



The Messenger

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TION.

Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

The last week in June was full of good news for our congregation. Mike Kelsey was told by MD Anderson doctors that his cancer markers are low and that it has not metastasized. He is feeling well enough that they will not be doing surgery at this time. We need to continue to keep Mike and Nancy in our constant prayers. Good news does not mean that we stop our intercessory prayers for both of them. It means we pray even harder for continued good news.

Jim Arner is back home out of the rehab center but the process is not over for Jim. He will continue to have home care to build up his strength. Keep Jim and Laquita in your prayers. We know that Prayer makes a difference.



Walt Tindell was released from Scott and White and is back at home. It was great for him to be in church this past Sunday. He continues to gain his strength back, but this will be a long journey for him as he recovers. Keep Barbara and Walt in your prayers since Walt is facing many different health issues.

We were happy to welcome Stan and Bobbie Jackson plus Jeff and Debby Aldridge into our church membership. They are great people and I have really enjoyed getting to know them. We have been Blessed in that, when we lose members, (mainly to moving closer to family), and we wonder how we will ever replace them, then along comes people like the Aldridge and Jackson families. God truly blesses.

Finally, congratulations to Donald and Julie Engelke who were united in marriage on June 24 at our church. What a wonderful couple who God has brought together by His providential love. Keep them in your prayers as they begin their life together as husband and wife.

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Calendar of Events

Worship Services at 10:00 AM

(Adult Sunday School breaking for the Summer)

- Tuesdays - Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8 A.M.
- July 3 - Communion Sunday
- July 18, 25, 28 - Women's Prayer Group (see page 4)
- July 19, 26, 28 - Mixed Prayer Group (see page 4)
- July 23 - Ethel Jones Memorial Service (11 to 2pm - page 4)
- July 31 - Fifth Sunday Celebration and After Worship Social



Carl continued

Now you are probably wondering why I am writing about these things? Everyday, as I listen to the news and hear the political and world commentaries, it is easy to get overcome by bad news. It seems like we focus on the bad and it get us discouraged, so I wanted to share and remind you of our Good News.



God is alive and active in the life of our congregation. God is still in control and will continue to bring Good News to His people. We cannot let down our guard and be overcome by fear and anxiety, God still reigns.

So keep your prayers going up for our members and for the world affairs. *Carl*

Donald Engelke and Julie Herald



Donald and Julie exchange marriage vows on June 24.

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

	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost — July 3	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost — July 10	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost — July 17	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost — July 24	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost — July 31
1st Reading	2 Kings 5:1-14	Amos 7:7-17	Amos 8:1-12	Hosea 1:2-10	Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm	Psalm 30	Psalm 82	Psalm 52	Psalm 85	Psalm 107:1-9, 43
2nd Reading	Galatians 6:(1-6),7-16	Colossians 1:1-14	Colossians 1:15-28	Colossians 2:6-15	Colossians 3:1-11
Gospel	Luke 10:1-11,16-20	Luke 10:25-37	Luke 10:38-42	Luke 11:1-13	Luke 12:13-21

July Birthdays

Evelyn Thompson 7
 Matt Arant 15
 Danney McCort 15
 Anne Marie Wallace 25
 Nancy Healey 27

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About our Members and Friends

Michael Kelsey has completed all chemo and radiation treatments. His pancreatic tumor is “very stable”. The doctors at MDA feel that that surgery is too risky at this time. Please pray that the tumor remains stable with just periodic check-ups.

Jim Arner is finally home. Jim thanks all for prayer, cards, visits and concerns.

Carl Thompson’s aunt, **Linda Evans**, had a stroke, broke a hip, then another brain bleed, went to the hospital, now back home.

Walt Tindell is home after a week in the hospital undergoing heart tests. They have found a process that lowers his pulse rate, so if necessary, it can be reapplied. Pray for strength.

Stan and Bobbie Jackson celebrate their 65th anniversary on June 27th.

Don Engelke’s mother, **Hilda Engelke**, had a stroke that affected her speech pattern and swallowing ability. She is doing much better and residing at Park Place Manor.

Ethel Jones family is holding a memorial service on Saturday, July 23rd at the church. The family will gather from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. A short service to spread the ashes will be at Noon. She was a long time member of our congregation and passed away on Friday April 29. Ethel had moved to Minnesota in June of 2012 to



be closer to her daughter. Her husband Bill passed away while they were members here and his ashes were placed on the church grounds.

Independence Day - from Linda Lloyd

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these rights, are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness".

Reportedly, this is one of the best known sentences in the English language.

Interestingly enough, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, both signers of the Declaration, died on July 4th, 1826, the fiftieth anniversary of its adoption, within a few hours of each other.



July 4th is celebrated in many different ways, the most notable being the fireworks display and a celebration at the National Monument in Washington D.C. each year.

We are so fortunate to live in a country whose founders believed in religious freedom, so much so that they set out on a dangerous journey, at the peril of their very lives, to find a new world where they could be free to worship in any way they chose. Even today, people are still being persecuted for their religious beliefs in many parts of the world.

Our founding fathers were brave enough, and smart enough, to draft a document that would spell out the specific

freedoms, including the freedom of religion, which they fought and died for. That document has stood the test of time for the last two hundred and forty years.

The very first amendment to the U.S. Constitution contains two clauses which guarantee freedom of religion and freedom of expression. Religious freedom and freedom of speech were of the utmost importance to these men-the reason they left home and hearth in search of it.

So this July 4th, when you're eating that hotdog or setting off those fireworks, attending a Ranger game, or watching our nation honor its heroes at the celebration in Washington, D.C., take just a moment to remember the real meaning behind "Independence Day". And utter a prayer of thanks to the Lord God Almighty for all his goodness to you.

"But among the Lord's people, women are not independent of men, and men are not independent of women. For although the first woman came from man, every other man was born from a woman, and everything comes from God". (1 Corinthians 11:11-12)

Wishing you a safe and happy 4th of July,
from a "Merry Heart" - Linda Lloyd



Benevolence Giving - Q2

ATTENDING: Joan Ray, Shirley Pinkston, Cindy Pennington, Jeannette West, Jerry Scheicher
ELDER: Nancy Healey
DATE: June 19th, 2016

Our meeting opened in prayer. The following agencies were agreed upon to receive the following amount for the second quarter of 2016, for a total giving of \$7000.00

Presbyterian Childrens' Homes	\$1000
Presbyterian Military Chaplains	1000
Fisher House-Killeen	500
Salado Family Relief	1500
(in preparation for their August needs)	
Families In Crisis	500
Salvation Army	500
Body of Christ/Dental Clinic	500
Samaritan's Purse	1000
Doctors Without Borders	500

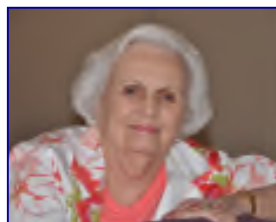
The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Nancy Healy

Obituary Ethel Jones

Ethel McKay (Fletcher) Jones

Ethel McKay (Fletcher) Jones, age 86, passed away in Plymouth, MN April 29, 2016 of breast cancer.



She was preceded in death by parents, Edward & Edith Fletcher and husband, William A. Jones Jr. She is survived by children, Diane O'Brien (Tom), Chris Fink (Cindy), Bill Jones II (Clydette), Robert Jones, Ada Andrist (Larry), Dudley Jones (Lorraine); grandchildren, Kristen, Larry, Jennifer, Gayle, Christa, Ryan, Shannon and great grandchildren known as the littles, you too John Andrist.

Ethel retired as an RN working in the Chicago area. She was an avid golfer, loved to play gin and do needlepoint.

The memorial service will be held in Salado, TX on July 23 from 11 to 2 pm.

New Members - 6/26/16



Stan and Bobbie Jackson Debby and Jeff Aldridge Pastor Carl Thompson
Sara Pettijohn, Clerk

Session Meeting 6/26/16

Call to Order/Prayer: by Rev. Thompson

Roll Call/Status of Quorum: Moderator: Rev. Carl Thompson; Elders: Walt Tindell, Laquita Arner, John Booher, Chine Ray, Rip Van Winkle, Sara Pettijohn: quorum.

Business: Reception of New Members Bobbie and Stan Jackson plus Debby and Jeff Aldridge have met with the pastor and asked to become members by reaffirmation of faith.

Walt made a motion to receive Bobbie and Stan Jackson and Debby and Jeff Aldridge as new members by reaffirmation of faith. Rip seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Carl informed the Session that new Exit signs with lights that operate in case of a power outage have been installed.

Adjournment: by the Pastor
Respectfully, Sara Pettijohn, Clerk

Contemplative Prayer Groups



The contemplative prayer groups started in June. We've been gathering to pray together in community. We're getting familiar with the ancient Christian prayer practice called "lectio divina." This is a reflective prayer practice, where we silently reflect on Scripture and support each other in discussion that follows. Come join us for the July meetings:

Women's Group meets at the Hatchell Residence to pray in the Studio: 6:30-8 July 18 (Monday), 25 (Monday), 28 (Thursday).

Mixed Group meets at the church to pray in the sanctuary: 12:30-2 July 19 (Tuesday), 26 (Tuesday), 28 (Thursday).

You can take advantage of these opportunities, even if you cannot commit to the entire series, by contacting Molly Hatchell (512 228-6423, mhatchell@me.com).

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Bell County's Sacrifice

I was reading an article in the Killeen Daily Herald awhile back about, of all things, license plates. The columnist gave the following statistics.

The state average for DV (disabled vet) tags is 1 in every 173 vehicles. But in Bell County, the average is 1 in every 24 vehicles. The state average for a Purple Heart plate is 1 in every 1,191 vehicles. In Bell County, the average is 1 in every 201 vehicles.



The columnist further stated that "This community has given more to the defense and service to this country, than any other community in Texas, and possibly, in the nation."

He went on to say that the military plates were not "vanity" plates; that they were earned with sacrifice, blood, and valor. He ended the article by saying "That's a lot of sacrifice, that we should all be grateful for."

It made me think of someone else whose sacrifice, blood, and valor, made a difference to the whole world - Jesus Christ, who allowed himself to be tortured, hung on a cross, and died, so that we could have eternal life.

"That's a lot of sacrifice that we should all be grateful."

from a Merry Heart - Linda Lloyd

July Social - 6/26/2016

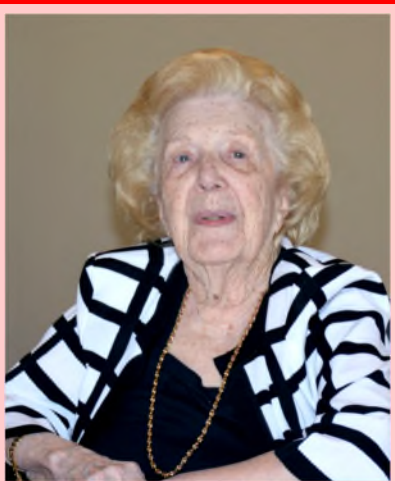
The Men of the Church come through with Burgers, Hotdogs, and lots of Baked Beans!



Jack Goggans
Burger Chef



Good to have
Walt and Barbara
Tindell back in
church.



Martha Harper celebrates
her 95th Birthday!

