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sus in preparation for the ministry retreat. What didn't happen was the "big thing". I don't know what that is, but it didn't happen.

I picture those who followed Jesus during his earthly ministry having those days and frustrations as well. There were plenty of "walking on the water", confronting the hypocrisy of the Pharisees, and casting out demons days. Yet those days were sprinkled in among a lot of ordinary days. Days in which the "big thing" didn't happen. I suspect the day after Peter, James, and John saw Jesus chatting with Moses and Elijah, then heard the voice of God... that next day didn't seem as stunning. Going into town to make food arrangements, securing a donkey's colt, or a long walk from Capernaum to Jerusalem didn't seem too exciting.

Destinations always seem more exciting than the drudgery of driving. Getting there is the objective, not the drudgery of the routine and mundane. But, we have to remember how many times in Scripture phrases like, "as they were going" or "as they were leaving the city" precede miraculous events. For this reason Paul reminds us not to become "weary in doing good, for we will reap a harvest at the proper time", and to make the most of the time, knowing the days are evil. We have to keep pressing forward, knowing the hour of testing is coming, so let's be about the Father's business until that time appears.

*Grace and Peace,  
Carl*

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

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I had a week of ordinary stuff... nothing that sticks out, no dramatic interruptions or life altering experiences. That isn't a bad thing, it means there were no deaths, serious illnesses, or tragic events. But, there was no real excitement either. I wasn't called on to slay a dragon or scale a high mountain, nothing that the angels of heaven will be nudging each other and whispering about over the next few millennium. Just ordinary stuff.

I read a few good books, *Evidence Unseen; Exposing the Myth of Blind Faith*, by James Rockford is a very good book on evidences for God if you enjoy that kind of book. *Losers Like Us; Redefining Discipleship After Epic Failure*, Daniel Hockhalter is a great book about new beginnings. While both of the books were worth reading, the world didn't change as a result of them.

I had some good Bible studies, helping others along a journey of faith in God, while pointing out different Scriptures that impacted the choices they were facing. It is gratifying to see disciples grapple with choices in day to day life, elevating themselves to a higher calling of God and using the standards of faithfulness over amoral choices often used in the world about them.

I worked on a series of lessons for the spring, did some reading in Luke's Gospel, and read some historical background on the region around Ephe-

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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 October 19, 2014

SONG LEADER: Richard Brening  
 GATHERING SONG: No. 71—As the Deer (vs 1)  
 WELCOME: Tom Turner  
 SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 25:1-10 (Garland Mansel)  
 SONGS: No. 794—Unto Thee, O Lord  
 No. 410—He Leadeth Me  
 No. 15—Step by Step  
 No. 797—Lord, We Come Before Thee Now

PRAYER: Fred Johnson  
 SONG: No. 313—The Old Rugged Cross (vs 1, 2)  
 COMMUNION: Jerry Kinnamon  
 Chris Mansel  
 Clint Kinnamon  
 Orrin Feril

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
 SONG: No. 957—This World is Not My Home  
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
 SONG: No. 922—Jesus Paid it All (vs 1)  
 PRAYER: Terry Sallee

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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 for the Philippines

Thanks to everyone who donated the gift boxes that will be shipped to the poverty-stricken area of Cebu Island in the Philippines. Wayland Whitlow, minister at Clearwater, KS, took items given by several churches in Kansas to Oklahoma City last week!

### 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. For your convenience, they are registered at Walmart and also Target.

### Upcoming Events at Silver Maple Camp

- **Men's Retreat:** Oct 19-21—Carl will be at the retreat that begins today and goes through Tuesday.
- **Adult Retreat:** Nov 15—This is a one-day event at camp
- **Teen Retreat:** Nov 21-23

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ben Sizemore 10/20  
 Carol Gingrich 10/20  
 Tara Kinnamon 10/22  
 Shelly Brening 10/24  
 Carl Feril 10/25

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !

Teddy & Carol Gingrich 10/22

### Prayer Requests

(Please provide updates to Janet)

**Elmer Schuette** (Marla's brother-in-law) - lost 3 fingers in a power equipment accident last week; they are hoping to save his thumb

**Kade Kinnamon**—foot surgery rescheduled

**Wilbur Kinnamon**—Leisure Homestead-Stafford

**Jim Morphew** (Janet's brother in Lubbock) - he had major surgery last week, and is now home

**Keri Morphew** (Janet's sister-in-law in Lubbock) - as she recuperates from back surgery; she has to stay in Dallas 2 more weeks before being released to travel home

**Jett Weber**

**Shirley Brening** (Richard's mother)

**Landon Neidig**—was to have surgery last week, but due to a respiratory illness, the surgery has been postponed

**Myron Brening**—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)

### Area-Wide Singing

The Pratt Church of Christ invites us to an area-wide singing next Sunday, October 26th, 6:00 pm. A sandwich supper will follow at 7:30 pm. This is always a wonderful time of praise, prayer, scripture reading and fellowship.

