



The Messenger

BE JOYFUL IN HOPE, PATIENT IN AFFLICTION,
FAITHFUL IN PRAYER. ROMANS 12:12
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Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

Time is flying by so fast this year. I hope you all had a good summer. I am looking forward to lower temperatures and maybe more rain the next few months. I love the last quarter of the year. I look forward to Halloween, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. I know this can be a stressful time. Please slow down and smell the roses along the way. Put things into their proper perspective and ask yourself, "Will life really come to an end if I don't get this done?" I am sure in most cases the answer is a resounding, "NO!" Time is short, enjoy your family and friends.



In October we celebrate World Communion Sunday, and I am happy knowing Presbyterians started it all in 1936. Yes, in 1936, for the first time, the first Sunday in October was celebrated in Presbyterian churches in the United States and overseas as World Communion Sunday. From the beginning, it was planned, so that other denominations could join in and after a few years, the idea spread beyond the Presbyterian Church.

The sacrament of Communion is a special service for Christians. It symbolizes God's faithfulness and love for us through His death and resurrection. Jesus tells us to do this, "in remembrance of Me." This Sunday we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Come and celebrate with Christians around the world, what Christ has done for us. St. Paul said, "We are all partners in the



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Calendar of Events

- Sunday Worship at 10:00 am.
- Communion on First Sunday each mo.
- Men's Prayer Breakfast Tues. @ 8 am.
- Chair Yoga 1 PM Tuesdays and 10:30 AM Thursdays
- Oct. 9 - Session Meeting after Worship
- Oct. 20 - Women's Devotion - 3rd Thurs.
- Oct. 30 - Fifth Sunday Speaker from Presbyterian Children's Homes
- Oct. 30 - Social after Worship

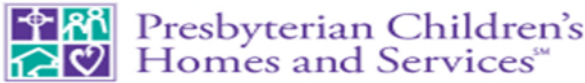
October 2022

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Carl's Comments Continued

Gospel," that phrase aptly describes our relationship to those around the world with whom we share this celebration of bread and cup. That relationship cuts across national, racial, social, denominational, and ethnic differences. It is based on an elemental spiritual truth: WE ARE ALL ONE FAMILY OF GOD.

On the last Sunday of October, Madison Randeniya, Development Officer of Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services, will present information about her agency to the congregation during the service.



A covered dish dinner will follow the service. Shay will have sign-up sheets out for you to sign up to bring a dish - please let us know what you will bring.

God Bless you.
Carl & Evelyn



Common Lectionary Readings (Carl will change topics at times due to requests - especially in the Summer)

	17th Sun. after Pentecost - Oct. 2	18th Sun. after Pentecost - Oct. 9	19th Sun. after Pentecost - Oct. 16	20th Sun. after Pentecost - Oct. 23	21th Sunday after Pentecost - Oct. 30
1st Reading	Lam. 1:1-6	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Jeremiah 31:27-34	Joel 2:23-32	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm	Psalm 137	Psalm 66:1-12	Psalm 119:97-104	Psalm 65	Psalm 119:137-144
2nd Reading	2 Timothy 1:1-14	2 Timothy 2:8-15	2 Timothy 3:14- 4:5	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12
Gospel	Luke 17:5-10	Luke 17:11-19	Luke 18:1-8	Luke 18:9-14	Luke 19:1-10

Oct. Birthdays



- Ann Faber 4
- Trish Stebbins 5
- Barbara Tindell 9
- Joan Ray 16
- Linda Lloyd 20
- Jeff Aldridge 21
- Barbara Harper 26
- Jerry Schleicher 30
- Jeanie Miller 31

About Our Members (and Prayer Requests)

Betsy Tyson fell Thursday night and broke her hip. She had surgery to repair the hip joint on Friday afternoon. The surgery went very well. She is walking with assistance. She expects to move from the hospital to a rehab facility this week where she will have frequent physical therapy sessions daily. Pray for no complications, continued pain control, and rapid healing.

Bill and Shirley Pinkston both have COVID. Bill was first and is showing improvement. Pray that Bill continues to get better and Shirley starts a rapid recovery.

Joan Ray has a brother, **Bob Utley**, 80, who lives in Huntsville, Alabama. His lung cancer has returned. This is the second bout since dealing with it a couple of years ago.

Bob is special, as the middle child, between two girls in the family. Surgery has been scheduled on Oct. 25 so pray for success.

Matt Haynes, the grandson of friends of Evelyn and Jerry Matthews, who was diagnosed with leukemia, is starting a new chemo treatment. This every two week treatment is intense and requires some hospital time. Please continue to pray as they treat and monitor Matt's progress.

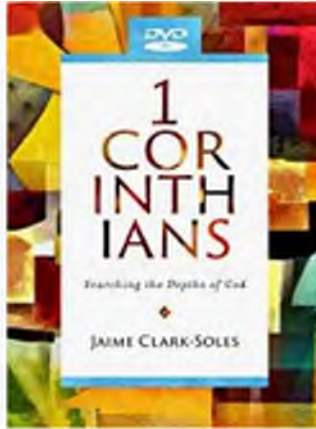
Trish Stebbins has an intestinal malady that has gone on for months. A recent colonoscopy may have uncovered the underlying issue. Pray that this new treatment is successful. **Pete Stebbins** has a wound that has required many medical visits. A skin graft is now in place. Pray for healing.

Adult Bible Study -Shirley Pinkston

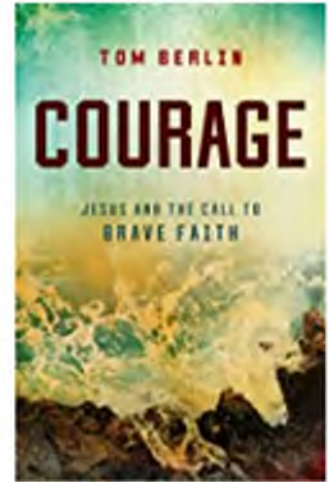
We have reached the midpoint of our study of I Corinthians. We have discussed Paul’s attempts to settle disputes among the converts in Corinth. He covers sexual ethics and discusses the fact that just because we have freedom does not exempt us from fulfilling the “logic of the cross”- putting others needs before our own, in love.

In the last three lessons, we will consider problems that arise when we gather as a church, as well as, spiritual ethics, and how to consider our bodies, both earthly and spiritual. I am looking forward to sharing Paul’s words and hearing your thoughts on these topics.

On October 23, we begin a series of lessons entitled Courage: Jesus and the Call to Brave Faith by Tom Berlin. Books will be available Sunday, October 16.



In commenting on this study, Adam Hamilton said something I heartily agree with, “We need courage now more than ever.” I look forward to looking at the ways Jesus exemplified courage in different places and with all sorts of people. Also, we will talk about what courage looks like in the Christian life today as we seek to follow Jesus in everything we do.



I hope you will join us for this study, even if you’re never come before. We meet Sunday morning at 9 AM and enjoy the fellowship with coffee and cookies.

Shirley Pinkston

Third Quarter Benevolence



Third Quarter contributions:

Doctor’s Without Borders	\$ 500.00
Fisher House (Ft. Hood)	500.00
Heart and Hands Ministries	300.00
Presbyterian Children’s Homes	1,000.00
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	1,000.00
Community Chair Yoga	650.00

Total for the quarter was	\$ 3950.00
Total Year to Date	\$17,269.00

Total benevolence paid out to date is:
24.5% of our regular offering.



Leftover Adult Bible Study Cookies do not go to waste!

PASS IT ON - Linda Lloyd

After listening to the pastor's message this morning about sharing God's blessings, several thoughts crossed my mind. My first thought was to refresh my memory on what the Bible says specifically about blessings. Apparently, it has more to say than I remembered. There are at least 83 verses which include the word "bless" or "blessing."

The very first blessing from God to man is found in Genesis 1:28:

"God blessed them, and God said to them, be fertile and multiply".....

My favorite, one I memorized as a child, is found in Numbers 6:24-26:

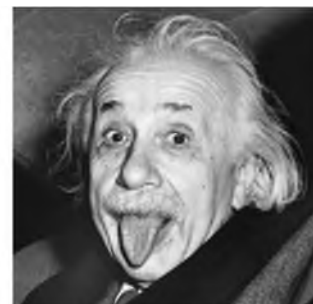
"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you. May the Lord be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

The next thing that came to my mind was the "Pass It On" campaign. You've probably seen one of their billboards on the interstate or heard one of their commercials on television. You might have seen one of their ads in the movie theater.

For those of you who are not familiar with this campaign, it is a public service put on by "The Foundation for a Better Life," whose self-proclaimed purpose is "to communicate values that have a positive impact in our

communities," for example, honesty, hard work, and optimism.

One of their billboards shows a picture of Albert Einstein with his tongue hanging out. The caption reads, "As a student, he was no Einstein. Confidence. Pass it on."



I was also thinking about a couple of songs I've heard that are called "Pass It On." I'm sure that you're familiar with one of them because we've sung it in church before. It talks about passing on God's love. The other one is a country tune performed by an artist called Ryan Hurd. You can listen to both on YouTube. The one by Ryan Hurd may give you a chuckle.

By this time, you're probably wondering what all these things have to do with the pastor's sermon today. My point is simply this. **There are many ways to share our blessings, and so many blessings to share.**

To quote an old song written by the "Easter Brothers," way back when, "Thank you Lord for your blessings on Me." Please show me all the ways I can share them with others.

From a Merry Heart - *Linda Lloyd*

♪ Musical Notes ♪

What a blessing it was to have Bonnie McEver Estes, pianist/vocalist, to lead in worship with music on Sunday, September 18th. She uses her God-given talent in her original compositions and familiar scripture-based choruses. Her interpretation and presentation of favorite hymns reawakened these meaningful traditions of our faith in our hearts and minds. Not only were we blessed by her music, but Bonnie communicated that God, through our congregation, also enhanced her time of worship as well. Because of your gracious reception, Carl has suggested she be invited again for another unique worship experience.

How refreshing it was to have a "revised version" of our 5th Sunday specials on a 3rd Sunday as we "get back on track" with our church opportunities. There will con-



tinue to be other types of music in worship for our congregation, including other guests. We can especially look forward to more opportunities of music from our own choir under the direction of Shay VanWinkle. With September the Adult Choir practices are back in full swing on Wednesday afternoons from 4-5 p.m. There is always room for YOU to join our choir! No auditions required, just a love for your Lord, a love for music, and a desire to help lead in our worship experience on Sundays!

"I will sing the Lord's praise, for He has been good to me." Psalm 92:1 NIV

Sharing in Christ's Service & Ministry,
Jeanette West, Organist

September 11 Social



From Pastor Carl Thompson on Sunday 9/25:

Every day, start your day with this prayer:

“Lord, as your blessings flow to me, may they continue to flow through me, for the good and encouragement of others.”

