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cure morality in our children and churches without ever connecting to God. In many ways I am humbled by some of the moral teachings of men like Peter Singer, in his book *The Life You Can Save, Acting Now to End World Poverty*. But Peter Singer would tell you he has no belief in God and acts in many ways to oppose him.

Good behavior, motivated by a desire to be a better person, can be noteworthy, even admirable. But without a motivation seated in the nature and character of God, it is not godliness. Godliness is not defined exclusively by activity. While all godliness is good, not all goodness is godliness.

James gives us some insight. He cautions that we cannot with the same mouth bless God and curse man, made in the image of God. He shows that our treatment of others is determined, not by their behavior, their political affiliation, military allegiance, or racial background. Our treatment of others is based on the fact that they are made in the image of God.

Godliness is always rooted in God. If we would do anything positive it must come from that source. It is, after all, who we seek to serve.

*Grace and Peace,  
Carl*

*Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.*

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A parent stands over a child who has been given a candy bar. She explains to the child that the polite thing is to share the candy with the friend who is there with them. "I don't want you to appear selfish, and if you are going to eat it now, you have to share it." This is a parent teaching a moral lesson.

Another parent stands with a child who has received a candy bar. She mentions how good the candy bar is going to be. The chocolate will taste wonderful, the caramel so smooth and the nougat center will be the sweetest thing ever. Since this goodness is such a prized gift, it will be even more precious if it is shared with someone who would never experience it without the child's sacrifice. Joy is always sweeter when experienced with others. This is what Jesus showed us by sharing his life with us. This is a parent trying to teach godliness.

There is a vast difference between good moral behavior and godliness. We can se-

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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 16, 2014

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker  
GATHERING SONG: No. 23—Our God, He Is Alive (vs 1)  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 46 (Orrin Feril)  
SONGS: No. 490—It Is Well With My Soul  
No. 484—You Are My All in All  
No. 492—Only in Thee  
No. 31—Be Still and Know  
PRAYER: Tom Turner  
SONG: No. 325—Boundless Love  
COMMUNION: Richard Brensing  
Ned Marks  
Chris Mansel  
Fred Johnson  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
SONG: No. 716—Sing to Me of Heaven  
LESSON: Dennis Rosenbaum (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 922—Jesus Paid It All (vs 1)  
PRAYER: George Shelton

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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.

### Guest Speaker

Dennis Rosenbaum will be speaking this morning. Dennis leads a mission effort that we help support in New York.

### Ladies Bible Study

The next ladies Bible study is scheduled for this coming 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.

### Men's Retreat

The Stafford Church of Christ is planning a men's retreat for March 8th. The guest speaker will be Rick Eldred of Boulder, CO, and the topic is "The Life of Joseph."

### Ladies Day

The Emporia Avenue Church of Christ in Wichita is hosting a Ladies Day on Saturday, March 22nd. More information is expected soon.

### 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!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Phillip Koelsch 2/17**

**Hannah Sallee 2/18**

**Loyd Ratts 2/18**

**Shirley Shelton 2/21**

### Memory Work for 2014

Mark 4:21-25

### Prayer Requests

**Phyllis Staub**—had surgery yesterday to help with healing an infection in her foot

**Marilyn Thornburg**—had surgery on her hand last week

**Bonnie Guthrie** (Kay's mother) - moved into Kenwood Plaza last week (Room 17)

**Kay Kinnamon**—has an infection in her leg

**Wilbur Kinnamon**—at Leisure Homestead in Stafford  
**Diane Manilla** (Meagan's sister-in-law's mother) - cancer

**Marilyn Thornburg's daughter, Joy**

**Baylee Sizemore's Aunt Suzanne**—chemo

**Danny Ivy** (Marilyn's brother) - health concerns

**Eldon Ivy** (Marilyn's brother) - improving

**Vic Staub**—Kenwood Plaza

**Laura Wyatt**—Kenwood Plaza

**Dorothy McIntire**—Pratt Care Center

**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

Congratulations to **Kade Kinnamon**—who is to be inducted into the National Honor Society this afternoon.

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