fernandez and baby Felix of Belton; grandson Aaron Prather with Lacy and children Aden, Auroura, Lillyan, and baby Lorraine of Salado; and grandson Jessie Prather with Amanda Pilant and baby Ember of Belton. She is preceded in death by her parents Arnold and Zada Brochtrup and her granddaughter Shanise Elizabeth.

Arrangements are being handled by Broecker Funeral of Salado and Macy Allnut in Greeley for the graveside service.



### James Pearson Michael

February 11, 1928 ~ July 1, 2021 (age 93)



(Jim was the father of Sharon Michael who has been creating the weekly bulletin for our church.)

We lost a friend on Thursday, July 1, 2021, when James "Jim" Pearson Michael passed away at his home. He was 93. Jim was born in Corpus Christi, Texas, on February 11, 1928, to Elvira Pearson Michael and Chester Ford Michael. Jim began his military career with the Texas State Guard then joined the Marine Corps Reserve, serving as a company first sergeant. He was called to active duty to serve in the Korean Conflict.

Jim completed his degree in electrical engineering at the University of Texas before taking a job at the Texas Power and Light Company.

Jim married the love of his life, Majella Stepp. He and Majella raised four daughters, Sharon Majella, Linda Kathryn, Susan Kristina, and Diana Elaine.

Services for Jim Michael were held Tuesday, July 20 at Broecker Funeral Home in Salado.

### Tommie Norman Thompson

August 2, 1938 ~ July 10, 2021



(Tommie was formerly a member of the Salado Presbyterian Church choir.)

Tommie Norman Thompson, 82, of Lago Vista, Texas died peacefully at home on Saturday, July 10, 2021. He was born on August 2, 1938 in Atlanta, Georgia to the late Hugh and Weslie (Elmore) Thompson. He married Dawn Mann-Thompson on October 11, 1997 and she was by his side until the end.

He graduated high school from Stone Mountain High School in Georgia in 1956. He started pilot training in 1959 and so began his lifelong love of flying. He was assigned to strategic air command, flying the B47 and B52. Tommie completed a tour at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. Tommie was stationed at Udorn Air Force Base in Thailand during the Vietnam War, where he flew RF-4's in 118 combat missions.

When Tommie retired from the United States Air Force he was stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska where he worked before coming to Texas.

Services were held at Beck Funeral Home in Cedar Park, Texas on July 16.

The full Obituary can be found on Beck Funeral Home ([beckchapels.com](http://beckchapels.com)) Tommie Norman Thompson