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who is right, who is above the other. It is tangled up with some unhealthy things, poor losing, pride, the inability to rejoice with those who are rejoicing because we are nursing our own egos.

In church settings it can be disruptive of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace as we get lost in arguments over the details of Scripture, while losing sight of the bigger picture.

We know many examples of this, of fighting over communion cups, worship style songs, or which Bible version to use. All foolishness in the grand scheme of things. We don't go to heaven because we get it all right (and we never will). We go to heaven because we are in a family relationship with Jesus. We experience new birth and his grace covers our sins. The cross of Christ becomes the dividing line between the old way and the new way.

Race if you want to, play tag, rush from here to there, but remember this... both the tortoise and the hare finish the race. We are to focus on how we run, not who we beat.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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I saw this picture this week and had to inwardly smile.



For many, it is all about the race. If you watch the little ones after Bible class or worship, it is all about tag, or racing. They rush from one area to the other with parents reminding them to slow down, to not knock others over.

I know that when we get out of the pizza place on Sunday nights, the very first thing Jayce will say as he walks out the door is, "Let's race."

There is something pretty natural about competing. The idea of who is the best,

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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

ELDERS: Richard Brensing, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,
 Terry Sallee, George Shelton

DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel

TREASURER: Richard Brensing

Worship Order for June 15, 2014

SONG LEADER: Richard Brensing
 GATHERING SONG: No. 71—As the Deer
 WELCOME: Richard Brensing
 SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 2:15-17 (Ned Marks)
 SONGS: No. 957—This World is Not My Home
 No. 991—This is My Father's World
 No. 788—Lord, Take Control Medley
 -No. 789—Father
 -No. 790—Lord, Take Control
 -No. 791—On Bended Knee

PRAYER: Terry Sallee
 SONG: No. 349—Ten Thousand Angels
 (sing all four verses, then chorus)

COMMUNION: Gary Hornbaker
 Orrin Feril
 Jon Mansel
 Fred Johnson

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
 SONG: No. 859—When All of God's Singers Get Home
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
 SONG: No. 947—Jesus is Tenderly Calling (vs 1)
 PRAYER: Joe Cornwell

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Welcome Visitors

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

Silver Maple Camp

Young Adult Retreat:

June 27-29 (for college-aged students)

Youth Camps:

Session #1—July 6-12 (Ages 8 to 13)

Session #2—July 13-19 (Ages 13 to 18)

Session #3—July 20-26 (Kids of all Ages)

Day Camp:

July 9-10 (Ages 6-8) 9:15am to 4:00pm each day

Early registration is always best! Go to the camp website for details of all camp sessions: www.silvermaplecamp.org. Talk to Richard Brensing about payment for the week you select.

Update on Sara (Messick) Ballard

This is an excerpt from an email that Lori Messick sent out about Sara:

"The surgery will be Tuesday morning at approx. 7 am. If all goes well, she should be out of the hospital by Friday and headed home on Saturday.

It is a cavernous hemangioma on the left front lobe near the surface. Once it is removed it will not regrow. She has an 85% chance of no more seizures, and they will monitor her for several months to determine if they are still present. It is located very near her speech center and that is the doctors greatest concern that she could have problems with. The doctor was confident that this was only a slight risk and we will just have to wait and see. After coming home Sara will have several restrictions including not being able to lift anything or bend over or be by herself for at least 2 weeks.

Thank you everyone for your continued support and prayers over the last several months. It is comforting to know that so many people have taken time out of their busy lives to do so many things for our family in this time of need. I could not have done it without all my friends and family."

Prayer Requests

Nick & Kara Neidig—Landon & Kara came home from Kansas City last week
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) - Leisure Homestead
Don Hornbaker—Kenwood Plaza
Brenda Mansel Reno—recent back surgery
Maggie Harris (Lisa's mother) - recent knee replacement
Baylee Sizemore's Aunt Suzanne—Leukemia
Dennis Lyons (Chet's brother) - ear infection; hearing loss
Charlene Lyons (Chet's sister-in-law, Dennis' wife) - health concerns; improving
Diane Manilla (Meagan's sister-in-law's mother) - cancer
Danny Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - improving
Eldon Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - improving
Theo Birkett—Tara's mother
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
Wilbur Kinnamon—Leisure Homestead—Stafford
Margaret Marks (Ned's mother) - declining health

Eastwood Church Wednesday Series

See schedule posted for opportunities to hear area ministers. This week Ron Kruckenberg, will speak at 7:00 pm.



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