



The Messenger

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MONTH'S PUBLICA-
TION.

Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson



Spring is in the air; new life is breaking out all around us. Trees are producing new leaves, Blue Bonnets and other flowers spring up everywhere. This is my favorite time of year.



We are about to leave the Lenten season of the liturgical Year and move into the Easter season, the Holiest of the Christian year. We go from reflecting upon our own sinful nature and our mortality, to the hope of the resurrection. It is because of Jesus' death and resurrection that we too have the hope of eternal life.



This hope is the center of our Christian faith. It is what all the other Biblical teachings are leading up to, that through Jesus we are a forgiven, redeemed people. We were once estranged from God, because of sin, but Jesus paid the price to bring us back into the family of God. This is the greatest gift we could ever receive.

I hope you will worship with us on Maundy Thursday and Easter morning to celebrate that wonderful gift. Evelyn and I wish you a very happy Easter, and pray God's blessing upon each one of you. *Carl*

How many days does Easter last?

The day before Easter is properly called Holy Saturday. Eastertide, or Paschaltide, the season of Easter, begins on Easter Sunday and lasts until the day of Pentecost, seven weeks later.

Calendar of Events

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 AM
Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 AM

- **Tuesdays** - Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8 A.M.
- **Wednesdays** - Choir Practice at 5:30 P.M.
- **April 2** - Communion Sunday
- **April 9** - Palm Sunday
- **April 13** - Maundy Thursday Service- 6:00 P.M.
- **April 16** - Easter Sunday
- **April 23** - Session Meeting after Service
- **April 30** - Social, Church Golf Scramble, and gathering at Staples waiting for golfers

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2017						
2	3	4 Yoga 1 PM	5	6 Yoga 10:30	7	8
9 Palm Sunday	10	11 Yoga 1 PM	12	13 Maundy Thursday	14 Yoga 10:30	15
16 Easter Sunday	17	18 Yoga 1 PM	19	20 Yoga 10:30	21	22
23 Session Meeting	24	25 Yoga 1 PM	26	27 Yoga 10:30	28	29
30 Social Golf	Notes					

The Loss of Michael Kelsey

Michael Wayne Kelsey, age 66 of Belton died Monday, March 27, 2017 at his residence. He was born on August 16, 1950 in Temple to Leo and Virginia Dorene (Cunningham) Kelsey. While his father was stationed on the border of South Carolina / Georgia he completed his college degree. He worked in the appliance business in Temple before joining the Temple Public Library. He was in the Reference and Genealogy Department for 18 years before retiring in 2012.

Michael married Nancy Graff on May 23, 1997 in Temple. They have attended the Presbyterian Church of Salado for several years. Only his illness kept them from joining.

Michael and Nancy have written 15 books in the History and Genealogy categories. Their current work is a book concerning the History of Salado and E.S.C. Robertson of Salado.

He was also a member of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, the Bell County Historical Commission, the Salado Historical Society, the Bell County Genealogical Society, and the Historic Temple Landmark Committee. He also had the honor of being a member of Belton Police Department's CHIPS (Citizens Helping in Police Service) program.

He is preceded in death by his father Leo Kelsey.

He will be greatly missed by his wife Nancy Kelsey of Belton, his mother Virginia Kelsey of Temple, his sister Donna

Gott of Belton, his brother Terry Kelsey of Temple, his step-daughters Ginny Parsons of Virginia and Tina Schreiber of Idaho; his nieces Jackie Blankenship, Nichole Morrow and nephews Keith and Brandon Gott, plus his favorite grand niece Scarlett Gott.



Visitation will be held from 6-8:00PM on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at Hewett-Arney Funeral Home. Memorial services will be held at 3 PM on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at the Presbyterian Church of Salado. Burial will be at 1:00PM on Friday, March 31 at Oakwood Cemetery in Cisco, TX.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Mike & Nancy Kelsey Book Publication Fund (History of Salado and E.S.C. Robertson) in the care of the Bell County Genealogical Society at PO Box 1493 Temple, TX 76503. This book was Mike's passion and he had hoped to live long enough to see it published.

Hewett-Arney Funeral Home of Temple is entrusted with the arrangements.

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

	Fourth Sunday in Lent — April 2	Liturgy of the Passion — April 9	Resurrection of the Lord — April 16	Second Sunday of Easter — April 23	Third Sunday of Easter — April 30
1st Reading	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Isa. 50:4-9a	Acts 10:34-43	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm	Psalm 130	Psalm 31:9-16	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Psalm 16	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
2nd Reading	Romans 8:6-11	Phil. 2:5-11	Col 3:1-4	1 Peter 1:3-9	1 Peter 1:17-23
Gospel	John 11:1-45	Matthew 26:14 to 27:66	John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:13-35

April Birthdays

- Teresa Tolbert 14
- Stan Jackson 20
- Brady Carlson 22
- Lilree Jackson 23
- Linda Latilais 27
- Denice Kemp 28

About our Members

Nancy Kelsey Pray for peace for Nancy and her family as she goes through this time of loss. Also, keep Michael's mother, Virginia, in your prayers, as the loss of a child can be particularly difficult.

Carl Menyherth's Yae Menyherth went into S&W hospital last Tuesday for pneumonia. She is recovering and hopefully will be released for home care soon. She is still weak and having irregular heart activity which is attributed to her age and the pneumonia. **Renita's** daughter, Sherry, is dealing with some health issues and needs our prayers.

Alison, Jeanette West's daughter, had a cyst in the brain start bleeding over the weekend and has spent several days in testing and the ICU. She had an MRI that helped identify the issue. The doctors are puzzled as to how the cyst started bleeding without a major trauma. No surgery is planned at the present time. She's getting steroids to reduce the inflammation. More follow-up will continue as an outpatient. Allison made it home on Monday. Jeanette was with her in the Dallas area returning late Tuesday night. Jeanette thanks us for continued prayers!

JESUS AND THE EASTER BUNNY

I really enjoyed Pastor Sam's sermon on March 19. It's always such a blessing to hear him preach. And his remarks about the "shadow" brought back a really old memory.

I'm not sure exactly how old I was; but I do remember that I was walking down the sidewalk in back of our apartment; and my Grandma called out to me from the porch. When I turned around, I saw my shadow. I guess I was too young to know what it was; and it scared me so badly that I started to cry.

That memory led to other ones, which further led to looking at the old photo that you see here. From left to right, back row, is my Uncle Jack, my Mom's brother, my Grandad, my Mom, and my Grandma. In the same order in the front row, me, my cousin Jill, my brothers Ricky and Merle, and my cousin Jay. (I'm the one with the pouty look on my face. I didn't want to have my picture taken.)

It was Easter Sunday; and we were "dressed to the nines," as my Grandma used to say.

What a fond memory!

Seems like I've been celebrating Easter for a very long time. How very fortunate I was to have grandparents who took me to church every Sunday.



Back then, even though I attended church and Sunday School every week; the only things I really got excited about on Easter were new clothes and shoes, the Easter Bunny, the Easter basket full of goodies, and the baby chicks -pink, blue, and yellow, that my Grandad would bring home in a cardboard box from the local "Feed Store". One time, I even got a big white bunny rabbit with pink eyes.



But now that I'm a grownup with grandchildren of my own, Easter, of course, has a whole different meaning for me. Don't get me wrong now. It's still all about the presents. Or should I say, the present, the very best present of all, Jesus Christ, who died for my sins and came back to life on Easter Sunday.

I can't wait to walk into church on Easter Sunday and hear "Christ is risen." "HE is risen indeed."

Wishing you all a very "Happy Easter."

From "A Merry Heart" - *Linda Lloyd*

Benevolence Giving

The Benevolence committee met March twelfth to evaluate local and international needs. To assess the stewardship of agencies, our committee uses Charity Navigators (CharityNavigators.org) which is an independent source of information regarding organizations' use of funds -what part of every dollar actually reaches those in need. It is a well-respected organization with reliable information and is available to all online.



Our first project we committed to is an exciting one and though international in its' scope, it is "local" because our church is part of the Synod of the Sun which has established an ecumenical ministry of providing solar power to a community or village in need. The project is Solar Under The Sun and for approximately \$3100.00 a complete installation can be provided to a local school, church, orphanage or community center in such areas as Haiti, Honduras, and Kenya. It is a blessing that we were able to do just that-provide one complete setup through your sharing of

blessings received. The Bible teaches us to share one another's burden and soon, somewhere in the world, a little village will keep "their lights on" longer because you care about helping others.



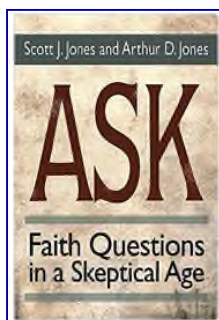
Additionally, the committee agreed to continue support for Body of Christ medical and dental clinics, the Temple Salvation Army, Children's Special Needs Network, and Presbyterian Children's Homes.

Our work could not be done without your support; each of you is a part of our benevolence work which we give thanks.

In Christ Faithfully,

Nancy Healey, Benevolence Elder

Adult Bible Study



The class has just begun the study of Ask: Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age. The lessons will not conclude until May 14 so there is plenty of time for you to benefit from this series. The remaining questions for discussion are:

- April 2--Why Is There Suffering and Evil?
- 4/9--How Can I Believe in Science and Creation?
- 4/16--How Can I Believe in a God I Can't Prove?
- 4/23--Can I Trust the Old Testament?
- 4/30--Are Marriage, Sex, and Family Life Issues?
- May 7--Was Jesus' Resurrection Real?

5/14--Why Do Christians Disagree About So Much?

Please think seriously about joining this study group on their journey of discovery and understanding toward more faithful and fulfilled living.

Please be a part of this time of fellowship, study, coffee, and cookies at 9:00 A.M.

Shirley Pinkston



Letta Meinen on her first visit to the Grand Canyon: "My first views of the canyon and surrounding areas was breath taking. What I saw was God's handiwork that took millions of years to produce. I was in awe of the brilliant colors, it was beautiful."

Chair Yoga Continues

The Session has voted to approve a **Chair Yoga Class** to be held in our recreation room twice a week for a six-month period.

"Benefits of chair yoga for seniors include a better sense of balance, stronger legs and increased self-esteem. This brand of gentle yoga for seniors is performed in a chair for greater safety and relaxed exercise."

There is **no charge** for the class!

- **Tuesday** sessions will be from **1 to 2 p.m.**
 - **Thursday** sessions will be from **10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**
 - **Only 15** can be accommodated in the class.
 - **Tracey Davis** is our Certified Instructor
- Letta Meinen** is coordinating. She can be reached at: 254-947-8073 or 254-466-6207 (cell) and lettameinen@live.com or lettameinen@gmail.com

Building and Grounds - Chine Ray

Building and Grounds: With the installation of the new keypad locking system, final action has occurred in the review and upgrade of the security status of the PCS. Feedback from our members indicates that the new system has been well received and effective. If there are any questions about the system, please contact Chine Ray or John Pettijohn.

I continue to be amazed at the members who step forward to assist or singlehandedly step for-

ward to make repairs or improvements to the building or its surrounding grounds. They do not expect accolades, but I am sure a "thank you" would be appreciated. As I write this piece, I think about Bill Pinkston, Jerry Schleicher, Pete Stebbins, John Booher, Tuesday Prayer Breakfast Group, John Pettijohn and Brad Rehm.

Finally, don't forget to say 'thanks' to our security monitors as they are on duty each Sunday providing a first line security for worshipers.

A Quote:

There is so much good in the worst of us.

And so much bad in the best of us.

That it behooves all of us

NOT to talk about the rest of us!!

From Ellen Staples Dad

March 26 Social



Sloppy Joe's and Baked Beans provided by Evelyn Thompson - Wow!

Barclay McCort as food coordinator



Reminder April 30 Events

- Social of sandwiches, chips, cookies provided at the church following Service.
- Church Golf Scramble. 1:00 pm Tee Time, Mill Creek Golf Club
- Gather at Ellen Staples' for viewing and visiting with golfers. Bring any snacks, hors d'oeuvres or desserts to Ellen's.

Recipe of the Month from Carol Shuck

LOADED CAULIFLOWER

- 1 large head of Cauliflower cut into bite size pieces (approximately 6 cups)
- 6 - 8 strips of bacon cooked and crumbled (Cooked in oven at 400° for 20 mins)
- 6 tablespoons chopped Chives
- 1/2 cup Mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup Sour Cream
- 2 cups Colby Jack Cheese (may use cheddar)
- 8 ounce container of sliced mushroom (optional)



Preheat oven to 425°

In a large pot boil water and cook Cauliflower for 8 - 10 minutes, drain and let cool. Don't need to over-cook this.

In a large bowl combine sour cream, mayo, 1/2 of crumbled bacon, 3 tbs chives, 1 cups of cheese, mushrooms (optional) and cauliflower and mix well.

Place in baking dish and cover with remaining 1 cup of cheese and rest of bacon crumbles. Bake for 15-20 minutes until cheese is melted. Top with remaining 3 tbs chives and serve. **Serves 6**

