



The Messenger

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Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson



On September 13th my sermon topic focused on James 3: 1-12. I had not preached on these verses in all my years in the pulpit. The concept of Controlling the Tongue was interesting.

Proverbs says "Reckless words pierce like a sword but the tongue of the wise brings healing." "They who guard their mouths and their tongues keep their self from calamity." Earlier in his writings James said "If anyone considers themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues, they deceive themselves and their religion is worthless."

Finally, James brings the matter of the tongue into clear understanding. The root of the problem is the source of the words, that are spoken. Jesus said in Matthew, "Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks." It is what is in our hearts that determines what comes out of our mouth.

Our tongues can be used for GOOD or EVIL. If we want our mouth to be right, our heart must be right. Jesus wants us to build other people up not tear them down. As Christians we need to keep the acronym **THINK** in mind before we speak. T--Is it true?

H--Is it helpful? I--Is it inspiring? N--Is it necessary? K--Is it kind?



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As God moves upon a person's heart, he also moves upon their tongue. No cruel or unfair words have ever come from a heart controlled by the God of love. No bigoted conversation has ever come from a heart controlled by the grace of God. No lying speech has ever come from a heart controlled by the God of truth. When God controls the heart, he controls the tongue.

May God continue to bless you, *Carl*

Calendar of Events

Worship Services at 10:00 AM

- Adult Sunday School at 9:00 AM
- Tuesdays - Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8 A.M.
- Wednesdays - Choir Practice at 5:30PM
- Oct. 4 - Communion Sunday
- Oct. 25 - Congregational Meeting and After Church Social
- Nov. 22 - Hanging of the Greens plus Chili and Soup Cook-off
- Nov. 29 - 1st Sunday in Advent (Christmas is coming)



My Brother - My Hero by Linda Lloyd



My brother Merle is a Vietnam veteran, 66 years old, and retired from his civilian job about a year ago. He loves NASCAR. His favorite drivers are Kurt and Kyle Busch. He's a Steelers fan from way back; and is currently engaged in watching the Pittsburgh Pirates.

He loves all kinds of music-rock, jazz, and especially country. George Strait and Brooks and Dunn are some of his favorites. He has quite an extensive collection from several different genres. He is an avid reader, especially his Bible, and pretty much any Christian book he can get his hands on.

About two years ago, he was diagnosed with squamous cell cancer, a very aggressive type of cancer, in his nasal passages. He had surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, and the usual treatments. He quit smoking, had good checkups; and was told by his physicians that he was cancer free-wonderful news, but unfortunately, not true.

About a year ago, he started having some dental problems. He was in tremendous pain all the time. They tried a lot of different things. Nothing relieved the pain. Finally, after a lot of testing, he was told that the cancer was back, just in a different part of his body.

So for the last year, he has had round after round of different types of chemo, is currently taking more than a dozen pills a day, and sees more doctors than I can begin to name.

He can barely open his mouth; and subsists mostly on milkshakes, applesauce, ice cream, and other soft foods. He is in pain every moment of every day and night; sleeps very little,

and spends most of his time at a doctor's office, or in an Emergency Room.

He always has his crucifix and a palm sized wooden cross in his pocket. Whenever you see him clutch that cross and start rubbing it; you know the pain is about to overtake him.


And yet, you see the little smile on his face, in this photo? He still laughs and jokes, plays cards and dominoes, when I'm home visiting, like I am now. (Ralph and I have made three trips to Pennsylvania in the last few months. I'm trying to spend as much time with him as I can and support my parents and my other brother at the same time).

His body is riddled with cancer; his organs are starting to fail; and he's got pneumonia. He has fallen twice this week; banged up his ribs, spent 8 hours in the Emergency Room; and yet, he called me early this morning; and wanted me to come over and "hang out".

His mind, his spirit, his determination to fight to the bitter end, his love of the Lord, all these things combine to make my little brother, Merle Frank, my hero.

From "A Merry Heart" in Washington, PA
Linda Lloyd

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

 REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY	Oct. 4, 2015 19th Sunday after Pentecost	Oct. 11, 2015 20th Sunday after Pentecost	Oct. 18, 2015 21st Sunday after Pentecost	Oct. 25, 2015 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading	Genesis 2:18-24	Job 23:1-9, 16-17	Job 38:1-7, 34-41	Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm	Psalm 26	Psalm 22:1-15	Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c	Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22
Sec. Reading	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Hebrews 4:12-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel	Mark 10:2-16	Mark 10:17-31	Mark 10:35-45	Mark 10:46-52

October Birthdays

Carolyn Williams	3
Ann Faber	4
Trish Stebbins	5
Barbara Tindell	9
Joyce Goza	15
Joan Ray	16
Adva Volle	16
Ken Latiolais	18
Linda Lloyd	20
Walt Tindell	20
Barbara Harper	26
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About our Members and Friends

Please pray for **Stan Staples** family as they deal with the loss of their husband, father, and grandfather. A memorial Service honoring his life is on September 26th (see p.3).

Louise Thompson has some good days and bad days. She is being cared for at Rosewood Center in Killeen.

Pete Stebbins had his second hip replacement and fourth surgery on 6/3. Since then he has had a staph re-infection. He is on antibiotics and will have a surgery on 9/23 to remove this good hip and put in a concrete spacer for six months before another surgery to put in a new hip.

Walt's family is going to have a shared 75th birthday party for him and 79th for Barbara. They are inviting all the church to attend. It will be from 2-4 on Oct. 10th in the dining room at 2916 Country Lane Drive, Temple. Dress Casual. No gifts.

Linda Lloyd is visiting and caring for her brother, **Merle Frank**, in Pennsylvania. Please pray for Merle, Linda and the rest of the family. Merle starts Hospice 9/23/15.

Barclay McCort's sister, **Barbara Allison**, with acute myeloid leukemia is in remission. This is a big PRAISE THE LORD since two months ago she was told she had a very limited time to live.

The Loss of Stan Staples

9/12/2015

Services for Stanley Staples will be Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 11:00 AM, Presbyterian Church of Salado, with Rev Carl Thompson officiating.

Stanley Norman Staples died at his home on September 12th after a lengthy illness. He was born on July 2, 1931 in Dallas, TX to Earl and Essie Mae Staples. Stanley was a graduate of Abilene Christian College where he was a member of the 1950 nationally undefeated football team awarded 3 consecutive Texas Conference Titles from 1950-1953. He was named an All American Football Player, later drafted and played for the Philadelphia Eagles.



After football years, he entered the University of Texas where he acquired a Law Degree, then practiced law in Midland, Texas, for over 25 years. He retired from his law practice and lived near Ft. Worth.

Stan was known for his dry humor, always seeming to have the last word in a conversation, and enjoyed the challenges of games - especially with his family. He was a loving husband, father "Pappaw" to his family. He is survived by his wife, Ellen Staples of Salado, daughters Susan Smith of Houston and Sandra Smith of Brenham. His beautiful extended family consists of 6 stepchildren, 17 grandchildren, and one brand new great granddaughter, born 24 hours before his death. He is preceded in death by Betty Jane Crossover Staples and his brother Kenneth Staples.



A Memorial Service honoring his life will be held on Saturday, September 26 at 11 AM at the Presbyterian Church of Salado.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his honor can be made to Gentiva Hospice of Central Texas, 2626 BS 37th Street, Temple, Texas 76504.



Lunch will be provided after the service.



Adult Education News - Shirley Pinkston

Adult Education will continue with John Ortberg's book, Soul Keeping. This has generated a very lively discussion and will carry on through October.

Join us as we learn how to find our way out of the shallows to true spiritual depth.

Books and coffee will be provided. We just need you. Sundays at 9:00 - please come.



My Verse This Week - Pete Stebbins

“Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10

Choir - Monte Shuck

Most of us go to our grave with our music still inside of us.

Join the Choir and let your music out.

No experience necessary!

BENEVOLENCE.

The Benevolence Committee met Sept. 13th to consider the needs of others. One of the committee's decisions was to not participate in Salado's Fall Festival this year. It is important to assess the needs of each agency or event recipient as it is our pledge to be wise stewards of your generous giving. At this time, the committee felt our involvement in this particular event could best be shifted to others in greater need. One such agency is Families-In-Crisis and you all have made it possible to provide them support. We also will have a Giving Basket soon in the narthex for donations such as personal items-toothpaste, toothbrushes, and shampoo, as well as small appliances, gently used clothing for all ages (women, boys and girls, and babies) toys, books, and basic things one would need to set up a home again. Once a month the basket contents will be given to the shelter. However, one of the committee's decisions was to not participate in Salado's Fall Festival this year.

Additionally, our church is continuing to provide support to the Body of Christ Dental Clinic, now being built, Presbyterian Children's Homes, the Presbyterian Military Chaplains Fund, the Salvation Army of Temple, Salado Family Relief and the Children's Special Needs Network. There was an urgent need request from AWARE that we were also able to help with all because of your gracious return of God's blessings which allows us to serve Him by helping those in need.

We continue providing bread twice a month to the Salado Food Pantry. October 19th there will be an opportunity to volunteer for two hours with Children's Special Needs Network at Mary Hardin Baylor (see page 5).

I am thankful for our committee, their time and devotion to helping others.

Faithfully,
Nancy Healey
Benevolence Elder



Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Men's Prayer Breakfast is held each Tuesday. The breakfast part starts at about 7:45 AM. Prayer requests and prayers start at 8:00. The last half hour is a discussion topic. We conclude before 9:00. All men of the church (and other churches) are invited to attend.

We have room and would like to expand the size of the group. Please come check us out if you are not yet a regular.



Jean Teal's Last Day @ PC of Salado

Jean Teal, our choir director of many years is moving out of the "big house" to be closer to family in Granbury. Sunday, Sept. 13, was her last with us at Presbyterian Church of Salado. Jean was one of the original Founding Members from 3/15/97. (Only 3 remain: Lillian Jackson, Barclay McCort, and Virginia McCracken.)

Jean's new address is:
100 Watermark Blvd., Apt 320, Granbury, TX 76048



Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting is scheduled for **October 25, 2015 at 11 AM - after services.**

**Purpose: Report from the Nominating Committee
Report of tentative church budget for 2016
Election of Three Elders for 2016**

Elders for the Class of 2018 will be elected at the Congregational Meeting scheduled for Sunday, October 25, 2015 immediately after the service. The 2015 Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that the nominees for a 3-year term as elder, Class of 2018, are Laquita Arner, Carl Menyher, and Sara Pettijohn. Thanks to the nominees for agreeing to serve if elected. Laquita has been a member of the Presbyterian Church of Salado (PCS) since 2005 and previously served as elder in the Class of 2014. Carl joined the PCS in 2013. Sara has been a PCS member since 2001 and previously served as elder in the Class of 2009.

Thanks also to the members of the 2015 Nominating Committee, Bill Pinkston, Evelyn Thompson and Cindy Pennington, Chairman.



CSNN Volunteer Opportunity

Once again our church has been invited to assist attendees during lunch for the Children's Special Need Network InKidAble Annual Conference. There is no fee for any of the conference sessions, lunch served, activities for children with special needs or their siblings.

Where: UMHB- Belton
NEW Baucom Student Union

When: Saturday, October 17
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Contact: Jeanette West (254-760-6563)
Nancy Healey (254-421-1412)

Sign-up Sheet in Entry Area



Meet the Kemps

On August 30th Denice Pittman and Randy Kemp joined our church. On September 12th they became Mr. and Mrs. Randy Kemp in a ceremony conducted by Pastor Carl Thompson.

A little background: Randy has been a resident of Mill Creek since 1998 and lives next door to Letta Meinen. Randy and Denice met through Denice's sister, Dana. Randy and Dana have done business together and been friends for 20 years. Randy and Denice starting having dinner together every time he was in Houston. After getting engaged, Denice sold her home in Houston. Randy works for Patrick Ind. in Waco and Denice works for Humana in Austin.

Randy has two grown children, Travis is in a master's program at SMU, and Haley who just started a physician's assistant program at UTMB.