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The Messenger

GAL 6:9
SO LET'S NOT GET TIRED OF DOING WHAT IS GOOD.
(SEPTEMBER 2019)

Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

It is September already; time seems to fly by so quickly. Every year goes by faster and faster. Once again, our summer vacation has come to an end. Teachers are back in school. Our grandchildren are in junior or senior high school and one is back at college. Where has the time gone, it was only yesterday that they were starting kindergarten?



Yes, time goes by so quickly. There are many inequities in the world, but one thing we all have in common is the same amount of time each day. God has allotted twenty-four hours to each of us. We cannot slow it down, speed it up, add to it or diminish it. The difference is in how we use our time. Time is a gift.

Are we frittering it away, letting it slip through our fingers, squandering it? Or are we treasuring it, using it to maximum advantage, filling every minute with 60 seconds' worth of service to God, enjoying our families, building memories for our grandchildren?



Are we growing daily in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ? Do we take advantage of every opportunity to study the Scriptures and to pray? Do we take advantage of every opportunity to witness to Jesus Christ? We know that because our time is short, and we don't know how much time we really have, using our time wisely is important.

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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
Fall Season starts Aug. 28

Chair Yoga Tuesdays and Thursdays

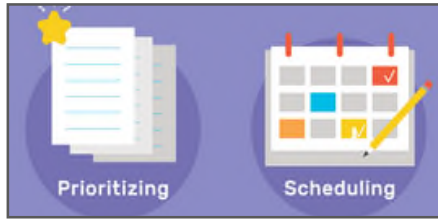
- Sept. 2 - Labor Day Holiday
- Sept. 29 - Fifth Sunday Celebration and Social after Worship
- Oct. 13 - Session Meeting after Worship

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day	3 Yoga 1 PM	4 Choir 5:30	5 Yoga 10:30	6	7
8 Adult SS Begins	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 Fall Begins	24 Yoga 1 PM	25 Choir 5:30	26 Yoga 10:30	27	28
29 5 Sunday & Social	30					

Carl continued

In conclusion, how should we spend our time? What is really important?



Priorities represent the things that we give our time and attention to.

In turn, our priorities shape our lives and character, and having the right priorities is instrumental in our spiritual growth.

Let us ask God to help us allocate our days wisely, in light of eternity. Time is precious and limited; our life on earth is short. Let us use the time and opportunities that God has bestowed to us wisely and for His glory.



God bless you, *Carl*

Service for Billie Jane Sprott

Chine Ray's sister, Billie Jane Sprott, passed away and a small service was held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, August 9th. It was a celebration of Billie's 92 years and of a remarkable Ray family.



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

	12th Sunday after Pentecost - Sept. 1	13th Sunday after Pentecost - Sept. 8	14th Sunday after Pentecost - Sept. 15	15th Sunday after Pentecost - Sept. 22	16th Sunday after Pentecost - Sept. 29
1st Reading	Jeremiah 2:4-13	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Jerem 4:11-12,22-28	Jeremiah 8:19-9:1	Jerem 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm	Psalm 81:1, 10-16	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	Psalm 14	Psalm 79:1-9	Psalm 91:1-6, 14-17
2nd Reading	Heb. 13:1-8,15-16	Phil. 1:1-21	1 Timothy 1:12-17	1 Timothy 2:1-7	1 Timothy 6:6-19
Gospel	Luke 14:1,7-14	Luke 14:25-33	Luke 15:1-10	Luke 16:1-13	Luke 16:19-31

September Birthdays

June Lubowski 12
J.C. Pennington 12
Jack Googans 15
Shirley Lett 25
Donald Engelke 26
Pete Stebbins 26

About our Members

Joyce Goza has been in the hospital for a while now and has been moved to the Scott & White Chronic Care Hospital. She is receiving wound care for her leg and going to dialysis 3 times a week. Pray for healing and may Jesus Christ give her grace and peace.

John and Carol Booher's son-in-law, Bill, has lung cancer and has begun chemo and radiation. Please pray for successful treatment, minimal reactions, pain management, and peace.

Linda Lloyd's mother, **Lucille Frank**, is doing a little better. The good news is that she does not need dialysis at this time. But she is still retaining a lot of fluid around her heart and lungs. Linda is requesting continued prayer for her

mother and their family and extends her thanks to all of you.

Trish Stebbins is slowly recovering from her three hour sinus surgery. Breathing through the nose is difficult which impedes nightly sleep. Nasal swelling restricts airflow. Trish appreciates your cards and prayers. Pray that it won't take the full 6-8 weeks to recover.

Sam Lanham fell on Friday, 8/23, and needed six stitches. He is still sore but nothing was broken. Pray for healing and stability.

Anniversaries this week - Joan and Chine Ray, 59; Trish and Pete Stebbins, 53. They have been blessed!

CHANGE vs. NO CHANGE!

My Grandma used to say "Wait ten years and it'll come back around," i.e. music, clothing, movies, etc. She was so right. And it's funny how different words and phrases are "hip" for a while but soon forgotten. For instance, back in the day, when you heard "Takes a licking and keeps on ticking," you knew it referred to a Timex watch. "Ninety nine and forty four, one hundred percent pure," of course, referred to Ivory soap. Or "The buck stops here," first attributed to the late President Harry Truman.



One of my Grandad's favorites was "Don't take any wooden nickels," (Wooden nickels were given out by banks and merchants during the 1920s and 1930's and could be redeemed for some small item, maybe a drink, but had no monetary value). And of course, there's that great old favorite from the TV show "Laugh In," "Sock it to me." And who could forget Jackie Gleason with his balled up fist and that classic line, "To the moon, Alice"?



When I was little and being what some used to call a "smarty pants," my Grandad would chastise me with "Don't you go getting peert now." As a teenager my friends and I would part company with, "See you later alligator." "After while crocodile," would come the response. We were "cool cats." A tattletale was a "fink." And we, surreptitiously, of course, called our Assistant Principal "chrome dome," (He was bald headed). And we might be "bummed out," "pigged out," or "way out," all at the same time. We wore "tennies" and "shades" and were really "groovy." And it was "right on."

Yes, it's true. Change seems to be inevitable, whether we like it or not. But one thing is for certain. And that is God. He is the same as HE has always been, yesterday, today, and for all the tomorrows yet to come. He will never leave or forsake you. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Praise his holy name.

From a Merry Heart,
Linda Lloyd



September Social

Our September Social will be on Sept. 29 and our theme will be "Back to School"!



A tribute will be made to all teachers and ex-teachers in the Church! Each Teacher will be asked to tell their favorite story!!

All members will be asked to bring at least one school supply item (or as many as they want.) I will get a list of most needed supplies from the school and bring copies to church!

The food will be soup and sandwiches in memory of our school days and, of course, desserts! I will need about 5 or 6 crock pots of a variety of soups! Sandwiches will be pimento and cheese or peanut butter and jelly!! It should be a fun day as we share memories of our School Days!!

Shirley Lett

Notice in French Church

En entrant dans cette église, il est possible que vous entendiez l'appel de Dieu. Par contre, il n'est pas susceptible de vous contacter par téléphone. Merci d'avoir éteint votre téléphone. Si vous souhaitez parler à Dieu, entrez, choisissez un endroit tranquille et parlez-lui. Si vous souhaitez le voir, envoyez-lui un SMS en conduisant.



Translation:

It is possible that on entering this church, you may hear the call of God.

On the other hand, it is not likely that He will contact you by phone.

Thank you for turning off your phone. If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place, and talk to Him.

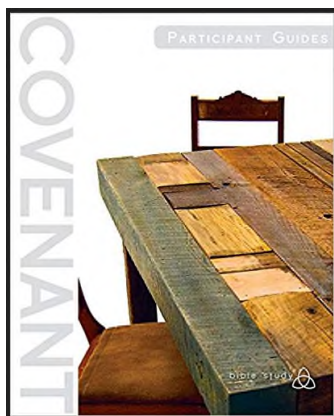
However:

If you would like to see Him, send him a text while driving.

Adult Study Resumes - 9/8

On Sunday mornings, we meet as God's people and hear Holy Scripture read. When Carl says, "This is the Word of the Lord," we respond by saying "Thanks be to God." This practice bears witness to the church's belief that in reading scripture, we encounter God's own voice.

We invite you to join us in Bible study this year. We will read from every book in the Bible, Old and New Testaments, to hear God's Word to us. We will consider the Bible's literary qualities, as well as its reflection of the realities of ancient communities. We will also open our hearts to what the Holy Spirit says to us today through the Bible's message.



The title of our study is Covenant. It is divided into three eight-week sub-topics:

1. Creating the Covenant
2. Living the Covenant
3. Trusting the Covenant

The idea of Covenant is emphasized as a unifying pattern through all the books of the Bible and illustrates the unique relationship God chooses with us as His people. Please join us as we study God's word this year. You may pick up your Participants' Guide in the Adult Classroom after church on September 1. Your first assignment will be to read Episode 1 and bring your Participant Guide, your Bible, and your questions to the first class on September 8, 9:00 a.m. We are looking forward to an inspiring year studying God's Word.

"Step out of the traffic! Take a long, loving look at me, your High God, above politics, above everything."

Psalm 46:10 The Message

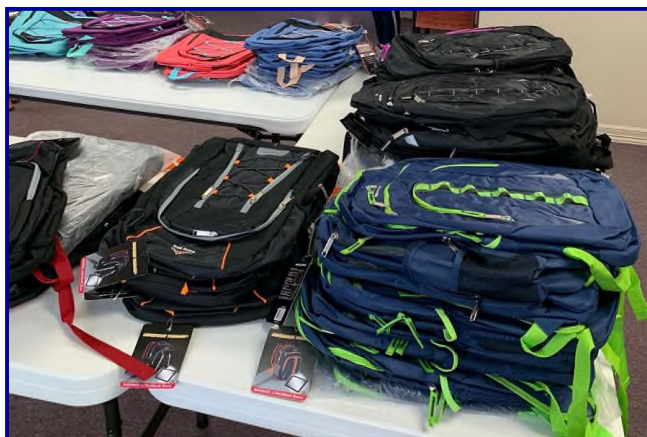
Shirley Pinkston



THE MESSENGER

Benevolence Committee Report

Our congregation continues to support the Heart and Hands Ministries with personal donations for its pantry and clothing shop, as well as making bread purchases from mission funds twice a month. The Benevolence Committee will disburse the 3rd quarter mission funds in mid-September.



The Back-to-School Program of Salado Family Relief highlighted local mission activities last month, distributing backpacks and school supplies on August 13 and 15 in our building. *Project Backpack 2019* raised over \$7,900 in our community to help with the purchase of the backpacks and supplies - an amount greater than any collected in previous years. The largest donation of funds came from the partnering churches in Salado - Presbyterian Church of Salado, Grace Church, Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, and St. Joseph's Episcopal. Several area residents and businesses also contributed, and for the first time this year, donations could be made at area restaurants in collection jars.



Special Social - Bob Todd's 90th Birthday - August 11



**Bob and
Gidget**



"I would like to thank all those who helped make this party a memorable occasion. Thanks to all who brought delicious side dishes to complement the Bar-B-Q. A special thanks to Shirley Lett for her leadership and my wife, Gidget, for the decorations and coordination. All in all, it was truly the best birthday party that I have ever had in 90 years!" - Bob Todd



**Don Todd
Soloist**



BBQ Dinner

50

**Pat and Mike Hart
Celebrate 50 Years
with Pat's sister and
brother-in-law, Sandy
and Ron Kryzwanos
from Chicago.**

