



The Messenger

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

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

Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson



As I sit here to write a short note, I am reminded that "life is full of swift transitions" and we must hold to God's unchanging hand. We had a good 2019, but we lost Carol Shuck our wonderful choir director, and several of you lost mothers and fathers. Others became sick quickly and unexpectedly, "life is full of swift transitions".

As a pastor when this happens, I often wonder who will step forward to fill the void in the church. I always have some concern about it, wondering how we can ever find someone to replace this valuable resource. Then God's Spirit begins to move and I discover that all my anxiety was for naught.

I have to remind myself that our Church will have its swift transitions. God provides through the gifts of the Spirit, if we hold to His unchanging hand. I just wanted to say thank-you to all the wonderful active members who make our ministry as a Church go so smoothly and make my job so much fun. Thanks to each of you. Life is full of swift transitions, and I don't know what 2020 will bring us as a church or as individuals, but I do know this; God will always provide if we hold to His unchanging hand.

Since "life is full of swift transitions", as your pastor I want each of you to consider helping your family by doing some planning for those expected and unexpected events that happen in life. Many of you have already filled out and provided to me the "Getting Your House In Order" forms I have in my office. These forms allow your family and me to know your last wishes concerning your funeral or memorial service. This takes a burden off your family in a time when they are already greatly stressed. It is a final act of love that you can provide them. See me about doing this for them. You will be hearing more in the future about other information you should have on hand when those "swift transitions" happen.



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Calendar of Events

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

- Feb. 2 - Communion Service
- Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day
- Feb. 23 - "Sack Lunch" Social
- Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday Service -Noon Service then light lunch to be provided

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 2020						
2	3	4 Yoga 1 PM	5 Choir 5:30	6 Yoga 10:30	7	8
9	10	11 Yoga 1 PM	12 Choir 5:30	13 Yoga 10:30	14 ♥	15
16	17	18 Yoga 1 PM	19 Choir 5:30	20 Yoga 10:30	21	22
23 Social	24	25 Yoga 1 PM	26 ASH Wed. Choir	27 Yoga 10:30	28	29 ♥

Carl continued

On another note, we will have an Ash Wednesday service on February 26 as we move into the Lenten season. The noon service will be followed with a light lunch. I hope to see you all there. God Bless You. *Carl*



Session Notes

On January 12, 2020, your Session held a meeting. Meeting dates for 2020 were set for 4/19, 7/12, and 10/11.

The new theme was discussed and approved as **Romans 12:12**.

The treasurer reported that we have positive cash flow at this time, the 2020 Budget was approved, and our Financial Safeguards Policy was updated and approved. The 2019 audit will be scheduled in April.

Committee reports were presented. Pat Hart was elected Clerk of Session for 2020. John Pettijohn was elected Treasurer for 2020.

A meeting of the Security Committee will be held in the upcoming month to determine any new security measures.

Pat Hart, Clerk of the Session

Adult Study of the "Covenant"

On February 2nd we will pick up our study "Living the Covenant." at Chapter 15. This study will emphasize the importance of living out our faith in a community of friends who love God.



It's not too late to join us in this study. There are still books available, and you are invited to come on Sunday mornings to learn about our Covenant with God and to enjoy the fellowship and coffee. Hope to see you.

Shirley Pinkston

Thanks to all my friends at the Presbyterian Church of Salado for your continued love and support throughout my son, Ash's, illness and death.



His faith was nurtured right there in our Salado church when he was growing up. I know he is in a good place now, because God's people cared for him and me. Love to you all, Bev Jones

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

	4th Sunday after Epiphany - Feb. 2	5th Sunday after Epiphany - Feb. 9	6th Sunday after Epiphany - Feb. 16	Transfiguration Sunday - Feb. 23	Ash Wednesday Feb. 26
1st Reading	Micah 6:1-8	Isaiah 58:1-9a	Deut.30:15-20	Exodus 24:12-18	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm	Psalm 15	Psalm 112:1-9	Psalm 119:1-8	Psalm 2	Psalm 51:1-17
2nd Reading	1 Corin.1:18-31	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	2 Peter 1:16-21	2 Corin. 5:20b-6:10
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20	Matthew 5: 21-37	Matthew 17:1-9	Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21

Feb. Birthdays

- Robert Harper 1
- Barclay McCort 4
- Ellen Staples 5
- Cindy Pennington 8
- Pat Rehm 9
- Randy Kemp 9
- Chris Gengler 12
- Betsy Tyson 13
- Laquita Arner 19
- Jim Ervi, Sr. 19
- Claire Hartman 26

About our Members

Pat Rehm had a serious fall on Jan. 4th. She has had multiple scans and been given a two sided back brace. She has damage to vertebrae and compressed discs. Surgery may be required. Pray the Pat gets effective treatment, pain management, and then healing.

Debby Aldridge's mother, Tennie Stowe, passed away on January 8th while Debby was driving to AK to visit her 94 year old father, William, in the hospital for cancer treatments. She helped coordinate the funeral and now is staying with her father who has been sent home under Hospice care. Pray for William, Debby, and the family. (See page 3)

Bill Pinkston had a cancerous kidney removed on 1/22. The surgery was successful. Pray for success with any further treatments, no side-effects, and rapid healing.

Cindy Pennington is undergoing chemo cancer treatments and next radiation. Please pray for successful therapy, minimal side effects, and a great recovery.

Chris Gengler is dealing with severe head aches. Pray for a diagnosis this week and effective treatments.

Joyce Goza is under doctor's care and going to dialysis 3 times a week. Keep praying that Joyce gains strength.

Carol Booher continues treatment for heart issues. She is on several medications that require continual review. She must also monitor other systems that can be adversely effected at times plus low back pain. Pray for effective Rx management and that Carol continues to gain strength.

Additionally, pray for resolution of issues and God's peace for each member of our congregation.

Obituary for Debby Aldridge's Mother

Ernestine "Tennie" Stowe

Mrs. Ernestine "Tennie" Stowe of Newport, Arkansas, departed this life on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at the age of 88. She was born November 8, 1931 in DeView, Arkansas, the daughter of Reual and Sybil (Creasey) Winston.

Mrs. Stowe worked at Victor Metal and J.C. Penney before becoming an administrative assistant for Arkla Gas Company, from which she retired. She was a regular worker at the polls during local elections for many years, and enjoyed crocheting, and working crossword puzzles. Mrs. Stowe was a longtime member of the Newport Business and Professional Women's Club, the Senior Circle, and a devoted Arkansas Razorback Fan.

She was a devoted member of Newport First Baptist Church, never missing a church event. Her greatest joy in life came from time spent with her family. She was loved and will be missed by her family, her friends, her church family and her neighbors.

Mrs. Stowe was preceded in death by one brother, Gerald Winston; and her parents.

She is survived by her husband of 70 years, William Stowe of the home; two daughters, Debby Aldridge and husband, Jeff, of Salado, Texas, and Cindy Black and husband, Kenny,



of Jonesboro; one sister, Mary Carter of Little Rock; four grandchildren, Laura Wiles and husband, Josh, of Lakeway, Texas, Ken Black, Jr., and wife, Ashten of Jonesboro, Brad Ray and wife, Adria of Round Rock, Texas, and Jase Black and fiancé, Mallory Jordan of Jonesboro; her great-grandchildren, Jackson and Claire Wiles of Lakeway, Texas, Vivian Ray of Round Rock, Texas, Gunnar Newman, and Nolan and Ella Black of Jonesboro; many nieces and nephews; and a lifetime of friends.

Debby is helping her father. The address is:
 Debby Aldridge c/o William Stowe
 2424 Cottonwood Street
 Newport, AR 72112

"Letters of Love" Coming to You!

In February, a month when we often think about giving or receiving tokens of love, the **Benevolence Report** will share a few of the "Letters of Love," or thank you notes, received from local helping agencies that we support. When we donate our benevolences, or mission funds, we are following Christ's commandment to love others. When the agencies provide assistance to those in need, they are spreading our love. Then, when the appreciative replies come, they are actually bringing tokens of love back to us! That is why I am referring to these examples as "Letters of Love." *Pat Rehm*

Body of Christ Community Clinic - \$3000

"Thank you for being a supporter of our clinic. Generous gifts from donors like you provide the financial and moral support needed to continue our mission of helping others in the name of Jesus Christ.

We were able to make several changes in 2019 due to your financial support. We expanded our service area to include all of eastern Bell County. In addition, we hired a retired dentist and two dental assistants, which allowed us to increase the number of days we are open. This has greatly increased the number of people in our community that we are able to help. Because of you, we had 1600 medical visits and 1,100 dental visits, numerous referrals to specialists, and assistance with prescriptions.

So on behalf of our 13 sponsoring churches, the Clinic's Officers and Directors, volunteers and patients, we say thank you so very much and God bless you!"

Sincerely, *Jerry Wickwire*, Board Chairman & *Donna Dunn*, Executive Director

Salado Family Relief - \$2,500

"Thank you so much for your generous donation to Salado Family Relief Fund for Project Backpack. These funds will be used to help purchase backpacks for eligible Salado students."

Juli Bergstrom, Treasurer

Salado Volunteer Fire Dept. - \$1,000

"Thank you so much for your generous donation and for the continued support to our fire department. If there is anything you need from our department, please do not hesitate to ask."

Respectfully, *Shane Berrier*, SVFD Chief & All SVFD Members

THE WINDOW

On Sunday mornings, when the choir has recessed, and I am sitting in the front row, I try to keep my eyes on the minister. It helps me to focus on the sermon. And I hope that it lets Carl know that I am paying attention and am really listening to whatever message he feels led to impart that day.

But there is an object behind him that frequently draws my attention. I find myself delighting in its beauty and thinking about its form and what it represents to me. The object I'm talking about is the stained glass window at the front of the sanctuary.

The colors are royal and glorious! The red is my favorite. And the form! I see the Triune God in that window. The flames represent the Holy Spirit. The top represents the "godhead." I visualize a royal robe and the "King" upon his throne. And the body, of course, represents the body of Christ, sacrificed and broken for me.

I am so thankful for that beautiful window! It reminds me every week how blessed I am to know the Lord Jesus, and how very fortunate I am to live in a country where I am free to worship, and to have not just one, but several Bibles to call my own, written in a language that I can understand and read anytime I want to.

There are many parts of the world where people are still waiting for a Bible of their own, especially one written in their "heart language." There are many people who are still persecuted and even killed for their belief in Jesus Christ, sometimes by their own families. I am so grateful to live in the United States of America. And so blessed every time I look at that stained glass window.

(Romans 8:28) And we know that all things work together for good, to those who love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

From a Merry Heart
Linda Lloyd



Comfort Food Pot Luck Social - 1/26/20



Pat Hart, Clerk



Evelyn Thompson, Education



Randy Kemp, Building



On January 26, 2020, a congregational meeting was held.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept Linda Lloyd's resignation from the Session due to health considerations. Monte Shuck was elected to the Session and Bob Todd was elected to the Nominating Committee.

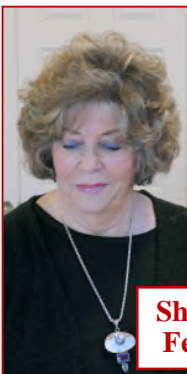
Nancy Norris, Worship



John Pettijohn, Treasurer



Shirley Lett Fellowship



All committees made reports of their 2019 activities. John Pettijohn presented the 2020 Budget. If any church member was not present at the meeting but would like a copy of the committee reports, please contact Pat Hart.