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“doing it right”. They will “whack them” but never point to a positive behavior. They don’t attempt to guide, they just chaotically explode.

Others are in such unstable environments, the only consistency is the ever changing family structure. A new “dad” or “mom” for a few months or years, then upheaval, turmoil, chaos... then it starts again. Far too often I discover abuse within the families, some child being misused by someone they trust. That fracture of trust leaves cracks and crevices in a child where trouble is destined to take root.

Broken, then I get mad. But getting mad at people is about as helpful as getting mad at broken dryers. You can kick and scream, throw your hands up and lament the “fates” but the clothes are still wet.

People have problems, all people. We have those fracture points where trouble or evil takes root. Kicking them in the shin doesn’t make it better. So we listen. We support. We act patiently, consistently. We do what we can, point to something better.

Jesus came into the same kind of brokenness. He had his frustrations as well. But the broken ran to him, not from him. Pray that God makes us people like that.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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There are many things that make me mad. I get upset when things break down. Recently Janet told me the dryer was not heating properly. This was about 3 hours before we were to leave on a trip. Long story shortened... a faulty thermal fuse had blown and needed to be replaced. I got the part and repaired the dryer and we were going again. The timing was inconvenient and I was aggravated that it quit. I could talk about any number of things that go bad.... Door knobs, the limit spring on the fifth wheel hitch, or tool box mounts... things that aren’t working right...and I’m mad.

Then, I take a step back. School is starting everywhere. I start being more involved with the lives of children in my different offices. Some of the little ones come out of such chaos, then are placed in the structure of school and a fuse blows. Parents raising kids in much the same way they were raised, with no real direction or purpose. Oft times the parents feel they are

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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 Brening, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,
Terry Sallee, George Shelton

DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel

TREASURER: Richard Brening

Worship Order for August 17, 2014

SONG LEADER: Richard Brening

GATHERING SONG: No. 15—Step by Step

WELCOME: Tom Turner

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 2:9-10 (Joe Cornwell)

SONGS: No. 480—Blessed Assurance
No. 381—Years I Spent In Vanity
No. 144—O Worship the King
No. 839—In His Time

PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon

SONG: No. 176—Lamb of God

COMMUNION: Gary Hornbaker
Chris Mansel
Ben Sizemore
Fred Johnson

Memory Work: Carl Feril

SONG: No. 864—Where the Gates Swing Outward Never

LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)

SONG: No. 915—Trust and Obey (vs 1)

PRAYER: Garland Mansel

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Welcome Visitors

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

Marriage

Congratulations to Tom & Pam on the marriage of their son, Trey, to Amber Stimatze yesterday!



Upcoming Events at Silver Maple Camp

Mark your calendar now for these special events:

Ladies Retreat: Sept 19-20

Men's Retreat: Oct 19-21

Teen Retreat: Nov 21-23

Missionary Letters

Recent notes from the Cardona's in Chihuahua, Mexico and the Serrano's in Oaxaca, Mexico are posted on the bulletin board, along with a few pictures.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jorja Blakeslee 8/19

Prayer Requests

(Please provide updates to Janet)

Kay Kinnamon—recent partial hip replacement

Nick & Kara Neidig, Easton and 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

Teachers and Students—as school gets underway in the county; Macksville & Stafford started last week, and St John starts this week.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Cotton Bartlett**, who passed away yesterday evening. Funeral services are pending.

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