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TION.

Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

I want to begin by saying what a great fifth Sunday program we had last Sunday. I want to thank Rev. Gini Norris-Lane for being our guest minister. She did a great job presenting the story in Luke 24, "The Walk to Emmaus," and expertly weaving in what she does as the campus minister at Schreiner University. Nancy, you have a wonderful daughter and you have every right to be very proud of her. I hope we can have Gini back with us again.



Our semi-annual golf scramble was a wonderful success once again. Thank you Letta for organizing it for us. I also want to say, thanks to Ellen and Anita for opening their home for a social both during and after the scramble. Everyone enjoyed your generous hospitality.

It was good to have Bev Jones back with us from North Carolina. It is hard to believe she has been gone three years. Once you are a part of the family of Salado Presbyterian church, you are always part of the family. It was a great homecoming.

I am sorry to say that we are losing two members of our Church family. After much prayer, Stan and Bobbie Jackson have decided to return to the Hill Country. They have been wonderful church family members and will be truly missed. We extend to you - God's blessings as you move to your new home.



We will be moving into our summer activities at the church beginning in June. It is a time to pause, rest, and refresh ourselves. The choir and religious

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Calendar of Events

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 AM

Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 AM

- **Tuesdays** - Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8 am
- **Wednesdays** - Choir Practice at 5:30 P.M. (Last Choir Rehearsal for the Season 5/24)
- **May 7** - Communion Sunday
- **May 14** - Receiving New Members
- **May 28** - "Ice Cream Sundae" Social
- **Chair Yoga** Continues on Tues 1-2 pm & Thurs. 10:30 - 11:30 am

2017 MAY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Yoga 1 PM	3	4 Yoga 10:30	5	6
7	8	9 Yoga 1 PM	10	11 Yoga 10:30	12	13
14 Mother Day	15	16 Yoga 1 PM	17	18 Yoga 10:30	19	20
21	22	23 Yoga 1 PM	24	25 Yoga 10:30	26	27
28 Social	29 Memrl Day	30 Yoga 1 PM	31			

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education program will break for the summer. However, we will occasionally have special music from our talented members of the choir. In addition, we will have a “coffee break” time before our church service where we can catch up with each other before worship.

I remind you that as you travel and worship at other churches, bring me back a bulletin. No, I am not keeping track of your worship attendance. I like to see other churches, “Order of Worship,” and church activities. Have a great summer. *Carl*



Adult Bible Study

The class will be concluding the study of the book: Ask: Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age on May 14.

The following Sunday, May 21, Carl will take questions and answer them on a Sunday when we can "Ask the Pastor ANYTHING."

This will conclude the Spring Adult Bible Study schedule. Have a great Summer and consult the August issue of The Messenger for dates for our back-to-school dinner and resuming class, along with the topic of study. Shirley Pinkston

Services for Yae Menyhert

Services were held for Yae Yamaguchi Menyhert, 89, on April 7th at our church. She was the mother of Session Member, Carl Menyhert.

Yae was born Aug. 14, 1927, in Japan. She worked as a nurse in World War II and the Korean War. She was a homemaker and a furrier. Survivors include two sons, Carl Menyhert of Belton and Louis Menyhert of Virginia; a brother, Shuho Shikida of Tokyo; and two grandchildren.



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

	Fourth Sunday of Easter — May 7	Fifth Sunday of Easter — May 14	Sixth Sunday of Easter — May 21	Sixth Sunday of Easter — May 28
1st Reading	Acts 2:42-47	Acts 7:55-60	Acts 17:22-31	Acts 1:6-14
Psalm	Psalm 23	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	Psalm 66:8-20	Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
2nd Reading	1 Peter 2:19-25	1 Peter 2:2-10	1 Peter 3:13-22	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
Gospel	John 10:1-10	John 14:1-14	John 14:15-21	John 17:1-11

May Birthdays

John Michael 10
 Teresa Tolbert 14
 Stan Jackson 20
 Brady Carlson 22
 Lilree Jackson 23
 Linda Lafiolais 27
 Denice Kemp 28

About our Members

Carol Walls is in the hospital with pneumonia. Pray for God’s healing.

Michelle VanWinkle (Rip and Sharon’s daughter) had a scare last week when she had full blown heart attack symptoms and was taken to the hospital. After tests, it was determined that she did not have a heart attack, but nerve/stress response. A Praise!

Bob Norris, Nancy’s husband, spent several days in S&W last week being treated for an unknown type of bite/infection. Bob is improving, but keep him in your prayers.

Laquita Arner is recovering from knee replacement surgery. She is doing well.

Laquita wants to express a huge “Thank You” for all the support during the recovery process. The prayers, cards, and phone calls have been like loving hugs.

Bobbie Dickerson’s granddaughter, Emily Cropper (in Ohio), had a C-section on Easter. All are doing well, the baby weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. even though 5 weeks early.

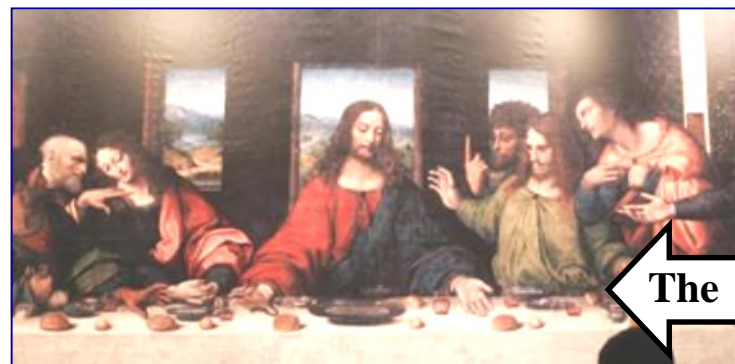
Nancy Kelsey wants the congregation to know how much she appreciates all the prayers, visits, calls, cards, and food from our church family while Michael fought his cancer and for her as she mourns his passing. Special thanks to those that helped with the memorial service.

Maundy Thursday Service

This Service began at 6:00 PM. The service included a light meal and a celebration of the Lord's Supper. Maundy Thursday is the name given to the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover meal with His disciples, known as the Last Supper. It is one of the most meaningful services of the year.

Luke 22:19 *And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.*

20 *Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. KJV*



The Same?

Mother's Day

We will celebrate "Mother's Day" on May 14th. It is only a couple of weeks away. There are as many ways to celebrate "Mother's Day" as there are moms to be celebrated.

Some moms are given gifts -flowers, chocolates, cards, money, or perhaps a gift card. I think most moms get phone calls from their children on that special day.

Other moms get treated to a "Spa Day," breakfast in bed, or perhaps just a "day off" from their normal household chores.

I have already prepared the gifts for my Mom and have them ready to mail. But she is not the only person that I will honor on that day. I have also addressed

several other cards to be sent out to my "other Mothers."

You see, to my way of thinking, "Mother's Day" is not just about my Mom or your mom. For me, "Mother's Day" means a whole lot more.

I see it as a day to celebrate all the women who have made a difference in my life. It is my opinion that "Mother's Day" is about any woman who has ever made a difference in the life of a child (or a grown up) for that matter.

My list includes my precious Aunts, who've been so good to me over the years, and my dear friends and mentors, Marge and Ruthie, who have been wonderful examples of what a Christian woman should be. Then there's my friend Kate. She and I forged a bond in grade school that time has not diminished. Dorothy (another special friend) and I met

when our children were babies. (I'll let you guess how long ago that was). And of course there's Beverly, my best friend for almost 30 years now. We were co-workers.

These women, and so many others, are the ones who know all about me and love me anyway. They have cared for me, nourished me, uplifted me, cried with me, and laughed with me. One of the greatest gifts God ever gave me is the love of these women.

How blessed am I? And how blessed are you? Who is on your list of "other mothers"?

Wishing you a very "Happy Mother's Day", from a very "Merry Heart"
-Linda Lloyd.



A Note From Molly (Hatchell)

I have good news! In March, my presbytery determined that I am ready to begin ministry as a teaching elder. . . that means I have permission to start the process of seeking a call for ordained ministry. Currently, I am leading a contemplative prayer group, guiding people through spiritual direction, and working towards my certification in contemplative leadership. My main goal now is to discern where I can best serve God and have the courage to act on it.

I share this news with you because you have been so influential on my path towards ministry. Your worship, church school, and sermons have guided me for many years. For example, as early as January 2010, one of Carl's sermons helped me to sense that God was calling me to commit more fully to ministry: to move from a Master of Theological Studies program to the Master of Divinity program at Austin Seminary. He preached on how God has given us gifts to be used for the glory of God and to remember, if nothing else from the sermon, that "the Church needs you." I took it to heart.



Also, your mission project in 2014, to partner with Austin seminary by offering Supervised Practice of Ministry, was a major influence on my path. With your love, patience and kindness you all helped me to learn about parish ministry. I am in awe of God leading me to this wonderful church community with such a gifted pastor/teacher/mentor as Carl. I

On my path towards ministry!



will always sense that summer as a beautiful present from God to nudge me towards the ordained ministry process.

Even after my internship in 2014, your prayers, encouragement, opportunities for leadership, and the continued mentorship with Carl, have continued to help me along my path. I'm reminded when I reflect on these things of Carl's recent sermon on "mission essential personnel." Carl talked about how we are important to God not only by helping to spread the gospel, but also in helping each other. He said, "There is no better grace moment than when I can learn something about God's love from your love and caring." Thank you for all the grace moments!

A World of Need - Nancy Healey

Recently Britt and I traveled to Lusaka, Zambia, to visit our son John, daughter-in-law, Jessica, and our two grandchildren – three-year old Junie and 14-month old Enno. First, I must tell you I prayed constantly for safe travels and was amazed at the peace I felt as we flew 8000 miles to reach the "young Healeys". Jessica is with USAID providing maternal/child resources for improving the overall health of families. John is an independent photographer and just completed a video project funded by John Hopkins. Jessica works from the American Embassy which is well-regarded by the locals. Zambia is more Christian than any other religion.

While it was a joy, beyond description, to be able to hug our family, the poverty we saw was heartbreaking. The roads are paved -sometimes- but mostly red dirt with ruts. John has an older Land Rover that amazed me as it slogged through mud in a small village where he took me to assist a mom experiencing the newness of her first pregnancy. She and her husband had all sorts of concerns and no health clinic near to seek advice. People may complain about our health care here, but after seeing how others are struggling, we have no reason to complain, but should rather give thanks.



We also saw a preserve for baby elephants who have been orphaned by poachers who killed their mommas. These babies (500 pound babies) are fed with liter bottles many times a day. There is an organization one can contribute to help maintain "baby elephant orphanages."

We had a remarkable trip, but I couldn't help but think about how our benevolences are such a blessing to many people around the world, not just in need, but rather, in desperate need. And yet, we met people, who though so desperately poor were not the in least "poor in spirit" for they were joyfully "in Christ". Frequently through bright smiles they said, "Bless You!"

I want to thank you for your prayers for us during this trip! Nancy Healey -Chairman of Benevolence

April 30 Events

- ⇒ Fifth Sunday Celebration.
- ⇒ Our Social after the Service
- ⇒ Church Golf Scramble.
- ⇒ Gathering at Ellen Staples'



"It was such a pleasure to visit the Presbyterian Church of Salado this weekend. I was welcomed "home" by everyone. God bless my church family in Salado." Love, Bev Jones



A Gathering of Fabers



It was Windy!

Letta, The Master Score Keeper

