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smallest of details.

Before I am misunderstood, I am not speaking about questions like, “Is Jesus really the Christ?” Or a question like “Does the blood of Jesus atone for the sins of Christians for all time?”

Regrettably, we have had some brothers look at other brothers with suspicion and division over how communion is observed. Not should it be observed (which is what Jesus asked of us), but how we observe it (passing emblems, walking to the front to get the emblems, what kind of containers it should be served in, or who could hand one emblem to the next person). If others haven't used the same process as the process they have been familiar with, then the accusations and the pouting begins. Soon motives are brought into question, then lines are drawn.

The thinking seems to be, “Since God likes our way, he can't like their way.” If their way is “new” or organized a bit differently than what we have done, the thinking turns to “my way must not be okay anymore. God must be loving me less.”

We have to see God's love as bigger, and our behavior for what it is.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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We have competition showing up in the family now. It isn't severe, but it is clearly there. As Mara becomes more mobile and more engaging, her older brother has become more anxious about securing his place for attention and possessions. Jayce doesn't like that she can be “cute,” because that implies that he is “less cute.” Now as Papa Carl and Grandma, we don't love one more than the other. We don't... but it doesn't stop his concerns.

Older brothers are like that. When Jesus told the story of the Prodigal Son, there is an older brother there who struggles with the same issue.

Churches have struggled with the same issues for years. They've worked diligently to assure that their teachings are accurate. That is commendable because we want to accurately represent what God has said to a lost world. Unfortunately, the effort to be right shifts to being “more right”. There develops a need to compare what we teach and believe to others around us in the

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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 March 2, 2014

SONG LEADER: Richard Brensing
 GATHERING SONG: No. 103—He Has Made Me Glad
 WELCOME: Tom Turner
 SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 1:7 (Cole Kinnamon)
 SONGS: No. 702—Fellowship Medley
 -No. 703—I Love You with the Love of the Lord
 -No. 704—Bind Us Together
 -No. 705—A Common Love
 No. 709—How Sweet, How Heavenly
 No. 781—Thank You, Lord

PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon
 SONG: No. 287—There Is a Redeemer
 COMMUNION: Tom Turner
 Clint Kinnamon
 Ben Sizemore
 Jon Mansel

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
 SONG: No. 96—I Stand in Awe
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
 SONG: No. 738—Take the Name of Jesus with You (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.

Baptism

We rejoice in the baptism of Baylee Sizemore last Tuesday evening, by George Shelton

Men's Retreat

The Stafford Church of Christ is planning a men's retreat for March 8th, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Rick Eldred of Boulder, CO, will be speaking on the topic of "The Life of Joseph." Cost is \$25 per person, which includes breakfast and lunch. RSVP is requested to 620.234.5107.

Ladies Bible Study

The next ladies Bible Study is scheduled for Saturday, March 22 at 9:30 am. Study the lesson on Hagar in preparation.

VBS—Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School is being planned for May 27, 28, 29 (6:30 pm), with a picnic on Friday, May 30.

Thank You

Rick Owens recently sent us a thank-you note for the many years of support of the work in Mexico. Please read the note posted on the bulletin board.

Memory Work for 2014—Mark 4:21-25



HAPPY Belated BIRTHDAY!

Orrin Feril 3/1

Prayer Requests

Carol Gingrich—In Hays Medical Center last week
Vernon Bartlett (Vicky & Lory's father) - in Hutchinson Regional Medical Center last week
Phyllis Staub—back at Kenwood Plaza after a stay in the hospital at Pratt for treatment of infection
Marilyn Thornburg—recovering from hand surgery
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) - Kenwood Plaza (Rm 17)
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
Wilbur Kinnamon—Leisure Homestead—Stafford
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
Jack McCawley—long time friend of Garland, who participated in the mission work in Mexico; Jack is in Rehab in Pratt
Willie Reed (Director of the Recovery Program at the church where Dennis Rosenbaum preached in New York); Willie had a massive heart attack last week and your prayers are requested.

Daylight Saving Time
Starts NEXT Weekend!



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