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tism. But make no mistake, this doesn't earn anything for you. The gift was given 2000 years ago.

The Bible also talks about a process of ongoing change. This is where a bitter and tattered heart is transformed into a pure vessel of godliness. This is a further evidence of that surrender. The goal is not self improvement. We aren't trying to be the best men and women we can be. We are being changed into the image of God. Jesus calls us to be "perfect, as your Father in heaven is perfect." The Father is our standard for perfection, holiness, and forgiveness.

Lots of Scriptures deal with this topic. Luke 6:37 *"Don't judge, and you won't be judged. Don't condemn, and you won't be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."* We need to learn to forgive, like our Father forgave us. It is about transformation of the heart. It is freeing a bitter, self absorbed person to see beyond themselves. It calls us to share a mission, a nature that is above this life. We become whole as we place our hurts, pains, and troubles before God and take on his forgiving spirit. To fail traps us in a world that can never bring peace.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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He who does not forgive burns the bridge over which he himself must cross.

God, at his own initiation, set about a process by which we must be forgiven. Make no mistake, the biggest part of it you have no part in. Jesus, coming into this world, being the perfect sacrifice through his obedient life, submitting to death, rising victorious by the power of God's Spirit.... Those are things you and I had no part in. Through that sacrifice we have the power of forgiveness secured in an act sealed for all time.

That we learn of this sacrifice and trust in the power of that act to forgive our sins, is the key to life eternal. A life of surrender that turns from the old ways of selfishness and self direction to a path of godliness and God direction is called repentance in Scripture. God has left us direction to move through a physical picture of the entire process of being buried to a resurrected life in an act his word describes as bap-

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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 February 9, 2014

SONG LEADER: Richard Brensing
GATHERING SONG: No. 141—Heavenly Father,
We Appreciate You (vs 1)

WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3:1-4 (Kade Kinnamon)
SONGS: No. 166—He's My King
No. 140—Love Divine
No. 246—Let Me Be a Sacrifice
No. 671—Purer in Heart, O God

PRAYER: Orrin Feril
SONG: No. 239—In Moments Like These
COMMUNION: Tom Turner
Ned Marks
Fred Johnson
Chris Mansel

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 538—My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (vs 1,2,4)
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 915—Trust and Obey (vs 1)
PRAYER: Garland Mansel

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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.

Ladies Bible Study

The next ladies Bible study is scheduled for Saturday, February 22nd, at 9:00 am here at the church building. 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 (6:30 pm).
We'll have a picnic on Friday, May 30. Mark your calendar now!

Mission Efforts

As reviewed in the budget meeting last week, these are the current mission efforts we are supporting:

- **Mexico**
 - Rick Owens
 - Jorge & Latisha Serrano
 - Ubaldo Cardona Villegas
- **Kansas**
 - Silver Maple Camp
 - Know Your Bible
 - Michael & Alyssa Thys
 - Minneola
- **Other**
 - Stacy Sikes, Hands of Compassion
 - Ron Maynard, Fishers of Men
 - Dennis Rosenbaum, Mid-Hudson
 - Black Hills Bible Camp
 - Cats for Christ @ K-State

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jon Mansel 2/10 Vicky Mansel 2/13

Memory Work for 2014

Mark 4:21-25

Prayer Requests

Marilyn Thornburg—scheduled to have surgery on her right hand February 11th in Great Bend
Diane Manilla (Meagan's sister-in-law's mother) - cancer; to have a procedure soon
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother)
Wilbur Kinnamon—at Leisure Homestead in Stafford
Marilyn Thornburg's daughter, Joy
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
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

Please give Janet any new information for the prayer list, as well as updates on those already listed.

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