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God is portrayed as faithful, compassionate, attentive, and powerful. That God uses his power in response to the faithful dealings of these individuals in their immediate crisis is designed to confirm to us that we have a God who cares and acts to preserve his people.

So, how you act in that business dealing or in that crisis should be reflective of your faith in God. If we pattern our lives after the lives of those Bible heroes, we recognize that it was the seemingly little things that made the greatest difference.

The New Testament epistles, mainly written to people coming from paganism to a new way of life lists repeated examples of transformational behavior. To liars, lie no more. To thieves, live with honesty and integrity. To adulterers, your life has to be characterized by faithfulness and compassion in the new way of living. Things as small as gracious speech, compassionate words rather than being harshly judgmental, become touchstones of faith and discipleship.

Rather than the Bible being old and irrelevant, it is vital and transformational. It becomes the foundation for seeing how to allow the will of God to be reflected in us.

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

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We return today to the theme of Increasing our Focus on the Scriptures so that we might do the will of God. One of the great delusions that I see being accepted by too many is that the Bible is a great book but is only talking about things from long ago. Nothing could be further from the truth!

The Bible is the story of God's interaction with mankind. Within the story, written over a long period of time, God reveals himself to us in points of the looming crisis of individuals and groups.

Joseph is cast into a pit by his brothers and is sold into Egyptian slavery... it looks like nothing can turn the tide and that his life is destined for obscurity and heartache. Instead, God demonstrates his plan through Joseph that results in the preservation of Israel, as well as personal blessings on Joseph's life as he remains faithful to God.

That general theme is seen in the story of Abraham, Moses, David, and other lesser known Bible heroes like Samson, Gideon, Deborah, and Ruth.

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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 July 6, 2014

SONG LEADER: Richard Brensing
 GATHERING SONG: No. 155—Highest Place
 WELCOME: Tom Turner
 SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 12:28 (Chase Mansel)
 SONGS: No. 153—Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down
 No. 23—Our God, He Is Alive
 No. 77—Glorify Thy Name
 No. 797—Lord, We Come Before Thee Now (v 1, 2, 4)

PRAYER: Teddy Gingrich
 SONG: No. 287—There Is A Redeemer
 COMMUNION: Orrin Feril
 Chris Mansel
 Gary Hornbaker
 Jon Mansel

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
 SONG: No. 864—Where the Gates Swing Outward Never
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
 SONG: No. 947—Jesus Is Tenderly Calling (vs 1)
 PRAYER: Jeff Scott

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Welcome Visitors

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

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Shane & Beth (Brensing) Sampson on the birth of their daughter, **Rory Louise**, born July 4th. She weighed 7 lbs, 3 oz, and was 19 1/2" long. Her big brother is Dylan; proud grandparents are Richard & Shelly Brensing.

Silver Maple Camp

Youth Camps:

Session #1—July 6-12 (Ages 8 to 13) **THIS WEEK!!**
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 **THIS WEEK!!**

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.

Black Hills Bible Camp

Family Camp—August 3 through 9

Carl and Janet are planning on making the trip again to South Dakota for this camp session. If you are interested, talk to them or you can find details on the website: www.blackhillsbiblecamp.org

Happy Birthday!

Lisa Cornwell 7/6

Baylee Sizemore 7/7

Happy Anniversary!

Chet & Marla Lyons 7/9

Prayer Requests

(Please provide updates to Janet)

Sharon Dunlap (Cheryl Rugan's mother) - recent back surgery
Nick & Kara Neidig, big brother Easton and baby Landon—Landon is home and continues to do well
Sara (Messick) Ballard—recent surgery
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) - HomePlus in Stafford
Don Hornbaker—Kenwood Plaza
Brenda Mansel Reno—recent back surgery
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 & Phyllis Staub—Kenwood Plaza
Laura Wyatt—Kenwood Plaza
Wilbur Kinnamon—Leisure Homestead—Stafford
Margaret Marks (Ned's mother) - declining health

Eastwood Summer Series

The Eastwood Church of Christ (2500 N Plum) in Hutchinson, KS is having a summer series with lessons given by area ministers/leaders. Carl is scheduled to talk this Wednesday, July 9th, at 7:00 pm.

Youth Group

Youth Group will resume once school is back in session.

Church Website - www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org