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acceptable in this particular setting. “She made me mad, and she knows what kind of temper I have.” Or, “All those people are like that, not like me.”

We somehow decide that our sins (arrogance, lying, greed, gluttony, outbursts of anger) are not so bad, because we are in the “good guy club” and the sins of people not like us (murderers, adulterers, homosexuals, idolaters) are the ones God really hates.

News Flash: God hates all sin. He doesn't have a “sins I can get along with” category. God is opposed to the proud and gives grace to the humble. Humility, recognizing our common ground, our flaws, propensity for sin, need of God's grace will help us combat this sin.

My message, your message, has to be... God has a fix for that. God offers forgiveness, and we have to battle our impulses toward sin. It creates an air of hypocrisy to condemn “them” and justify “us”. Jesus does the justifying, we are only justified. We must remember that and let that be our message to everyone, no matter what habit of sin ensnares them.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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I enjoy music. I always have, but I've let it become more of my life in the past few years. Fred, Dennis Staub and I play over at Kenwood a few times per month, and we play in other settings a few times per month. Like any habit, it takes a while for it to become ingrained, but once there, it takes root and grows.

At this point my day doesn't seem normal without strumming a guitar, mandolin or playing a little fiddle at some point. Janet and I worked on her mandolin playing last night. She made the comment, “You need to push me to play a little more. It isn't a habit but I like it.”

Habits can be positive or negative. They can help us grow and develop or they can move us into isolation and darkness. From a negative stance, sin is very habit forming. Once we give ourselves permission to have outbursts of anger, or to hold sinful attitudes about other people, it can become a way of life. We begin to use all kinds of rationalization about why our sin is just or

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SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
Worship Service—10:45 am
Afternoon Service—1:15 pm

WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study—7:30 pm
Youth Group—7:30 pm (@ Feril's)

ELDERS: Richard Brensing, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,
Terry Sallee, George Shelton

DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel

TREASURER: Richard Brensing

Worship Order for January 26, 2014

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
GATHERING SONG: No. 123—The Steadfast Love of the Lord
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 4:7-21 (Ben Sizemore)
SONGS: No. 148—I Keep Falling in Love with Him
No. 709—How Sweet, How Heavenly
No. 121—Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing
No. 448—The Greatest Commands
PRAYER: Tom Turner
SONG: No. 701—My Jesus, I Love Thee
COMMUNION: Jon Mansel
Orrin Feril
Joe Sallee
Chris Mansel
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 959—Just a Little Talk with Jesus
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 915—Trust and Obey (vs 1)
PRAYER: Ned Marks

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Welcome Visitors

We are pleased you have joined us in worship—please come again!
We also invite you to stay for potluck lunch today.

Youth Notes

- Meet Wednesday at 7:30 pm at Carl & Janet's
- Monday lunch here tomorrow for the high school

Ladies Bible Study

The next ladies Bible study is scheduled for Saturday, February 22nd, at 9:00 am here at the church building. A volunteer is needed to prepare a light breakfast. Please read through the lesson on Esther in preparation for the class & discussion.

VBS—Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School is being planned for May 27, 28, 29—with a picnic on Friday, May 30. Mark your calendar and be thinking of ways you can help!

New Minister at Stafford

We are excited for the Church of Christ at Stafford, who recently hired David Harlow as their new minister. David and Cindy will be moving from Sylvia to Stafford soon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Chet Lyons 1/30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jeff & Lory Scott 1/26

Memory Work for 2014

Mark 4:21-25

Prayer Requests

Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) - still in the hospital at Stafford; scheduled for more tests
Wilbur Kinnamon—as he adjusts to being at the Leisure Homestead in Stafford
Marilyn Thornburg's daughter, Joy—recent surgery
Gunter Family (Tulsa, OK) - as Maxx & Mason recover from recent procedures
Baylee Sizemore's Aunt Suzanne—chemo
Danny Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - health concerns
Eldon Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - improving
Katherine Suiter—health issues
Dena Mansel—health concerns
Phyllis Staub—Kenwood Plaza
Vic Staub—Kenwood Plaza
Laura Wyatt—Kenwood Plaza
Dorothy McIntire—Pratt Care Center
Janis Murphy—cancer
Theo Birkett—Tara's mother
Margaret Marks (Ned's mother) - declining health
Rebecca Hunley—cancer; more treatments
Ethan Feril—Carl's nephew; deployed to the middle east
Barbara Schuette—Marla's half-sister
Jim Sorensen—Tara's brother-in-law; brain tumor
Jim Soukup—Gingrich's son-in-law (Shari's husband)
Eunice Rice—long term care in Stafford Hospital
Heather, Dixie Hornbaker's granddaughter in England; slowly improving after her surgery

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