



The Messenger

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SO LET'S NOT GET TIRED OF DOING WHAT IS GOOD.
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Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson



Why do we bother to make New Year's resolutions in the first place? Why do we feel this need each January 1 to set new goals? Maybe it is because resolutions help us to identify our priorities. They answer the Question: how do I want to invest my time, energy, money, and talents in the new year New Year? The New Year also reminds us that time is passing. It is up to each of us to maximize the potential of every moment. I found this list of New Year's resolutions on the internet. They are a good starting point for all of us in 2020.

This list of resolutions was prepared by the Reverend Walter Schoedel. He calls them **'7-UPS for the New Year.'** These 7-UPS fall under the heading of attitudes and actions. If you're going to make New Year's resolutions this year, let me suggest Rev. Schoedel's list.

1. The first is **WAKE UP** -- Begin the day with the Lord. It is His day. Rejoice in it.
2. The second is **DRESS-UP** -- Put on a smile. It improves your looks. It says something about your attitude.
3. The third is **SHUT-UP** -- Watch your tongue. Don't gossip. Say nice things. Learn to listen.
4. The fourth is **STAND-UP** -- Take a stand for what you believe. Resist evil. Do good.
5. Five, **LOOK-UP** -- Open your eyes to the Lord. After all, He is your only Savior.
6. Six, **REACH-UP** -- Spend time in prayer with your adorations, confessions, thanksgivings and supplications to the Lord.
7. And finally, **LIFT-UP** -- Be available to help those in need--serving, supporting, and sharing.

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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

- January 1 - First day of 2020
- Jan. 12 - Session Meeting after Worship
- Jan. 26 - Congregational Meeting at the end of the Worship Service
- Jan. 26 - Social - Comfort Food Potluck

January 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			New Year 1	Yoga 10:30 2	3	4
		Yoga 1 PM 7	Choir 5:30 8	Yoga 10:30 9	10	11
5	6					
Session 12	13	Yoga 1 PM 14	Choir 5:30 15	Yoga 10:30 16	17	18
		Yoga 1 PM 21	Choir 5:30 22	Yoga 10:30 23	24	25
19	20					
Social 26	27	Yoga 1 PM 28	Choir 5:30 29	Yoga 10:30 30	31	

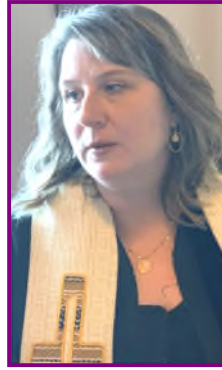
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I am looking forward to being your Pastor for another Year. Evelyn and I wish you a very Happy New Year. *Carl*



Guest Pastor
Rev. Gini
Norris-Lane
"The Second
Dream"
12/29



(Daughter of
Nancy and Bob
Norris)



Bob and Carol Tyson
Soloist and Accompanist
"O Holy Night" - 12/29

Adult Study of the "Covenant"

January 5th we will pick up where we left off in our study "Living the Covenant." In case you don't remember we are picking up at Chapter 12.



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

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

	2nd Sunday after Christmas - Jan.5	Epiphany of the Lord - Jan. 6	Baptism of the Lord/ First Sun. after Eph - Jan. 12	Second Sunday after Epiphany - Jan. 19	Third Sunday after Epiphany - Jan. 26
1st Reading	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Isaiah 60:1-6	Isaiah 42:1-9	Isaiah 49:1-7	Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm	Psalm 147:12-20	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Psalm 29	Psalm 40:1-11	Psalm 27:1, 4-9
2nd Reading	Ephesians 1:3-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Acts 10:34-43	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Gospel	John 1:(1-9) 10-18	Matthew 2:1-12	Matthew 3:13-17	John 1:29-42	Matthew 4:12-23

Jan. Birthdays

Anita Johnson 5
Chine Ray 8
Missie Lanham 12
John Pettijohn 18
Jim Arner 23
Shay VanWinkle 29

About our Members

Bev Jones made it through her first Christmas without her son, Ash. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give her grace and peace. She hopes to visit us in Salado this Spring.

Carol Booher continues treatment for heart issues. She is on several medications that require much review. Pray for effective Rx management and that Carol continues to gain strength.

Carl and Evelyn, have a granddaughter, **Ella**, who is allergic to many substances. She has been taken to the ER many times. Please pray for effectiveness of the new treatments.

Danney McCort had an aneurism repaired on Dec. 19. All has gone well. Praises.

Julie Goggans had shoulder surgery then a

second surgery, still had pain, then some adverse reactions to medications that put her in the S&W ICU. A recent doctor visit indicates she is improving but will need time. Pray for pain relief, healing, and peace.

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

Cindy Pennington is undergoing cancer treatment. Please pray for successful treatment, minimal side effects, and a great recovery.

Chris Gengler is dealing with severe head aches. These may be traced back to a tank mishap while in the Army. Pray for an accurate diagnosis via a scan and then effective treatment.

“HAPPY NEW YEAR” 2020

Hard to believe that another year is at an end and 2020 is here. The ball has dropped in New York Times Square, tons of confetti fell to the ground like snow, and fireworks were set off in our nation’s Capital.



For some, New Years can be a time for reflection, regrets, and resolutions - which usually don’t last very long. For Christians, it should be a time of celebration, gratitude, and hope - a joyful celebration of God’s mercies and faithfulness and gratitude for his loving care during the past year, and a joyous hope for the year to come.



“For I know the plans I have for you”, declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you, and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”. (Jeremiah 29:11)

May God richly bless you in the coming year.

From a Merry Heart, *Linda Lloyd*

Benevolence Committee Report

December's trial run for a “*Reverse Advent Calendar*” which encouraged food donations instead of personal gain, was a great success. Our congregation collected a substantial number of food items, which will be donated for distribution early in the New Year. Our ongoing commitment for occasional donations to the **Heart & Hand Ministries'** pantry and clothing store will continue in the coming year, and items may be placed in or near the basket in our church's lobby. Thank you!



If you have purchased a brown HOPE meal bag at our local Brookshire Brothers Store recently, you have also contributed to neighbors in need at **Heart & Hands Ministries**. This is a year-round project of the BB employees, and the \$10 brown bags containing food items has filled a definite need by H&H clients during the recent holidays. Our congregation is one of six Salado churches which sustains this non-for-profit agency with funds, in-kind donations, and volunteers.



Salado Family Relief is another local agency that we support at different times of the year, especially in late summer's Back-to-school and Backpack program and the Christmas Holiday's Gifts for Children. Both collections were supported by our congregation, and the items were again distributed to local families from our church.

On December 15th, the Benevolence Committee met after worship and distributed the congregation's 4th quarter designated mission funds, which are made possible by your pledges and other donations. Our church treasurer, John Pettijohn, has recently shared our donations with eight helping agencies in Central Texas: **AWARE, Body of Christ Community Dental and Medical Clinic, Fisher House at Fort Hood, Presbyterian Children's Homes, Salado Family Relief, Salado Fire Department, and Salvation Army** in Temple. The ninth recipient was the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, which may select either state, national, or global projects related to catastrophes. In fact, during 2019, our mission gifts helped 16 different service agencies! A poster of all agencies receiving our donations last year will be displayed soon in the church's lobby.

As the new year begins, you may be certain that our 2019 monetary gifts and other mission activities have helped to spread the Good News of God's grace and steadfast love both here and abroad!

Pat Rehm - Committee Chair

Christmas 2019



Some of the Advent Readers



While Molly and Mike Hatchell are vacationing in the Virgin Islands they note that God is still with them.

