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Rebecca Culver-Turner (Tom/Pam's daughter-in-law) practices. When we end up seeing each other at these trainings we sometimes attend different events because our needs are different.

The same is true in workshops like Tulsa. There are big city, small town, elderly, youth, prison, children's, women's and ethnic focuses, Some people work more with one group than others. Some have more curiosity about one than the other.

I may walk away from one class thinking, "Where did they come up with that?" while the next class I leave challenged to do something I've never tried. Some folks have you laughing, then someone else has you crying.

I came back this year more aware than ever that we have a far more diverse fellowship than we could ever imagine. Some people grew up in the same town, experienced the same church traditions, and sang most of the same songs all of their lives. Others have only been following Jesus a few months or years and are filled with excitement and enthusiasm. But they follow the Christ, all of them. We each, from our own sinful broken place, pick our way through the rubble and disorder of life toward the straight and narrow way. We don't climb over the same barriers, but we all have barriers. We don't have the same limitations, but we all are limited. But we move together toward a God who embraces any child that calls for him. That is the real point. When we are raised in newness of life, determined to follow a Savior, the journey begins with the same ultimate goal. It is exciting to serve such a great God.

*Grace and Peace,  
Carl*

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

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Janet and I spent a few days in Tulsa this week. We enjoyed lots of Bible classes, great fellowship, and renewed some long time friendships. I want to express my thanks to our elders here who allow me the time away, and reimburse our expenses for professional development. It is something I don't take lightly.

When I attend classes, as a minister or as a therapist, I try to find the most challenging topics I can locate. I want to be pushed to think, to reflect and to re-evaluate. There are times I am overwhelmed by material, the depths and richness so great that it is hard to wrap my head around. There are other times that I listen but recognize some flaw in the thinking that doesn't ring true, understanding that it won't work for me. Sometimes I just nod my head in agreement that the information aligns with my own experience and seems to confirm what I've already discovered, but nothing really new.

We had all those experiences this week, in the same way I had those experiences a few weeks ago at the Kansas therapist convention. Now, I am through with "continuing education" until next fall.

One thing that I learn at things like this is, we live in a big diverse world. We don't all start at the same place, move at the same speed, or focus on the same details. As a therapist I practice a style of therapy that is different from what someone like

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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 23, 2014

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon  
 GATHERING SONG: No. 103—He Has Made Me Glad  
 WELCOME: Tom Turner  
 SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 3:8-18 (Orrin Feril)  
 SONGS: No. 622—Ring Out the Message (vs 1, 2)  
 No. 624—Seeking the Lost (vs 1, 3)  
 No. 719—Love One Another  
 No. 791—On Bended Knee

PRAYER: Richard Brensing  
 SONG: No. 367—The Scars in the Hands of Jesus  
 COMMUNION: Gary Hornbaker  
 Ben Sizemore  
 Jon Mansel  
 Teddy Gingrich

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
 SONG: No. 470—Victory in Jesus  
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
 SONG: No. 947—Jesus is Tenderly Calling (vs 1)  
 PRAYER: George Shelton

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### Welcome Visitors

We are pleased you have joined us in worship—please come again!

### Sympathy

**Janice (wife of Tom's friend, Charlie, in Louisiana)** - she passed away a week ago.

**Jack McCawley**—long time friend of Garland, who participated in the mission work in Mexico; received news last week that he has passed away.

**Bonnie Dudrey (Stafford)** - passed away last Thursday. Services are to be held in Stafford tomorrow.

### News from Mexico

An update and pictures were recently received from Ubaldo & Maria Cardona in Chihuahua, Mexico.

### Ladies Bible Study

The next ladies Bible Study was re-scheduled to this Saturday, March 29 at 9:30 am. Please study the lesson on Hagar in preparation.

### VBS—Coming in May

Vacation Bible School - May 27-29, with a picnic on May 30.

**Church Website** - [www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org](http://www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org)

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Kay Kinnamon 3/25**

**Lory Scott 3/25**

### Prayer Requests

**Brenda Mansel Reno**—back pain; impending surgery  
**Serena Neidig** (Teddy & Carol's daughter) - health concerns

**Sarah (Messick) Ballard**—stroke; last news was that she is staying in Wichita & being closely monitored by her physicians; her activity is limited with plans for a C-section in about 4 weeks; physicians can't treat her brain injury until her baby is born

**Clarence Messick** (Sarah's father) - scheduled for total hip surgery March 25

**Bonnie Guthrie** (Kay's mother) - broken shoulder

**Nick & Kara Neidig**—expecting a baby in May; a heart malformation has been found in the baby—they are seeing doctors at Children's Mercy in Kansas City

**Olive Bartlett**—health concerns

**Carol Gingrich**—health concerns

**Phyllis Staub**—Kenwood Plaza

**Marilyn Thornburg**—recent hand/wrist surgery

**Diane Manilla** (Meagan's sister-in-law's mother) - cancer

**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; Dixie reports that Heather is improving