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Sometimes it is a way to feel “big”. Sometimes they are trying to act tough in front of others. Sometimes they haven’t been taught better. It is never because the one being bullied is defective, so don’t argue with a bully. Never believe the opinion of a bully, it is biased in his favor.

3. Always tell an adult. The reason that adults are in schools, churches, and recreational teams is to help the little ones learn to do it right. It is their job to help you and no one believes bullies have the right to pick on others. Let them do their job. And, just so you know, you can always tell the preacher.
4. Let others know it isn’t okay. When the bully starts, in a loud clear voice... loud enough for adults to hear say, “Hey, that isn’t okay. We are in this together and that isn’t how friends, teammates or classmates talk to each other.” If you act right, without attacking others, but stand up for truth... it is always a good thing.
5. Finally, don’t get caught up in being a bully either. It feels strong to be the tough guy, but it ends up weakening everyone in the group. And, that preacher will call you out.

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

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We are back in school everywhere. Kids here in the county, as well as the kids in college. There are lots of adjustments going on. Some are asking, who am I going to be friends with? Others are wondering about how they will survive this class or the other. Staff is trying hard to establish a routine, create some structure, and establish a positive atmosphere.

Then there are the misfits. You know the kid, maybe it was you. The child who doesn't fit in very well. They may come across as a bully or a victim, but they don't fit in.

As parents, there are some things we can do to help. So I thought I would mention a few discussion points here.

1. Being a victim doesn't mean you are worthless. Because an individual or small group of individuals "hate" you doesn't mean everyone does. I don't, and God doesn't. Jesus was worth more than anyone ever, and he was picked on in terrible ways.
2. Bullies act that way for lots of reasons.

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

DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel

TREASURER: Richard Brening

Worship Order for September 14, 2014

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
 GATHERING SONG: No. 230—Worthy Art Thou (vs 1)
 WELCOME: Tom Turner
 SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 145 (Terry Sallee)
 SONGS: No. 230—Worthy Art Thou (vs 2, 3)
 No. 4—To God Be the Glory
 No. 545—Precious Memories
 No. 777—Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer (vs 1, 4)
 PRAYER: Richard Brening
 SONG: No. 364—Come, Share the Lord
 COMMUNION: Chris Mansel
 Jon Mansel
 Gary Hornbaker
 Teddy Gingrich
 MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
 SONG: No. 535—The Glory Land Way
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
 SONG: No. 907—Hark, The Gentle Voice (vs 1)
 PRAYER: George Shelton

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Welcome Visitors

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

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—and it is not too late to sign up!]
- **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.

Church Website - www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Marla Lyons 9/18

Prayer Requests

(Please provide updates to Janet)

Jett Weber—cardiac tests last week; he will be wearing a monitor for awhile
Victor Cornwell—Joe & Lisa's grandson (Ty & Vanessa's son) has had pneumonia and was in the hospital in Dallas last week, but is now home and doing well.
Shirley Brening (Richard's mother) - is in skilled nursing care (Cards can be sent to her at: Wesley Towers, 700 Monterey Place, Hester Care Center, Room East 24, Hutchinson, KS 67502)
Nick & Kara Neidig, Easton and Landon—Landon had heart surgery last week
Marlene Waddle—had back surgery last week
Gladys Hornbaker—recovering from eye surgery
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

Congratulations to Ben & Baylee Sizemore, on the birth of their son, **Daniel David**. He was born in Pratt on 9-7-14 at 1:56 am, weighed 7 lbs, 1.5 oz, and was 20" long. He is

