



# The Messenger

BE JOYFUL IN HOPE, PATIENT IN AFFLICTION,  
FAITHFUL IN PRAYER. ROMANS 12:12  
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## Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson



As we go into the month of March we are in the heart of the liturgical season of Lent. When we first hear the word Lent, I bet the first thing you think about is giving up some material thing. That is not what Lent is all about, it is about walking closer to God.



If a Christian wishes to observe Lent, the key is to focus on repenting of our sin and re-consecrating ourselves to God. Lent is a time for us, to give up our sinful habits, our sinful attitudes, our prejudices, and whatever else separates us from God and others. We need to stand before God and to ask God to forgive us, to wash our sins away, and to empower us to turn away from our sinful past and to live new lives that are dedicated to God.

Yes, the next seven weeks are a time for us to look deeply into our hearts, to think about our life and how we've been living it. We need to take stock of our true spirituality. What changes do we have to make in our lives; so that on Easter morning we can declare "Hallelujah, Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!"



Evelyn and I want to thank all of you for your prayers and concerns as we deal with the health issues that we are facing. To say it was a crazy month does not do it justice. It looks like March will be a month of, "One Day at a Time dear Jesus," but we know all of this will come to pass.

Thanks for your support.

God Bless you. Evelyn and Carl

## Calendar of Events

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

- Sunday Adult Education at 9:00 AM
- 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
- Wednesday Choir Practice at 4:00 PM
- Mar. 2 - Noon - Ash Wed. Service & Lunch
- Mar. 31 - Women's Devotional @ 11:30
- Apr. 14 - Maundy Thursday Service with Communion meal at 6:00 pm
- Apr. 17 - Easter Service

| 2022 March |     |                    |                  |                     |     |     |
|------------|-----|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----|-----|
| SUN        | MON | TUE                | WED              | THU                 | FRI | SAT |
|            |     | 1<br>Yoga<br>1 PM  | 2<br>Ash<br>Wed. | 3<br>Yoga<br>10:30  | 4   | 5   |
| 6          | 7   | 8<br>Yoga<br>1 PM  | 9                | 10<br>Yoga<br>10:30 | 11  | 12  |
| 13         | 14  | 15<br>Yoga<br>1 PM | 16               | 17<br>Yoga<br>10:30 | 18  | 19  |
| 20         | 21  | 22<br>Yoga<br>1 PM | 23               | 24<br>Yoga<br>10:30 | 25  | 26  |
| 27         | 28  | 29<br>Yoga<br>1 PM | 30               | 31<br>Yoga<br>10:30 |     |     |

## Seekers Bible Class by Shirley Pinkston

The class will be concluding the current study, *Words of Life - Jesus and the Promise of The Ten Commandments*, on March 6, the first Sunday of Lent. This last topic in the series is entitled "Keeping Up With the Joneses." It will address the 10th commandment, "Thou Shalt Not Covet," as it examines real-life applications to the materialism and media-driven envy in our culture. We look forward to discussing this timely subject.

Books for our Lenten study will be distributed on March 6 as well, with lessons the following Sunday, March 13. If you were considering joining the class and wanting to come at the beginning of a new study, this would be a good time for you to join us.

Our book for Lent is Max Lucado's *Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name*. The lessons will examine how Jesus's birth and death on the cross made it possible for us to see God, hear his voice, and know what matters to

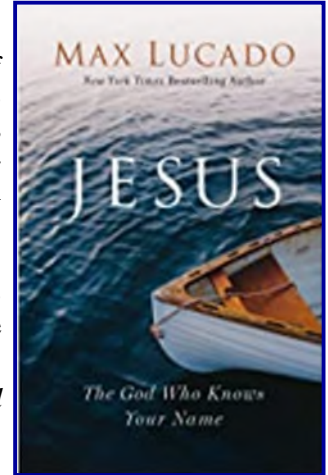
God by studying the life of Jesus in the Bible. By learning about the person Jesus was and is, we will understand more clearly the person we were created to be.

Please join us at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays for study, discussion and fellowship. Coffee and cookies will be served.

"Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God..."  
I Corinthians 1:24

"His wisdom's vast and knows no bounds, a deep where all our thoughts are drowned." Isaac Watts

Shirley Pinkston



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

|             | First Sunday in Lent - Mar. 6 | Second Sunday in Lent - Mar. 13 | Third Sunday in Lent - Mar. 20 | Fourth Sunday in Lent - Mar. 27 |
|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1st Reading | Deuteronomy 26:1-11           | Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18          | Isaiah 55:1-9                  | Joshua 5:9-12                   |
| Psalm       | Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16            | Psalm 27                        | Psalm 63:1-8                   | Psalm 32                        |
| 2nd Reading | Romans 10:8b-13               | Philippians 3:17- 4:1           | 1 Corinthians 10:1-13          | 2 Corinthians 5:16-21           |
| Gospel      | Luke 4:1-13                   | Luke 13:31-35 or 9:28-36        | Luke 13:1-9                    | Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32             |

### Mar. Birthdays



Ron Miller 15  
Jane Olson 18  
Brad Rehm 28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.  
Romans 8:28

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### About our Members (and Prayer Requests)

**Julie Goggans** has been in much pain caused by the pancreatic cancer. Earlier this week the doctors tried a procedure that would block the pain. It did, but only for a day. She will undergo another round of chemo next week. Pray for pain relief, effectiveness of the chemo, and strength. Also, pray for Jack Goggans, Joan and Chine Ray, plus the rest of the family to have peace during this trial.

**Evelyn Thompson** is "following doctor's orders" (as challenging as that can be) to rest. Please keep both Carl and Evelyn in your prayers for healing-and patience where patience is needed. They both thank you for your concern and thoughts.

**Carl Thompson** is continuing tests for his hematologist, gastrologist, and general surgeon. He is also waiting for blood vol-

umes to increase, so surgery can actually be conducted. The good news is that the ophthalmologist says he is doing amazingly well recovering from both cataract surgeries. Carl will let us know what will happen next - "when he knows."

**Trish Stebbins** is home recovering after having neck surgery to replace 4 disks in her neck on Monday. It got a little exciting when the neck was swelling and partially cut her breathing. A second full surgery (but short) was required to open the drain tube and for insurance a second tub was installed. She spent 2 nights in the hospital and came home late afternoon on Wednesday. Pray for no more excitement, healing, no complications, and continued pain control.

The Lord says,  
 "I will rescue those who love me.  
 I will protect those who  
 trust in my name.  
 When they call on me, I will answer;  
 I will be with them in trouble.  
 I will rescue and honor them."  
Ps 91:14-15

"And whatever things you ask in  
 prayer, believing, you will receive."  
 Hebrews 13:5b

## Women's Devotional Group

Weather has NOT been our friend! The next monthly Devotional group will be meeting on Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup>.

We meet in the Adult Sunday School room at 11:30, immediately following Yoga on the last Thursday of the month. If you want, feel free to bring a sack lunch. Come and enjoy the Christian fellowship.



## Prayers by Linda Lloyd

I've been thinking a lot about the sermon that Carl recently preached on prayer. And sadly, I have to acknowledge that my own prayer life is lacking.

Yes, I am in the habit of praying every day, but much to my dismay, during a prayer, I may suddenly realize that I have ceased praying and have some hymn or other playing on a loop in my mind. Or, if I'm praying in bed at night, I may have dozed off during a prayer and then awaken and have to start all over again. I tell myself that my lack of focus is probably caused by some of the medications that I take or that my age is to blame. But unfortunately, that doesn't make me feel better. It is very frustrating to me!



I crave that relationship with God Almighty. And I long to share my heart with Jesus. I want and need to lay my cares at the foot of the throne. So many people need prayer so desperately today! And this world is in such a terrible mess! And sometimes when God lays it on my heart to lift somebody up in prayer, I just don't know what to pray for. But my heart tells me that prayers, mine and yours, are of the utmost importance.

Fortunately, music has always been a form of prayer and praise for me. And I've always felt closest to God when I'm singing or listening to music. What a wonderful blessing that has been in my life!

And here's the good news. Even when I feel that perhaps my prayers are not what they should be, I need only remind myself of this. Romans 8:26-27 says: "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we are to pray for, but the Spirit

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 IN **our weakness**.  
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 BUT THE **Spirit** HIMSELF  
**intercedes** FOR US THROUGH  
**wordless groans**.  
 ROMANS 8:26



Himself prays for us through wordless groans. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people, in accordance with the will of God." And Second Corinthians 12:8-10 says this: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my Strength is made perfect in weakness".

So, no matter how you may feel about your own prayer life, just continue to do your best and God will do the rest.

Psalm 19:14 "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, oh Lord, my strength and my redeemer."

[\(15\) Tauren Wells - When We Pray \(Official Lyric Video\) - YouTube](#)

From a Merry Heart, [Linda Lloyd](#)

## ♪ Musical Notes ♪

It is hard to believe March is here, as is the beginning of Lent, with only 6½ weeks before the Easter Celebration of Christ's glorious resurrection. During this time many people make choices to put aside particular things to deny themselves to better understand Jesus' fasting for the forty days He spent in the wilderness, preparing for His own suffering to come. Others decide to begin new disciplines to aid in Christian growth. Either way is a time of personal reflection deep within us.

Many of the hymns sung during this time are written in a minor key. This gives a somber feeling as we reflect on Christ's suffering and death, the great price He paid for our sins. One hymn we will be revisiting this Lenten season will be "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive," taken from The Lord's Prayer, in Matthew 6:12.

The lyrics are a poem written by Rosamond E. Herklots, who grew up in India and whose parents were



missionaries. She worked as a secretary for a neurologist for about 20 years, as well as for the Association for Spina Bifida in London. She wrote poems as a child and then later began writing hymns. Her poems can be found in about 70 different hymns.

The name of the tune used with these lyrics is "DETROIT". Its composer was William Bradshaw, and the melody was first published in 1820. It is oftentimes sung a cappella, without instrumental accompaniment.

Following is the poem, on which you can reflect and allow God to speak to your heart as only He can during this Lenten season:

'Forgive our sins as we forgive,' You taught us, Lord, to pray,  
but You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can Your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart,  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:  
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to You!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease;  
then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread Your peace.

Sharing in Christ's Service,

*Jeanette West*



## March Benevolence Report

### "One Great Hour of Sharing"

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.

From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide safety sustenance, and hope.

Our church will collect offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing on Palm Sunday April 10, 2022. Please note OGH on check memo line.

Mike Hart, Benevolence Chair

# Ash Wednesday - March 2, 2022

Carl Thompson and MariLyn Jones conduct the Service.



**What is Lent  
all about!**



\*Photos provided by Mike Hart