



The Messenger

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH AND
LET IT BEGIN WITH ME.
(FEBRUARY 2019)

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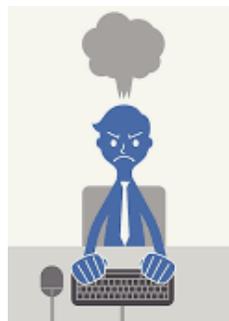
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Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson



Last week was an interesting week for me when it comes to computers and printers at the church. Both printers I use stopped working, and the laptop in the church library was also not working correctly. Those things can make me so frustrated.

I worked and worked on the printers to get them working, John Pettijohn, after seeing my frustration, after working to get the wireless printers working without success, suggested I uninstall the printer drivers and reinstall them. I did this once before to no avail, but this time I went to the printer manufacturer's web-site and downloaded new drivers. Guess what, it worked. The latest Microsoft updates had corrupted the old drivers.



The laptop from the library had the same problem - the Microsoft updates corrupted the drivers for the mouse and the USB ports, making them inoperable. We're still trying to repair them.

As I sat there struggling with these issues, I decided to stop this from ever happening again. I would turn off Windows updates. Why go through this frustration every time they put out an update? No change, no pain for me. Good idea, yes?

After further thinking about this solution, the rational Carl took over. No updates meant I would receive no security updates and no fixes or improvements to the software. Those things are very important to protect me from new attacks on the computers. Just leaving them alone would allow the bad guys, who are working every day to find ways to steal my information, a better chance of succeeding. Not improving the system would be a very bad choice. Updates, and improvements are absolutely essential, no matter how frustrating they can be at times.

OK, you are probably asking, "How does this affect me?" We must make sure we are constantly updating our spiritual lives. This can be hard and frustrating at times.

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Calendar of Events

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 am
Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 am
Men's Prayer Breakfast Tues. 8 am
Chair Yoga Tuesdays and Thursdays
Choir Practice on Wednesdays at 5:30

- Feb. 3- Worship with Communion
- Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day
- Feb. 24 - Monthly "Valentine Day" Social

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FEBRUARY 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	Yoga 1 PM	Choir 5:30	Yoga 10:30	8	9
10	11	Yoga 1 PM	Choir 5:30	Yoga 10:30	15	16
17	18	Yoga 1 PM	Choir 5:30	Yoga 10:30	22	23
24	25	Yoga 1 PM	Choir 5:30	Yoga 10:30		
Social						

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Change does not come easy, especially when we try so hard to live a stronger spiritual life, and we allow ourselves to believe, "Update Unsuccessful." We need to put aside these thoughts, because they are so deadly to one's spiritual life. They prevent our spiritual growth. If we want to grow, we must yearn or long for God, and reach out to constantly learn. Our faith cannot remain static, without growth.



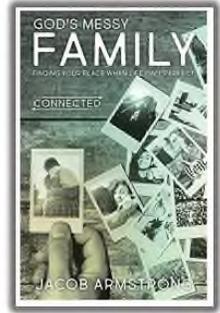
When we don't strive to update, to grow in our faith, we are putting ourselves at risk of attack by the evil one. For our own protection, we must strive for spiritual growth every day and pray that we will see, "Update Successful!" God bless you, *Carl*.

Adult Sunday School

Our study of God's Messy Family by Jacob Armstrong will continue through the 10th of February. This is a study of Abraham and his family in Genesis. It emphasizes their weaknesses and how God reacts to them, relating those to our families

The last two Sundays of February, we will study two of Paul's very brief letters: Titus and Philemon, using the scripture itself as our text. I hope you will join us as we have discussion and fellowship on Sunday mornings, along with our coffee and cookies, and receive a blessing as you participate with us in studying God's word.

- Feb. 3--"Promise Maker and Keeper"
- Feb. 10-"The Beauty of Imperfection"
- Feb. 17--Titus
- Feb. 24--Philemon ----Shirley Pinkston



Shirley referred these books in January:

- The One Year Walk with God by Chris Tiegreen
- Devotional Classics by Richard Foster ****
- Practicing the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence ****
- Don't Know Much About the Bible by Kenneth C. Davis
- Daily Guideposts 1999 **** in church library

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

	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany - Feb. 3	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany - Feb. 10	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany - Feb. 17	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany - Feb. 24
1st Reading	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Isaiah 6:1-8	Isaiah 17:5-10	Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm	Psalm 71:1-6	Psalm 138	Psalm 1	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	1 Cor. 15:35-38, 42-50
Gospel	Luke 4:21-30	Luke 5:1-11	John 6:17-26	Luke 6:27-38

February Birthdays

- Robert Harper 1
- Barclay McCort 4
- Ellen Staples 5
- Cindy Pennington 8
- Pat Rehm 9
- Randy Kemp 9
- Chris Gengler 12
- Betsy Tyson 13
- Laquita Arner 19
- Jim Ervi, Sr. 19
- Claire Hartman 26

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About our Members

Carol Booher has occupational and physical therapy twice a week. In addition an RN visits weekly, while John has daily duties. Recently Carol has been able to join us in church. Pray for increased strength, no complications and the continued effectiveness of her special medications.

Martha Harper is under Hospice Care at home. Pray for comfort.

Betty Gengler's daughter, Amber Harvey, will be having surgery to remove fibroid tumors on Feb. 14th and will be in the hospital for 2 days. She will need bed rest for at least 2 weeks. Betty will join Amber in Ohio for several weeks. Pray for a successful surgery, no complications, and rapid healing.

Julie Goggans's thyroid surgery found a malignancy which was removed. As a preventive measure, she will undertake a radiation process in early February. The special diet that is required leading up to this treatment is not agreeing with her system. Pray that the treatment is successful and bearable.

Anita Johnson is now in Hillsboro at Wesley House, a senior residence/care center. More details to follow. Please keep Anita and Ellen in your prayers.

Joyce Goza would like to again thank all the members of our church for the cards, calls, and prayers during her illness. She needed those prayers! She wishes blessings on all and her prayers remain with us.

Ordination of Elders



On January 13th, three members were ordained as Elders. Shirley Lett, Part Hart, and Evelyn Thompson were ordained as ruling elders and will be added to the Session, which is our governing body, responsible for the business of our church.

“Ordination is the act by which the Church sets apart persons to special specified offices; in the case under consideration here, the office is that of ruling elder. The service of ordination and installation is to focus on the joy and responsibility of serving Christ through the mission of the church. During the service, the newly elected elders are asked to reaffirm their faith; to attest to Scripture; to be led by the confessions of the church; to fulfill the office of elder; to be governed by the church’s government; to follow Jesus and love our neighbors; to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church; to serve the people of the congregation, and to be a faithful elder. A part of this service is the laying on of hands.”

Shirley Lett -

“To be elected to fulfill this position in our church is quite an honor! Thank you for having the confidence in me to carry out these duties as expected.”



Pat Hart - "I want to be on the Session because I am happy to answer God’s call to serve my church in any way I am able."

Evelyn Thompson - “When asked to be on the session, I had mixed emotions. Having been a long time Presbyterian, I knew it was an honor to be asked. After much prayerful consideration, I knew God was calling me to step up and continue to serve Him. I am on the session because of my love for God, our PCUSA denomination, and His people at the Presbyterian Church of Salado. Thank you for trusting me to be His servant in this way.”

Session Meeting - 1/13/19

The elders of the Presbyterian Church of Salado held a stated session meeting on January 13, 2019. The clerk asked for approval of prior minutes, rolls, and registers which was given. Randy Kemp reported on the Presbytery meeting of December 1, 2018. The clerk posted the following stated session meeting dates for 2019: March 10, June 9, and October 13.

The 2019 budget was presented by Treasurer, John Pettijohn, and approved. Reports were given by the following chairs: Shirley Lett, fellowship; Nancy Norris, worship; Carl Thompson for Joyce Goza, personnel/finance; Randy Kemp, building and grounds; Pat Hart for Pat Rehm, benevolence/outreach; Evelyn Thompson, education; and Pete Stebbins, communications. Details of these reports will be presented at the congregational meeting January 27.

Pastor Carl Thompson reported that the congregation as a whole is doing well. The Main Street sewer expenses will not involve our property and our septic system is working. Letters will be sent to area Presbyteries to aid in our pastor search. A mock interview may be held in order to fine tune our interview questions.

Items to be placed on the March 10 agenda include development of a 2019 theme, clarification of PCS policy on alcohol on church property, and a report on the February 23rd Presbytery meeting which will be attended by Pastor Carl Thompson, Evelyn Thompson, and Pat Hart.

Submitted by Pat Hart, Clerk of Session



Progress is being made as we stone the back and west sides of the church. Stone had been added to the front and east sides several years ago. We will now have a beautiful stone church which makes it more difficult for rodents to enter.

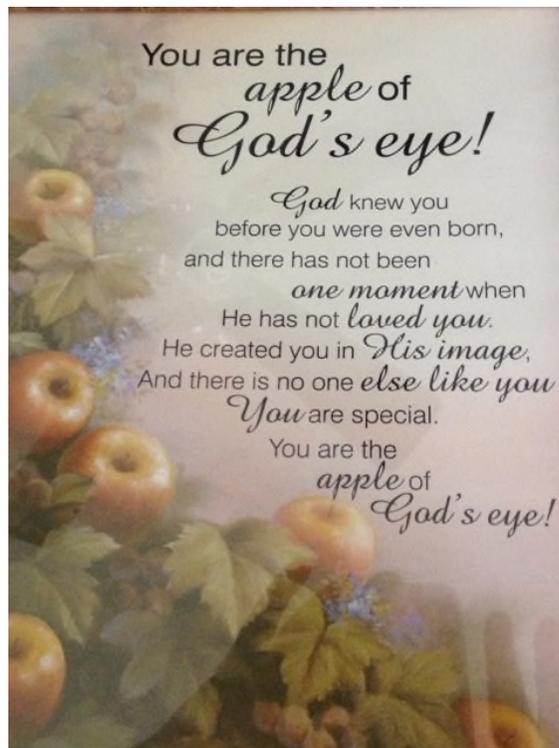
THE APPLE OF GOD'S EYE

Thinking about apples brings a lot of thoughts and memories to my mind. I think about how red and juicy they are, how pretty they look in the grocery store display when they're all polished up, just waiting for somebody to buy them, and how the juice runs down your chin when you take that first bite. And I think about candy apples, which I absolutely loved as a child. Every time I went to the fair, I just had to have one. And of course, I always remember Adam and Eve and that apple which got us all into so much trouble.

One of my happiest apple memories is about a man called Mr. Taylor. He was the janitor at my grade school. He worked there before I got there; and was still there when I left. He was a quiet man, never had much to say. But he always had a smile and a nod when you passed him in the hall.

I felt kind of sorry for Mr. Taylor because he spent most of the day in the dark, cold basement of our school. Not to mention the fact that his job included cleaning up the mess when one of us got sick in class. But he never seemed to mind. He'd just come in with his mop and bucket and a little container of sawdust to soak up the smelly mess. Then he'd get out his broom and dust pan, and lastly, he'd mop the floor clean.

Mr. Taylor lived just a ways up the street from my house. And on Halloween my friend Kate and I would make sure to go "Trick or Treating" at his house. He had the best treats. And they were the same ones every year.



We'd walk up the sidewalk to the front porch, ring the doorbell, and wait with great anticipation for Mr. Taylor to come to the door. When he opened it, what a wonderful sight would greet us! Right by the door, would be a big bushel basket. Can you guess what was in it? Why, apples, of course. Big, red, juicy, "Delicious" apples. I'm pretty sure mine never made it home. We thought Mr. Taylor was "just it."

But most of all, when I think about apples, I think about God. I think about his love, and how he sent Jesus to die for me and my sins. There are several places in the Bible that talk about "the apple of the eye." And I love to think about being the apple of God's eye; because it shows how much he loves me, and that he cherishes me and will always protect me against the evils of this world. And it guarantees my place as "the apple of His eye" even unto eternity.

"Happy Valentine's Day" from a Merry Heart. *Linda Lloyd*

Prayer Labyrinth

Have a little time before or after a church activity? Check out the new prayer labyrinth, tucked in a corner of the Salado Sculpture Garden opposite PCS. It was built in December as the Eagle Scout project of Connor Cook, 2nd from right, a Salado High School senior. Connor is the son of Carl and Kathy Cook. Kathy is a co-worker of one of our members, Cindy Pennington.

The labyrinth is just a two minute walk from our parking lot, across the sculpture garden grounds (between the sunflower and the boar, then across the creek (there's a bridge). Appropriate footwear is recommended -- it can be muddy in the garden.



Labyrinths have been used for centuries to facilitate prayer and meditation. A labyrinth is a geometrically designed walking path leading to and from a central point.

January "Comfort Food" Social

The term comfort food has been traced back at least to 1966, when the Palm Beach Post used it in a story: "Adults, when under severe emotional stress, turn to what could be called 'comfort food'—food associated with the security of childhood, like mother's poached egg or famous chicken soup." They are believed to be a great coping mechanism for rapidly soothing negative feelings.



Retired from Session



Much Comfort



On February 24, our social will be a belated Valentine's Day celebration! You will be expected to make your sweetie pie's favorite dish and bring along an old "back in the day" photo of you to share.



Recipe for Pecan Crisps

- 1 cup soft butter
- 1 cup light brown sugar packed
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg, separated
- 2 cups sifted flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup finely chopped pecans



Cream butter and sugar until light. Beat in vanilla and egg yolk. Add sifted dry ingredients and 1/2 cup of pecans; mix well. Press into greased 15"x10"x1" pan and brush top with slightly beaten egg white. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup pecans. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) about 25 minutes. While warm, cut into 50 bars. Remove at once to rack. ---Shirley Pinkston