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placed the last thing that looked perfect there. The comment of Jesus about gaining the entire world and losing one's soul never crosses the mind.

Others desperately run from relationship to relationship, hoping to find someone that will make them happy. They think if they find the "right person" everything will be okay in the world. They don't notice that God instructs us to be the right person, and that is what will bring completeness to us.

Like men in "Hydro Pod Bubbles" we go racing across the ocean of time, like hamsters in a wheel, running for all we are worth until we fall exhausted and defeated. We need to be rescued, help has to come from somewhere else.

When rescue happens we have to make a choice. Do we get back in the bubble, altering our course slightly for a different destination, or do we try again and hope for a different outcome?

I wonder if God sits in heaven looking down on us, shaking his head as I did mine about the Bubble Man? I wonder if he feels frustrated that those who could belong to him choose instead to return to the bubble and believe that this is a life? I wonder.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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We read about odd things. This man was rescued by the Coast Guard recently as he attempted to run in this "Hydro Pod Bub-



ble" from Florida to Bermuda. Sometimes you just have to shake your head at what people will try.

For example, people will try to fill their houses with things that they believe will make them happy. We shake our heads at hoarders, but in our own homes we take things down from shelves to put up the new thing we just purchased that will look just perfect there. We, of course, just re-

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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 October 5, 2014

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
 GATHERING SONG: No. 67—For the Beauty of the Earth (vs 1)
 WELCOME: Tom Turner
 SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Samuel 22:28-34 (Richard Breensing)
 SONGS: No. 10—A Mighty Fortress (vs 1, 2)
 No. 406—Just a Closer Walk with Thee
 No. 467—We Have an Anchor
 No. 789—Father
 PRAYER: Terry Sallee
 SONG: No. 364—Come, Share the Lord
 COMMUNION: Teddy Gingrich
 Orrin Feril
 Gary Hornbaker
 Jon Mansel
 MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
 SONG: No. 587—Sing and Be Happy
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
 SONG: No. 940—Only a Step (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.

Gift Boxes to ship to Cebu Island in the Philippines

(bring boxes here by next Sunday)

We have an opportunity to participate in an effort to send items to the poverty-stricken area of Cebu Island in the Philippines. Wayland Whitlow, minister at Clearwater, KS, will be taking items to Oklahoma City soon, that will be part of a shipment sent from there. An emphasis has been placed on donating shoebox Christmas gift boxes filled with items for children ages 3 and up. There is specific criteria for what can and cannot be put in the boxes, and you can read that information on the note that has been posted. If you would like to contribute a box (or more), please bring them here (wrapped and ready to ship) no later than next Sunday, October 12th.

Save the Date—Baby Shower!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 2nd, for a baby shower here after lunch — for Joe & Mam Sallee! They are expecting a little girl in early December.

Church Website - www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Paige Mansel 10/8

Chris Mansel 10/10

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !

Ben & Baylee Sizemore 10/5

Prayer Requests

(Please provide updates to Janet)

Kade Kinnamon—foot surgery planned for Oct 17th
Kurt Kinnamon—knee surgery last week went well
Wilbur Kinnamon—Leisure Homestead-Stafford
Keri Morphew (Janet's sister-in-law in Lubbock) - as she recuperates from an extensive back surgery
Jett Weber
Shirley Breensing (Richard's mother) - Wesley Towers
Landon Neidig—plans are for another procedure Oct 14th
Myron Breensing—The Arbors at Waldron Place
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother)—HomePlus in Stafford
Don Hornbaker—Kenwood Plaza
Dennis Lyons (Chet's brother)
Charlene Lyons (Chet's sister-in-law, Dennis' wife)
Eldon Ivy (Marilyn's brother)
Danny Ivy (Marilyn's brother)
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
Margaret Marks (Ned's mother)

News of the Work in Chihuahua, Mexico

An recent update was received from Ubaldo Cardona—it is posted on the bulletin board.

Upcoming Events at Silver Maple Camp

- **Men's Retreat:** Oct 19-21
- **Adult Retreat:** Nov 15
- **Teen Retreat:** Nov 21-23