



The Messenger

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FAITHFUL IN PRAYER. ROMANS 12:12

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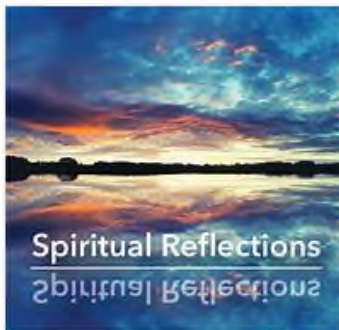
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SUNDAY OF THE
MONTH - FOR NEXT
MONTH'S PUBLICA-
TION.

Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

We are about to enter the Lenten season in the church calendar. Lent is an opportunity for us to spend time in personal spiritual reflection, on our need for God in our life. It is a time to examine our life to see where we need to grow in our relationship with God and our neighbors. We are all sinners saved by grace. We are all children of God. How do we reflect the love of God in our daily life? Many people I talk to say to me, "the things I do seem so small compared to the Christian Saints I see around me."



None of us should feel that way, if we are working to live a Godly life. When I was little and in Sunday school, we sang a little song after the offering it went like this,

*"We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee."*

During this Lenten season take what ever gifts God has given you to brighten the world around you. Don't worry about how big or small they are, just use them for God during these forty days of Lent.

As I grew older, I learned another song that helped me realize that in Christ Jesus all our gifts, our talents, our time, do make a difference, if we use our gifts in Jesus' name. Below are the words of a song that should guide us this Lent, and all the days of our lives, as we strive to be a better servant of God. Don't let Satan discourage you by making you think that what you have to offer others in Jesus' name is not enough. Jesus will take what we have and will use it for His glory and honor.

God Bless You *Carl*

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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

- Mar. 1 - Communion Service
- Mar. 8 - Daylight Savings
- Mar. 29 - St. Patrick/Irish Theme Social
- April 5 - Palm Sunday
- April 9 - Maundy Thursday Service 6:00
- April 12 - Easter

MARCH 2020						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Yoga 1 PM	4 Choir 5:30	5 Yoga 10:30	6	7
8	9	10 Yoga 1 PM	11 Choir 5:30	12 Yoga 10:30	13	14
15	16	17 Yoga 1 PM	18 Choir 5:30	19 Yoga 10:30	20	21
22	23	24 Yoga 1 PM	25 Choir 5:30	26 Yoga 10:30	27	28
29 Social	30	31 Yoga 1 PM				

Carl continued

1. *In the harvest field now ripened
There's a work for all to do;
Hark! the voice of God is calling
To the harvest calling you.*
2. *Does the place you're called to labor
Seem too small and little known?
It is great if God is in it,
And He'll not forget His own.*
3. *Little is much when God is in it,
Labor not for wealth or fame;
There's a crown, and you can win it,
If you go in Jesus' name.*
4. *When the conflict here is ended
And our race on earth is run,
He will say, if we are faithful,
"Welcome home, My child, well done!"*
5. *Little is much when God is in it,
Labor not for wealth or fame;
There's a crown, and you can win it,
If you go in Jesus' name.*

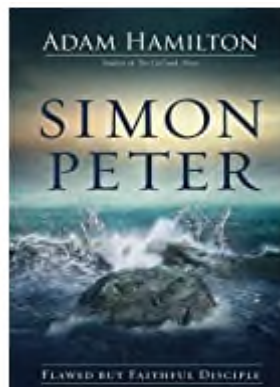
Adult Bible Study

The Adult Bible Study will take a break from the Covenant Bible Study during Lent but will resume the study with Episode 19 on April 12, 2020.

On March 1st, the Adult Sunday School class will begin a 6-week Lenten Study on Simon Peter, the Flawed but Faithful Disciple, by Adam Hamilton.

We will be learning about Peter and his challenges to become a faithful disciple, giving better understanding to our own flaws and challenges in discipleship. "While Simon Peter's

shortcomings are clearly on display in the Gospels, so are his courage, his determination, and his longing to follow Jesus even if it costs him his life."



Week One – The Call of the Fisherman

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 as we reveal the "faith, life and character" of Simon Peter.

Coffee, cookies, and books are provided. We will look forward to seeing you there at 9:00 AM.

Evelyn Thompson, *Substitute*

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

	1st Sunday in Lent - Mar. 1	2nd Sunday in Lent - Mar. 8	3rd Sunday in Lent - Mar. 15	4th Sunday in Lent - Mar. 22	5th Sunday in Lent - Mar. 29
1st Reading	Gen. 2:15-17 3:1-7	Gen. 12:1-4a	Exodus 17:1-7	1 Sam 16:1-13	Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm	Psalm 3215	Psalm 121	Psalm 95	Psalm 23	Psalm 130
2nd Reading	Romans 5:12-19	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	Romans 5:1-11	Eph 5:8-14	Romans 8:6-11
Gospel	Matthew 4:1-11	John 3:1-17	John 4:5-42	John 9:1-41	John 11:1-45

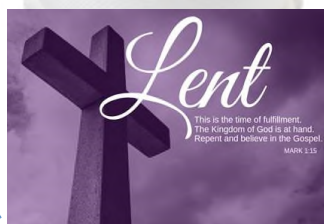
March Birthdays

Rev. Sam Lanham 6

Ron Miller 15

Brad Rehm 28

Jean Teal 31



About our Members

Joyce Goza is under Hospice care. She is at S&W Hospital in the Special Treatment Center room 483. She can have visitors, but only for very short periods. Keep praying that Joyce enjoys the peace that only God can give.

Pat Rehm has made it to church Sunday. Going just one month at a time. Pray for healing.

Debby Aldridge is back in Salado after a month and a half ministering to her parents who both passed away in Arkansas.

Shirley Pinkston is still dealing with much back pain. Pray for effective treatment.

Chris Gengler is dealing with severe head aches. Pray for a scan this week and a definitive consultation in April.

Carol Booher continues treatment for heart issues. Pray for effective Rx management and that Carol continues to gain strength.

Mike Hart was taken to the ER on Friday after

a lung infection which led to a drop then spike in blood sugar levels. Both the blood sugar and infection are now under control. He is home.

Pat Hart has been fighting a stress fracture in her foot since October. A boot and surgical shoe have not helped. She had a CT scan last week and the doctor says surgery is not needed now, but to stay off of it. Pray for healing.

Monte Shuck started radiation last week. It will continue 5 days a week for 8 weeks. He says "Yes, please put me on the prayer list - if nothing else, for having to drive I-35 to downtown Austin every day!"

Jerry Schleicher doing well after heart "tune up." Praise the Lord that all went well.

Linda Lloyd will have hip replacement surgery on March 10th. Pray for the doctor and Linda.

Barbara Tindell had a spot of skin cancer removed from her face. Pray for no reoccurrence and healing.

THE “WINDOW’S” PERSPECTIVE

In last month’s newsletter, Linda Lloyd wrote a beautiful article on the stained glass window in our church and what that window means to her. That window has also drawn my attention many times and I particularly liked Linda’s perspective of the colors being royal and glorious!

A couple of years ago, I was visiting my daughter, Gini and her family in Kerrville for the weekend. We attended her church on Sunday, the First Presbyterian Church of Kerrville. The pastor called all the children up to the front for a children’s sermon, and he told them he was going to explain the meaning of the stained glass cross. There was a picture of it in the bulletin and I was reminded of the stained glass window in my own church.

I had always thought the flower-like image at the top reminded me of a tulip or a lotus flower. He pointed out that there are really two images in that flower, both a dove and a fish, which are very meaningful symbols in Christianity. The top layer of the lower part of the “cross” represents a book, the Bible, laying open on top of a font. And the pastor went on to explain the blue layer below that represents the baptismal font, reminding us all of our own baptism and being “born again” in the Lord, Jesus Christ. And the beautiful, red flames, of course, represent the Holy Spirit, which was sent to be our Comforter.

I, like Linda, see the “Triune God” in that window, God, the father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And I also feel, as Linda does, so blessed to be able to worship freely, without fear of persecution or death, to know the Lord, Jesus Christ, and to be able to study and worship in any way that I want to. Looking at that window each Sunday reminds me of my own baptism and my faith journey, and to be so thankful for all the blessings the Lord has given me.

Just as that beautiful stained glass window in our church lets in the “light,” I am reminded of 2 Cor. 4:6, “For God, who said, “Let **light** shine out of darkness, made his **light** shine in our hearts to give us the **light** of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.”

Nancy Norris

THE MESSENGER

One Great Hour of Sharing



For over 70 years, **One Great Hour of Sharing** has provided **Presbyterians** a way to **share** God’s love with our neighbors in need around the world. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The annual One Great Hour of Sharing will be observed on Palm Sunday and an introduction to this year’s program, “Minutes for Mission” will be presented on March 22nd and 29th.



The Presbyterian Church of Salado has been a huge supporter of this program in past years. It is hoped that we continue to be as generous again in 2000.



Pat Rehm - Benevolence Committee

Ash Wednesday Service Feb. 26, 2020



Obituary William Stowe

Debby Aldridge's Father, Mr. William "Sonny" Stowe, of Newport, Arkansas, departed this life on Sunday, February 16, 2020, at the age of 94. He was born August 17, 1925 in Augusta, Arkansas, the son of William "Bill" and Etta (Bottoms) Stowe. On December 15, 1949, Mr. Sonny Stowe married Miss Ernestine "Tennie" Winston, and they were married 70 years when she passed away in January, 2020.



Mr. Stowe was a United States Navy veteran, serving on the USS Randolph during World War II. He was a lineman for Arkansas Power and Light Company. He retired with a perfect, accident free record after 35 years of service. Mr. Stowe was a collector, whose main hobbies were working at his barn, and raising his horses.

Funeral services were at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 19th, at First Baptist Church of Newport, Arkansas with interment following in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Finding God

My friend Bev and I were on our way to the funeral home for the viewing of a former coworker who passed away last week. In route, we were discussing the fact that the newspaper listed two nights of viewings instead of one, and what possible explanation there might be.

We arrived about five minutes after the time stated in the paper. As we entered the chapel, the answer to our question became quite evident. About thirty Oriental people were seated in the pews and a man that I assume was their pastor, was speaking.

Bev and I looked at each other. The unspoken question hung between us. What should we do? Try to exit quietly? Or sit down and wait? In unvoiced agreement, we sat down in the nearest pew. I say "wait" because the gentlemen was not speaking English. (And we had both forgotten that George's wife was from Asia.)

I wasn't expecting to participate since I had no clue what was being said. But as I sat there watching the photo collage roll by, looking at the beautiful flowers, and wondering how long the service would last, I was surprised to find myself humming along with the hymn that they were all singing with such enthusiasm. It took my conscious mind a moment to connect what I was hearing with what I knew. But I finally came up with the words "On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand."



After that I started to pay more attention to what the man was saying. Other than the hymn, I only recognized two words. But that was all I needed. The words were "Cristo" and "Amen." I knew then, with certainty, that they were talking about my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

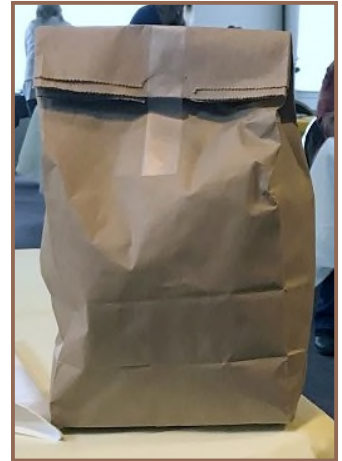
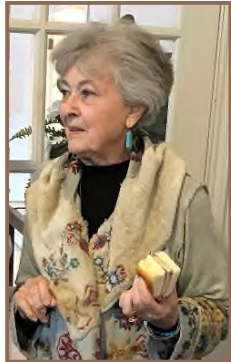
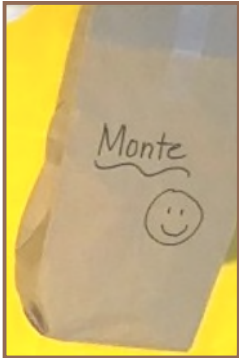
As I continued to listen, it occurred to me that, as it is often said, the Lord truly does work in mysterious and wondrous ways. I had gone to the funeral home with expectations. I had gone assuming and hoping that I would be a blessing for George's wife and family in their grief. I was not expecting to receive a blessing from the Lord as well. And what a blessing it was! Oh, what joy it brings to my heart to know that my God truly is everywhere. And that I can worship him anywhere, anytime, even when I don't understand the words spoken. He is truly an awesome God!

(Psalm 139:7-10) Where can I go from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the Heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there, your right hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. (NIV)

From a Merry Heart

Linda Lloyd

“Sack Lunch” Social - 2/23/20



Pat's Back



Is fried chicken in a box fair?



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