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people who have a right to dictate his behavior. God is not some “grandfatherly” figure who awaits our indication of preference before reaching into his pocket to buy it for us.

We ask, knowing our prayers will be folded into the context of his eternal purpose. We understand that this life is temporary, that the wants and wishes of this world and we as his children while in it are transient in nature. So, we approach him with humility, entreating him to hear our desires, knowing he listens.

We seek his face, desire his attention and long to see him recognize us, as we turn from sin in our growing in his grace and service. We know that as we abandon our rebellion, returning to his will, that God removes our sin from us as far as the east is from the west.

We seek truly only one thing in this world. We seek God’s approval. We try to walk as his children, in his presence and in the light. Nothing else will satisfy, nothing else will sustain us.

May God grant you grace, mercy and forgiveness this week as you seek his face.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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If you use a smart phone or tablet and are not making use of Biblegateway, you are missing out. This morning their verse of the day was 2 Chronicles 7:14 *if my people who belong to me will humbly pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.*

Now, it would be a violation of Scripture interpretation (hermeneutics) to fail to recognize that God had given Israel, as a nation, specific promises about a land inheritance as they crossed the Red Sea and the river Jordan. God has not made that promise to modern nations and there is no indication that God has a chosen nation today, only a chosen people, the Jesus followers. So, don't get the idea that this is saying if "America" or any other nation turns to God that he will restore prominence or make them a world power.

If God's people, the New Jerusalem, the church, the kingdom of God... those called disciples, will increase dependence on God, there are a great many promises about God's loving and embracing those disciples.

How would we do this today? Humbly approaching God in prayer implies something about our understanding our place. We don't approach God as

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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 May 4, 2014

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
 GATHERING SONG: No. 103—He Has Made Me Glad
 WELCOME: Tom Turner
 SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 8:34-38 (Joe Cornwell)
 SONGS: No. 616—The Way of the Cross
 No. 699—I'll Be a Friend to Jesus
 No. 548—The Lily of the Valley
 No. 764—Teach Me Lord to Wait
 PRAYER: Garland Mansel
 SONG: No. 364—Come, Share the Lord
 COMMUNION: Richard Brensing
 Orrin Feril
 Ben Sizemore
 Jon Mansel
 MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
 SONG: No. 976—I Shall Not Be Moved
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
 SONG: No. 911—Bring Christ Your Broken Life (vs 1)
 PRAYER: Teddy Gingrich

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Welcome Visitors

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

Mother's Day

We will have NO potluck dinner next Sunday, May 11th, since it is Mother's Day.

High School Senior Celebration—May 25th

Please note the date has been changed for our celebration for our high school seniors, **Kade Kinnamon** and **Maddy Lippoldt**. It will be Sunday afternoon, May 25th, at 1:30 pm. Please plan to be here to share in this special time with Kade and Maddy.

Area High School Graduations—May 17

Macksville @ 10:00 am

Stafford @ 2:00 pm

St John @ 4:00 pm

You are invited for dinner at Trent & Hannah Sallee's on May 17th (115 S Monroe) from 5-7 pm to join the family in celebrating Maddy's graduation.

Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, May 27th through
 Thursday, May 29th—with a picnic on
 Friday, May 30th.

Times for Tuesday—Thursday:
 6:30—8:15 pm.

Time for picnic on Friday:
 6:00—8:00 pm.



Crocodile Dock

This is a great opportunity to teach children in our community. The Bible stories will be about Moses. Volunteers are needed for the float in the Jubilee Parade on May 24th—riders and candy-throwers!

VBS Workday will be Sunday afternoon, May 18th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Trent Sallee 5/8

Prayer Requests

Nick & Kara Neidig—new parents of Landon, who was born on May 1st
Baylee Sizemore's Aunt Suzanne—Leukemia that was in remission is now back and worse. Her treatments are increasing and are difficult. Your prayers are requested.
Dennis Lyons (Chet's brother) - viral infection in ear that is causing hearing loss
Charlene Lyons (Chet's sister-in-law, Dennis' wife) - health concerns; improving
Sarah (Messick) Ballard—health concerns; new baby
Pete Witt—deteriorating health
Brenda Mansel Reno—back pain
Diane Manilla (Meagan's sister-in-law's mother) - cancer
Danny Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - health concerns
Eldon Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - improving
Theo Birkett—Tara's mother
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)
Vic Staub—Kenwood Plaza
Phyllis Staub—Kenwood Plaza
Laura Wyatt—Kenwood Plaza
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) - Kenwood Plaza
Dorothy McIntire—Pratt Care Center
Wilbur Kinnamon—Leisure Homestead—Stafford
Margaret Marks (Ned's mother) - declining health
Eunice Rice—long term care in Stafford Hospital

MEMORY WORK—MARK 4:41

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