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of construction, talented designers and caring craftsmen who labored over it with pride and patience. While it is dilapidated and about to implode on itself, there is a testimony of something greater that existed before it.

I am never surprised at evil in our world. I am more surprised by unexpected kindness, mercy, and beauty. When someone does something patient, or tender to another I am reminded of where it came from. Scripture says, "We love, because he first loved us." Never think it arises from within us. Our goodness is a response to the graciousness of our God.

This week, be a living testimony before God to this fallen world. Act with patience in the face of difficulty. Be gentle when others around you are being reckless. Stick out, show up, and be seen for God.

*Grace and Peace,  
Carl*

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

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When I think of reasons to believe in God, and I think there are many of them, my mind moves to perhaps a different area than most people.

I am constantly fighting the atrophy around



me. Atrophy is the wasting away, decay, or decline of things when they are not

used. Left to themselves, things don't improve, they decline. It is a natural law.

Consequently, I notice that the presence of anything good is an indication of something beyond the natural order of things. The old mansion in the photo was once stately, functional, and desirable. It speaks of care

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

**DEACONS:** Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel

**TREASURER:** Richard Breensing

### Worship Order for September 21, 2014

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker  
 GATHERING SONG: No. 23—Our God, He Is Alive (vs 1)  
 WELCOME: Tom Turner  
 SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 1:17-20 (Chase Mansel)  
 SONGS: No. 501—Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet  
 No. 508—A Wonderful Savior (vs 1, 2)  
 No. 509—I Will Sing the Wondrous Story  
 No. 764—Teach Me Lord To Wait

PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon  
 SONG: No. 356—I Believe in Jesus (vs 1, 2)  
 COMMUNION: Fred Johnson  
 Orrin Feril  
 Richard Breensing  
 Jeff Scott

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
 SONG: No. 539—Higher Ground  
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
 SONG: No. 948—I Am Resolved (vs 1)  
 PRAYER: Joe Cornwell

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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.

### Upcoming Events at Silver Maple Camp

- **Men's Retreat:** Oct 19-21
- **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.

### Northside Church of Christ (Wichita) 75th Reunion—Sept 27-28

Everyone is invited to attend Northside's 75th Anniversary Celebration. You are welcome at any of the events, but the Sunday afternoon schedule includes lots of congregational singing and an ice cream social! See information that is posted for details.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Devin Sizemore 9/24  
 Dena Mansel 9/27

### Prayer Requests

(Please provide updates to Janet)

**Wilbur Kinnamon**—in Stafford County Hospital  
**Jett Weber**—will be wearing a monitor for awhile  
**Shirley Breensing** (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)  
**Landon Neidig**—Landon is now home from his last heart surgery; plans are for another procedure on Oct 14th  
**Marlene Waddle**—recent back surgery  
**Gladys Hornbaker**—recent eye surgery  
**Myron Breensing**—The Arbors at Waldron Place  
**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

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