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someone that even God could desire. With Nicodemus he leads him to knowing that he has to see a bigger picture about God and God's love for the entire world. It stretches his thinking and seems to impact him in the long run.

His Gospel also exposes some information we would not have much explanation about otherwise. We see what was meant by the expression, "Let US make man in OUR own image". The introduction of John's Gospel describing Jesus before he enters this world is special and enlightening.

I also find such depth of spirit in just the accounting of the stories of Jesus caring for individuals. It gives me a greater appreciation for the compassionate nature of our Lord. I am touched that he takes so much time for individuals, talking about how much and to what effort God has gone to love them. It is a book with enough detail that it shapes my way of interacting with people.

*Grace and Peace,  
Carl*

*Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.*

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My favorite Gospel is the Gospel of John. I have a number of reasons it is my favorite, but one is that it appears John is telling some of the "other stories". I think John knew about the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke... synoptic because they are similar). He knew what stories about the life and travels of Jesus had already been recorded. It is as though this account fills in some of the blanks around the life of Jesus.

The Gospel of John also is a book that gives us some of the conversations of Jesus and his peers. The exchange of words is there, as opposed to the "newspaper account" style of the other Gospels that tend to record just the facts. Here we see Jesus probing the thoughts of others, opening up their thinking and exposing them to new ways of thinking about God.

To the woman at the well, Jesus introduced her to the idea that she needed to decide, not her forefathers, nor her contemporaries. He lets her begin to believe that she is

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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  
 Youth Group—7:30 pm (@ Carl's)

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

**DEACONS:** Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel

**TREASURER:** Richard Brensing

### Worship Order for September 7, 2014

SONG LEADER: Richard Brensing  
 GATHERING SONG: No. 435—Come Into His Presence  
 WELCOME: Tom Turner  
 SCRIPTURE READING: John 8:12 (Orrin Feril)  
 SONGS: No. 611—Heavenly Sunlight  
 No. 389—I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say  
 No. 410—He Leadeth Me  
 No. 797—Lord, We Come Before Thee Now (vs 1, 2, 4)  
 PRAYER: Terry Sallee  
 SONG: No. 354—I Gave My Life for Thee (vs 1 & 4)  
 COMMUNION: Tom Turner  
 Chris Mansel  
 Teddy Gingrich  
 Fred Johnson  
 MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
 SONG: No. 539—Higher Ground  
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
 SONG: No. 904—Have You Been to Jesus? (vs 1)  
 PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon

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### Welcome Visitors

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

### Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Baylee Sizemore and her family on the passing of her aunt Suzanne last Thursday.

### Youth Group

Youth Group will meet at Carl & Janet's on Wednesday at 7:30 pm. Bring your friends!

### Upcoming Events at Silver Maple Camp

- **Ladies Retreat:** Sept 19-20 [hosted by the ladies of the churches in Penalosa and Pratt; theme is "You Are the Light of the World." Registration forms are available.]
- **Men's Retreat:** Oct 19-21 [the guest speaker will be Richard Oster, of Harding University]
- **Adult Retreat:** Nov 15
- **Teen Retreat:** Nov 21-23

### Ladies Bible Study

A Bible study for the ladies will begin here on Saturday, September 27th, at 9:30 am. The lessons will be from the same book used last year. There are still extra copies if anyone would like one. A volunteer is needed to bring food for a light breakfast (brunch).

### Garden City Ladies Day

Saturday, October 4th; the theme will be "Dancing in the Rain." This event begins at 9:00 am at the Garden City Church of Christ. RSVP is requested by October 1st. If there is enough interest in going, we can carpool.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Vic Staub 9/9  
 Donald Suiter 9/9

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Vic & Phyllis Staub 9/9

### Prayer Requests

(Please provide updates to Janet)

**Jett Weber**—chest pain last week; cardiac tests yesterday  
**Gladys Hornbaker**—recovering from eye surgery  
**Shirley Brensing** (Richard's mother) - recent surgery  
**Nick & Kara Neidig, Easton and Landon**—Landon is at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City; plans are to do a heart surgery either Wednesday or Thursday  
**Bonnie Guthrie** (Kay's mother)—HomePlus in Stafford  
**Don Hornbaker**—Kenwood Plaza  
**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

**Use of Church Building**—please note that a local family will be using the church building this week for a private wedding. The building will be in use from about 5:00 pm Friday through Saturday evening around 8:00 pm.

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