



The Messenger

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Louise Thompson Passes Away

Louise Thompson (Sadie), daughter of Sadie and Joseph Evans, went to be with the Lord on 23 March 2016. She died at home with her loving family at her side.

She was born March 14, 1926 in Youngstown, Ohio. She was married for sixty years to Carl V. Thompson who died in 2004. She made her home in Hubbard, Ohio for fifty years before moving to Copperas Cove in 2000.



She had two sons: Dr. Don W. Thompson of Visalia, California, a retired emergency medicine physician, and Carl V. Thompson Jr. (wife Evelyn) of Copperas Cove, a retired military chaplain and presently pastor of this Church.

She had two grandchildren that she adored, Amy Carlson and Michael Thompson (wife Kelly) of Copperas Cove. She is survived by four great grandchildren: Brady Carlson, Ella Thompson, Liam Thompson, and Libby Thompson.

Louise enjoyed singing, especially in her church choir, cooking, painting, gardening, and just spending time with her family.

Services will be held at the Presbyterian Church of Salado Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 1100. In lieu of flowers the family request memorial gifts go to the Salado Presbyterian Church.

Calendar of Events

Worship Services at 10:00 AM

And Adult Sunday School 9:00 A.M.

- **Tuesdays** - Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8 A.M.
- **Wednesdays** - Choir Practice at 5:30 P.M.
- **March 31** - Louise Thompson Memorial Service 11:00 AM
- **April 3** - Communion Sunday
- **April 24** - Social after Service
- **April 24** - Golf Tournament (Letta Meinen - Coordinator)



Session Highlights- 3/13/2016

- ◆ Fellowship: The Session approved an April golf tournament.
- ◆ Mike Moore reported the church is operating close to budgeted amounts with good cash flow.
- ◆ Walt had two recommendations for worship. 1) Elders serving communion will act as ushers on that Sunday as well. 2) Lord's Prayer will be sung on the last Sunday of the month.
- ◆ Building and Grounds: A) Motion for 325 feet of 6 foot cedar fence carried. B) Motion for security lighting carried. C) The telephone system has been upgraded to include sets in the library, narthex, kitchen and pastor's study.
- ◆ Finance committee: will nominate two individuals to the session to conduct the required yearly financial review.
- ◆ Rip reviewed the Security draft to be presented for approval at the next meeting.
- ◆ Personnel/Finance: Carl M. reported that Carl's approved contract has been received from Presbytery.
- ◆ The next meeting will be 5/15/2016.



Respectfully submitted,
Sara Pettijohn, Clerk of Session

Building and Grounds - Chine Ray



The Session recently approved two significant projects which fall under the responsibility of the Building and Grounds Committee. First, the building of a privacy fence along the West property line. The fence will establish a very visible and attractive property boundary marker as well as adding aesthetically to our property. Before the contractor could begin work, the property line had to be cleared of years of neglected tree and shrub overgrowth. This was accomplished over several days by an, *always willing to help*, group of volunteers. Especially helpful in the completion of this task, was the use of Jim Ery Sr.'s tractor, truck and trailer. Other volunteers: Bill Pinkston, John Pettijohn, Jerry Schleicher and J. R. Lett. By the middle of April, members and guests will see a 325ft. cedar privacy fence along the West property line. The fence will be 6ft. high with steel posts supporting every 7' 10". Provisions have been made to install a gate midway in the fence to allow our Episcopalian friends passage to our property.

The other project approved by the Session is the installation of security lighting for our property focusing on the parking lot and other exterior areas. The Session's primary concern in approving this project was the safety and security of members after dark. This project is part and parcel to a broader security policy soon to be implemented on behalf of the congregation. That policy includes reevaluating our phone and communication status, lock and key control, gun policy, and activity monitors before, during and after services. During this period of reevaluation and study, member input is highly encouraged.

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

	Second Sunday of Easter — April 3	Third Sunday of Easter — April 10	Fourth Sunday of Easter — April 17	Fifth Sunday of Easter — April 24
First Reading	Acts 5:27-32	Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)	Acts 9:36-43	Acts 11:1-18
Psalm	Psalm 118:14-29 or 150	Psalm 30	Psalm 23	Psalm 148
Sec. Reading	Revelation 1:4-8	Revelation 5:11-14	Revelation 7:9-17	Revelation 21:1-6
Gospel	John 20:19-31	John 21:1-19	Luke 10:22-30	John 13:31-35

April Birthdays

Matt	Simon	5
Chelsea	Ervi	6
Bobbie	Dickerson	9
J.R.	Lett	13
Luke	Goodfellow	19

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About our Members and Friends

Louise Thompson passed away on March 23. She will be missed by all in our congregation for her love and dry wit. She has had a difficult time the last couple of years. Pray for her family, especially Carl and Evelyn.

Michael Kelsey has had another cycle of chemotherapy. He and Nancy leave Monday April 4 for Houston. During this visit he will have a scan to determine the size of the tumor, see the oncologist and the radiation oncologist, plus get another round of chemo. It will be a busy three days. Please pray for Mike and Nancy.

Jim Arner is still going through a rehab process while gaining strength.

Barclay McCort lost her sister to cancer. Her sister, Barbara Allison from Bedford, TX, was diagnosed about 8 months ago with acute leukemia. She was a Baylor graduate who taught school for many years. She was the mother of a son and daughter. She was 79 years old.

Walt Tindell will have a pacemaker/defibrillator installed on Friday, 4/1, at S&W He expects to spend the night as his new electronics are adjusted. Pray for a successful surgery and no complications

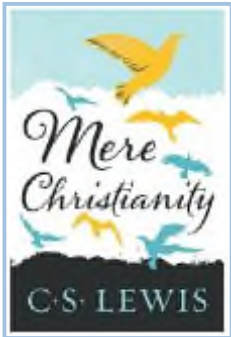
Adult Education

The final study for this spring will begin on April 3. This is an 8-week DVD based study on C. S. Lewis' book Mere Christianity. This is one of the most read and loved Christian books of all time. It began over 70 years ago as a series of radio messages in war-torn London during World War II. The question that is answered in this study is: What relevance does it have today?



The DVD host will be Eric Metaxas who authored our study on Dietrick Bonhoffer. He brings a variety of Christian leaders to help us understand the timeless message of C. S. Lewis in fresh ways for a new generation.

Please join us every Sunday morning from April 3 through May 22. Everyone is welcome. We always have coffee and good Christian fellowship.
Shirley Pinkston



Cleaning the Steeple

On Saturday, 3/26, John Petti-john and Mike Moore pressure washed the church steeple. Mike was the most daring as he balanced on the ridge of the metal roof as he worked around the steeple. The results were great except the top 10 feet were difficult to reach with the washer.



Children's Special Needs Network



Children's Special Needs Network is one of the agencies supported by YOU & ME, the Presbyterian Church of Salado, through our Benevolence fund giving. You are more than welcome to COME & JOIN the families of children having special needs as they enjoy an afternoon of fun, activities, refreshments, and in general, a fantastic time for EVERYONE! For questions or directions contact:
Jeanette West at 254-760-6563.

Saturday
April 2, 2016
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
@ Peaceable Kingdom Retreat Center
Farm to Market 2484
Killeen, TX 76542

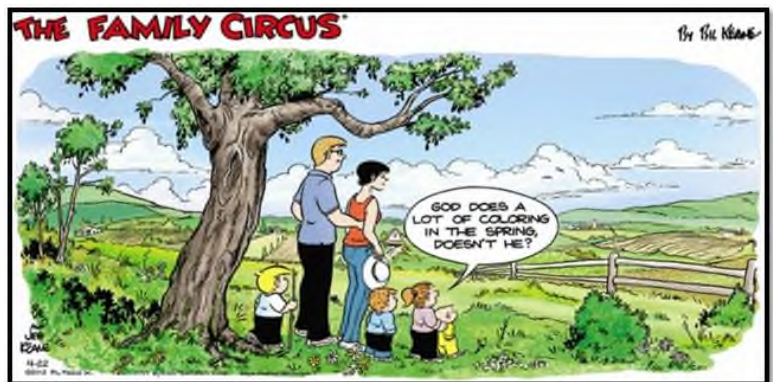
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Benevolence

The Benevolence committee met March 17th. It is the mission of our church to share God's blessings in our lives by giving twenty-five percent of our tithes to those in greater need. The following agencies will receive financial support this period: Body of Christ's Dental expansion program, Presbyterian Children's Homes, Doctors Without Borders, Children's Special Needs Network, the Presbyterian Military Chaplain's fund, Families In Crisis, Fisher House, and Salado Family Relief.

The Benevolence committee uses Charity Navigators when possible to assure the responsible use of our support. An equally important part of our support is prayer for these agencies.

Faithfully In His Service,
Nancy Healey Elder, Benevolence



Things Jesus Did After His Resurrection - Worship (Walt Tindell)

After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. Acts 1:3.

We see three things that Jesus did during that time.

Jesus restored His disciples' faith & gave them hope.

Jesus' crucifixion devastated His followers. In Matthew 19:27 Peter said to Jesus, "We have left everything to follow you." And in John 6:68 he said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." In John 20:9 we also learn that they "did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead."

From the viewpoint of His followers, while Jesus was being crucified, everything they had hoped in and believed in was dying before their eyes.

So after His resurrection Jesus set out to restore their hope.

We see Him appear to a sobbing Mary Magdalene in John 20:15-18. With one simple word, "Mary", Jesus restored her faith and gave her hope.



Then in John 20:19-30 Jesus appeared to the apostles and "showed them his hands and side", which had been pierced for their sin. Then we're told the apostles were "overjoyed when they saw the Lord."

They had misunderstood. What the world had meant for evil, God meant for good.

Jesus taught His disciples how the scriptures pointed towards Him.

As we saw earlier Jesus' followers did not understand what the Scripture said about Him. That's why once their faith was restored Jesus moved to ground their faith through Scripture.

In Acts 1:2-3 where we find Jesus giving the apostles commandments and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

In Luke 24:27 we see Jesus, beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, explaining to His disciples what was said in the Scriptures concerning himself.

And still in Luke 24:32 where the disciples' "hearts burned" as Jesus "opened the Scripture" to them. They once were blind to the truth of the Bible but Jesus gave them spiritual sight.

Jesus sent His followers out to share the good news.

With their faith restored and strengthened, Jesus' final instructions to the Apostles in Matthew 28:19 was to "go and make disciples of all nations" by sharing with the world the great things that Jesus has done.

What does this mean to me today?

- **We have all the proof we need that God's plan will work out as the Bible shows. So don't worry.**
- **Live in faith, trusting the invisible God to do as He has said.**

Maundy Thurs. Pictures



Holy Week

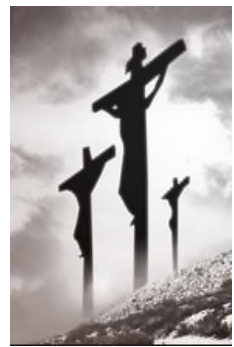
Palm Sunday



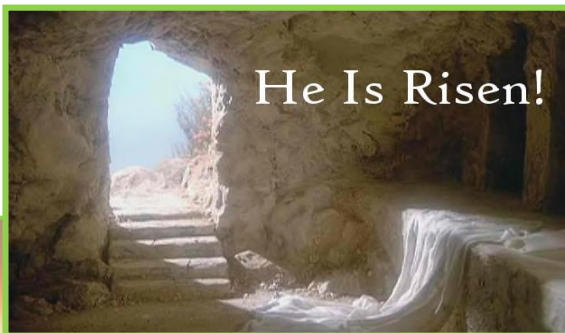
Maundy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday



He Is Risen!



Joyful Easter Colors



“Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!”

