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how faith in Jesus impacts decisions we make in day to day life.

A friend called me from New York this week asking about being foster parents to a year old child. They were considering how this would impact family, the relationship they have with the parents of the child that is being removed by the courts, and how to walk faithfully before God in those settings.

Seeing our jobs as avenues to discuss matters of faith in God is a great opportunity. I don't worry about "public schools" as long as we have Christians who are teachers within those schools. I don't worry about legal systems, when we have Christians who display their faith within that system. I don't worry about grocery stores, geology services, farmer's cooperatives, or any other enterprise as long as the people of faith within those entities exercise their faith in a manner consistent with Scripture.

I don't mean putting "fish symbols" or "crosses" on the doors to their rooms. The cross was never intended to be a decorative ornamentation. But children of God are meant to be lights to the world.

How many conversations are you going to have about Jesus this week anyway?

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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How many conversations have you had about Jesus this week, or month? I don't mean how many times have you mentioned "church" or "worship services" or if you "liked" Jesus in some random Facebook post. I mean how many times has Jesus been brought up in your conversations?

This isn't to produce guilt, or to make you kick the dirt and decide you are worthless. It is to encourage you to develop a habit. It has surprised me just this past week, the number of people who are comfortable talking to me about Jesus. I have two or three conversations per day with people outside of our church group about Jesus or God.

Some of the conversations are not deeply theological. They aren't talking with me about the deity of Jesus, they are just discussing how he impacts their life. Sometimes I am inviting them to consider if what they are experiencing is a blessing from God. Other times we might be discussing

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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 24, 2014

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon

GATHERING SONG: No. 71—As the Deer

WELCOME: Tom Turner

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 3:1-3 (Chase Mansel)

SONGS: No. 578—We Will Glorify

No. 453—Love Lifted Me

No. 452—Standing on the Promises (vs 1, 2, 4)

No. 789—Father

PRAYER: Tom Turner

SONG: No. 464—Because He Lives

COMMUNION: Orrin Feril

Teddy Gingrich

Jon Mansel

Gary Hornbaker

Memory Work: Carl Feril

SONG: No. 878—Sweet By and By

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

SONG: No. 940—Only a Step (vs 1)

PRAYER: Chris Mansel

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Welcome Visitors

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

Marriage

Congratulations to Craig & Kari Smith on the marriage of their son, Jace, to Sarah Schenk yesterday in Kansas City!



New Baby!



Matt & Jennifer Gunter are the proud parents of a baby boy born August 17th. His name is **Jerriko DeWayne**; he weighed 5 lbs 10 oz, and was 17 1/2" long. Proud grandma is Lupe Hudson; Misty and Jorja are excited too, as aunt and cousin!

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.

Prayer Requests

(Please provide updates to Janet)

Gladys Hornbaker—to have eye surgery on Friday, August 29th

Shirley Brening (Richard's mother) - had a successful heart procedure performed last week

Nick & Kara Neidig, Easton and Landon—continue to keep this family in prayer as little Landon undergoes additional heart surgeries

Fidellas Loy (coworker with Joy in Macksville) - procedure last week; home and doing well

Kay Kinnamon—recent partial hip replacement

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 the new school year gets into full swing