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members is awe inspiring. He has rallied others to assume projects and led the way in so many areas there.

It would be short-sighted to mention Tom's efforts at camp without mentioning Pam's efforts at well. For years she served as an adult counselor, losing sleep and encouraging the development of faith in many young women. In recent years she has transitioned to camp cook, serving with others in multiple sessions of camp.

Pam and Janet have been close friends, sharing a bond as sisters during some of the most difficult times in each of their lives. Both Tom and I have been humbled by the sacrifices the two of them have made to be supports to us in our individual ministries and collectively.

Paul calls out people by name to commend to various churches during New Testament times. The Hebrew writer speaks of those of whom the world is not worthy. I hold both of these friends in that same context.

So when Tom speaks today, recognize how long he has worked to prepare his material. Understand the sincerity and respect he has given the task. Then listen to the things that he says on behalf of God this morning.

Grace and Peace,
Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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Janet and I made it safely to the Northern Hills church where I will preach this morning. We have about a 30 year relationship with some of the folks there and it is wonderful to see how God has worked in and through them to touch a region of the Dakotas. One of the things that makes working with the camp in the Black Hills so special is the opportunity to continue to influence the church in that region.

Today and next Sunday Tom is preaching in my absence. Janet and I have about the same duration of relationship with Tom and Pam. We've done lots of ministry things together over the years and helped raise each other's kids. I don't take the opportunity very often to extol their virtues, but I will today.

Tom has as powerful a servant's heart as anyone I've ever known. He works in an untiring way on any kind of project that might promote the kingdom of God. What he has done to ensure the viability of Silver Maple Camp, along with his co-board

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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 August 3, 2014

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
 GATHERING SONG: No. 23—Our God, He Is Alive (vs 1)
 WELCOME: Tom Turner
 SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 15:1-7 (Ned Marks)
 SONGS: No. 540—O For a Faith That Will Not Shrink
 No. 524—I Know Whom I Have Believed
 No. 538—My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
 No. 793—There's a Garden (vs 1, 2)
 PRAYER: Terry Sallee
 SONG: No. 367—The Scars in the Hands of Jesus
 COMMUNION: Chris Mansel
 Teddy Gingrich
 Orrin Feril
 Gary Hornbaker
 SONG: No. 959—Just a Little Talk with Jesus
 LESSON: Tom Turner (*Children's Bible Hour*)
 SONG: No. 948—I Am Resolved (vs 1)
 PRAYER: Fred Johnson

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Welcome Visitors

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

Black Hills Bible Camp

Family Camp—August 3 through 9

Carl and Janet are gone to South Dakota this week. Carl will be preaching today at the Northern Hills church, which is between Spearfish and Belle Fourche. If you would like to read some information about this camp, go to their website: www.blackhillsbiblecamp.org

Wedding Shower

You are invited to a wedding shower for Trey Turner and Amber Stimatze next Sunday afternoon, August 10th, here at the church building after potluck lunch. They are registered at Kohls, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Walmart.



Recent Baptisms

We rejoice with the Rujan family on the baptism of Wyatt last Tuesday.

We also received word that Emily Serrano was baptized last Sunday. She is the daughter of Jorge & Latisha, who are working with the church in Oaxaca, Mexico — one of the mission works we support.

Retreats at Silver Maple Camp

Mark your calendar now for these upcoming retreats:

Ladies Retreat: Sept 19-20
 Men's Retreat: Oct 19-21

Prayer Requests

(Please provide updates to Janet)

Kay Osborne (Marla's cousin)—critically ill with cancer
Kay Kinnamon—recuperating from a recent partial hip replacement
Nick & Kara Neidig, big brother Easton and baby Landon—continue to keep this family in prayer with Landon's health concerns
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother)—HomePlus in Stafford
Don Hornbaker—Kenwood Plaza
Baylee Sizemore's Aunt Suzanne—Leukemia
Dennis Lyons (Chet's brother)—health concerns
Charlene Lyons (Chet's sister-in-law, Dennis' wife) - health concerns
Diane Manilla (Meagan's sister-in-law's mother) - cancer
Eldon Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - health concerns
Danny Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - health concerns
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

Church Website - www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Craig Smith 8/3