



# 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

The second verse of a song written by Bill and Gloria Gaither, The Family Of God, goes like this "You will notice we say "brother and sister" 'round here - It's because we're a family and these folks are so near; When one has a heartache we all share the tears, And rejoice in each victory In this family so dear." I am so proud to be the pastor of the family of God called the Presbyterian Church of Salado.



Over the last 18 years I have seen this congregation come together to mourn and celebrate with members who were going through many different types of life events. You always came through with your prayers, support, and time and efforts when we needed you. This past week was a shining example of your dedication and love as a part of the family of God. I want to thank all of you who worked in the kitchen, brought food, drove golf carts, directed traffic, helped with set-up and clean-up, and just were willing to do anything to help. I received so many comments and compliments after Julie's Memorial Service about the love and hospitality of this congregation. It showed *the family of God* at its best. Again, Thank-you, Thank-you, Thank-you.



As I look back over the years, I thank God for the blessings in my life. God Is Good All The Time. There have been times in my life when I wish I would have done some things a little bit better. But overall, life has been good. I hope it has been that way for you in your lives. Thank God for your blessings and don't take them for granted. As we move into the summer season remember to enjoy your life, your family, and your friends. Do those things on your bucket list. And when things don't go the way you planned, just remember, the words from another Gaithers' song, "Because He lives I can face tomorrow, because He lives all fear is gone, because I know who holds the future, life is worth the living just because He lives." God Bless you. *Carl and Evelyn*

## 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
- May 5 - National Day of Prayer 10am @ Bell County Courthouse (about 20 min.)
- May 26 - Women's Devotional @ 11:30

2022 MAY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Yoga 1 PM	4	5 Yoga 10:30	6	7
8	9	10 Yoga 1 PM	11	12 Yoga 10:30	13	14
15	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				

## The Seekers Bible Class

The apostle John went through a lot as Christ's disciple. He endured trials and suffered persecution from all sides. It had been a lonely journey. But, as he looked back on his days with Christ and recalled the many miracles Christ had performed during those 3 years, he understood that Jesus had never truly left his side. He was never alone.

Our Bible study for May, Max Lucado's You Are Never Alone, examines the miracles in John's Gospel as they relate to our lives today. Just as with John, Jesus is right here with us and cares about all aspects of our lives: in the ordinary things, when we're stuck, in the storm, in the dark, in the valley, and when we need

grace. In studying these lessons, we will come to realize we are stronger than we think because God is nearer than we know.

We hope you join us as we complete this Bible study and enjoy fellowship and discussion. We have a copy of the book, cookies, coffee, and a warm welcome waiting for you.

*Shirley Pinkston*



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

	Third Sunday of Easter - May 1	Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 8	Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 15	Sixth Sunday of Easter - 22	Seventh Sunday of Easter - May 29
1st Reading	Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)	Acts 9:36-43	Acts 11:1-18	Acts 16:9-15	Acts 16:16-34
Psalm	Psalm 30	Psalm 23	Psalm 148	Psalm 67	Psalm 97
2nd Reading	Revelation 5:11-14	Revelation 7:9-17	Revelation 21:1-6	Ephesians 1:15-23	Rev. 22:12-14,16-17,20-21
Gospel	John 21:1-19	John 10:22-30	John 13:31-35	John 14:23-29 or 5:1-9	John 17:20-26

### May Birthdays



- Brady Carlson 22
- Lilree Jackson 23
- Denice Kemp 28
- Knox Tyson 30

### About our Members (and Prayer Requests)

Our prayers of sympathy go up for **Jack Goggans, Joan and Chine Ray** plus the rest of the family during this time of loss of **Julie Goggans**. Her battle with stage 4 pancreatic cancer ended on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Services were on April 27.

**Carl Thompson** finally has a diagnosis of medical issues that cause him extreme fatigue and weakness. He needs infusions on a regular basis, and has finally gotten an appointment in the hospital. Please pray that he gets this first infusion scheduled and that it is effective.

**Mike Hart** suffered a stroke that affected an eye. He lost most sight in his right eye. Pray that this eye continues to improve.

**Evelyn Thompson:** pray for continued healing of pelvic fractures. The doctors have allowed her to begin limited activity. The complete healing process will take quite a while.

**Betsy Tyson** suffered a bad fall at home on February 18th. A CAT scan revealed three small cracks in her lower spine but also a spot on her liver. After a hospital stay, she has progressed from wheelchair to walker. Another CAT scan focused on her kidney and determined that arthroscopic day surgery would be needed and was scheduled for April 14th. The surgery revealed a slight cancerous mass, and it was eradicated arthroscopically. From time-to-time, there is still pain in her lower back. She is now receiving physical therapy and soon hopes to progress to yoga classes. She thanks everyone for their help, phone calls, and get-well cards. A special thanks to Shirley Lett and Betty Gengler for their special attention.

**Pat Rehm** is progressing nicely from her knee replacement and has made it back to church. She is cautious but moving well.



# Julie Ray Goggans

June 11, 1963 ~ April 21, 2022 (age 58)

Memorial services for Julie Ray Goggans of Temple, TX, formerly of Oxford, AL were Wednesday, April 27th, 10 AM visitation, 11 AM service at the Presbyterian Church of Salado with Reverend Carl Thompson officiating.

Julie moved into the Heavenly Realm of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on April 21, 2022. Julie fought the battle with cancer courageously and with all her strength until accepting her reward in Heaven.



She was an exemplary wife, daughter, Mom, and friend to many. Her favorite role on this earth, however, was that of GiGi to her grandchildren.

Julie is survived by her husband, Jack; parents: Col (Ret) and Mrs. W. D. Ray of Temple. Her children: T.R. (Dr. Caitlin) Jones of Oxford, AL, Anna (Colton) Norman of Academy, TX, Leah (Daniel) Simmons of Alexandria, AL and Jake (Allie) Goggans of Oxford, AL. Her precious grandchildren are Brantley & Walker, Norman, Bo & Sutton (baby) Goggans and Hayden (Alexis) Simmons. Julie is also survived by a sister, Sallie (Dirk) Davis of Killeen, TX. Not to be forgotten, she leaves her fur baby, Weezey, to take care of Jack in her absence.

Due to God's grace, she will be loved and cared for eternally by her Savior in Heaven, which serves as comfort and hope to her loved ones and friends she leaves behind.



## Musical Notes

Ah, the month of May...birthdays (3 grandkids for me), anniversaries, graduations, and of course, Mother's Day. Just think...if we did not have a mother, we would not be here at all!

Like any special day, Mother's Day has good/bad memories of life experiences over the years. I was too young to fully appreciate my parents' efforts during my growing-up process. Now, I could choose to allow the negative to cloud my focus for life today. Instead, my choice is to make the best of the opportunities with family and friends. Oh, how precious is our time in the present! I am thankful God gives us opportunities to continue "planting seeds" and making memories!

I found a poem written by Reverend Rebecca Kelly in 2006 entitled "Giving Thanks for Mother" which follows:

(Tune of "Joyful, Joyful we adore thee")

*Verse 1*

*Lord, we thank you for the mothers  
By whose faith we come to Thee;  
Who reflect Your grace and mercy  
In their faces, You, we see.  
Honor mothers, God commands us,  
Show respect and loving care,  
Instruments You made to guide us  
Mothers who Christ's love doth share.*



*Verse 2*

*Through the ages, leading forward  
Moms who serve to glorify.  
Eve's firstborn starts all the races,  
Child in pain sparks Hagar's cry.  
Hannah's prayers and Mary's song  
Tell acceptance of God's will.  
King of grace and peace and patience  
These the lessons mothers tell.*



*Verse 3*

*Lord, we thank you for the mothers  
Who have brought us forth on earth.  
Giving life that we may worship  
Savior born of Virgin birth.  
All created by Holy Maker  
Workmanship beyond compare  
For the gift of moms, we thank Thee  
Praise to You, we do declare.*



"Then He (Jesus) went down to Nazareth and was obedient to them (His parents). But **His mother** (Mary) treasured all these things in her heart."

Think about what this mother went through!

Sharing in Christ's Service and Ministry,

*Jeanette West*

## Benevolence Report

The Presbyterian Church of Salado contributed \$3,485.00 during the recent Easter Season for One Great Hour of Sharing. This year's contributions were significantly better than last year's contributions. All proceeds will be shared by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, The Presbyterian Hunger Program and The Self Development of People Program.

A sincere thank-you goes out to all that contributed to this worthy Presbyterian charity. Our funds will be well spent.

*Mike Hart*, Benevolence



### Updates:

**John Booher** - New Email Address  
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**Letta Meinen** - A PCS member since 2004

Things have drastically changed for me, and it all happened this month. My son decided I should move to a different retirement center. The current center was going through a make-over and was quite disorganized. We visited a new place called the Vantage. It is close to his office. We signed the papers the next day, and I spent the weekend packing and getting ready for the move.



Letta recent visit with Jane Wilmer

The next week, I was having trouble breathing and not feeling well, so saw a doctor. They put me in the hospital, as I was having heart issues - then spent 4 days testing. In all my years, I had never been in the hospital for anything but delivering babies. They decided I needed new heart and blood pressure medicines and sent me home. I am better, but slower.

In the meantime, my furnishings were moved to the new location. My two daughters drove down from Iowa to get me settled. I am now set up in the new apartment with a full little kitchen plus washer and dryer. This new place is very nice, and the meals are excellent. Now I must get acquainted with new people and their activities. It is such a disappointment that they don't know about Chair Yoga. I am hoping I can convince these folks to start Chair Yoga too. I believe my heart problem was because I had stopped the twice weekly Chair Yoga exercises. Glad to see you still have the program.

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## “SELAH” by Linda Lloyd

Quite frequently I listen to the music of a contemporary Christian group called “Selah.” My current favorite song of theirs is called “Sweet Jesus.” I particularly like the first verse. It goes like this: “Sweet Jesus, my Savior, you are my faithful friend. You made me, you know me, you’ve seen my every sin. And my soul is amazed at this gift of your grace and these arms that take me in. Sweet Jesus, my Savior, you are my faithful friend.”

When I first ran across one of Selah’s albums on YouTube, the name of the group was what caught my attention. I remembered seeing the word “Selah” many times while reading in the book of Psalms. It was always at the end of a passage, so I assumed that it meant “amen” or “the end.” When curiosity finally got the best of me, I decided to look up the meaning of the word. I found the answer to be both surprising and intriguing.



It seems that the meaning of the word Selah has been up for debate for centuries. And nobody knows for sure what the exact meaning is. It is a Hebrew word, possibly indicating a pause or

intermission in the singing of a Psalm and is traditionally interpreted as a blessing meaning “forever.” There are many different translations of the word. But my favorite, and the one I’ve opted to believe is “to pause and reflect

on the word of God,” the passage that you have just finished reading.


As I continued my research, I learned that Selah is used 74 times in the Bible mostly in the book of Psalms, but it also appears three times in the book of Habakkuk. I also learned that 71 of the Psalms in which the word appears, were directed “to the choir master,” which lends some credence to the belief that it is a musical direction.

Selah is used in scripture three times more than the words “amen” or “hallelujah,” two of the most well-known words in the Bible. This would seem to lend a great deal of importance to the word, even though we don’t understand the exact meaning of it, and seldom hear it spoken.

I believe that every word in the Bible is important. And though we may not understand all of them in this lifetime, we most certainly will in the one yet to come. An article in “Disciples Today” says that the word “Selah” puts the focus on the things that God wants us to think about.

The last verse of “Sweet Jesus” says this: “Sweet Jesus, my shepherd, you are my faithful friend. You hold me. You lead me. I’ll follow to the end. And I know I will say on that beautiful day when your arms take me in, sweet Jesus my shepherd you are my faithful friend. Sweet Jesus, my Savior, you are my faithful friend.”

Matthew 5:4, the second beatitude, “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

From a Merry Heart,   
Linda Lloyd

## Women’s Studies

The next monthly Women’s Devotional group will be meeting on Thursday, May 26. Pat Hart will be leading the devotional. We meet in the Adult Sunday School room at 11:30, immediately following Yoga. Feel free to bring a sack lunch; come and enjoy the Christian fellowship. The nine-week summer Bible Study led by Pat Rehm will be about Celebrating Sabbath. There will be more information about this study available soon.



## Maundy Thursday Service

