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We aren't unique in this way. In the majority of homes in this country that style of event is duplicated at dinner table after dinner table.

Tom and I spoke recently about some of our responsibilities. One of the things that Scripture impresses on us is that evangelists were directed to, *"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."* 1 Timothy 6:17

When we read it, the thought always comes... we aren't really rich. We don't want to think that we might fall under this classification, with its clear warning. But indications of arrogance can rear their heads in the ways we reason about those who have less than we have. We mention their "horrible work ethic", their "laziness", their "working the system", and their "welfare" as though we would not ever be in such a position. Their poverty is their "own fault" and a bit of hard work and dedication would somehow make them just like us. Yikes, I don't like that. Economies crashed during the depression and hard workers loaded on old trucks and limped across the country looking for work. Economies have crashed in certain regions of our country, or in certain industries and those who were never poor experience poverty now. Uncertainty of riches... that was what he mentioned. Enjoy it, he gives that permission... but only with an awareness of who we really depend on. Never think you might not be fooled.

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

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We, like many of you I suspect, had abundance for Thanksgiving weekend. Crawfish etouffee' (one of Janet's cousins works at Pappadeaux), grilled Brussel sprouts with garlic and bacon to the traditional turkey, ham, dressing, and pies... tens of thousands of pies. Okay, perhaps I exaggerated the pies. The point is that we had lots of food, an extravagant amount of food. Janet's family was represented with an aunt from both her father and mother's side of the family. Cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and whoever they want to invite. So, we had people from differing places with differing backgrounds. Crystal, a young Hispanic guest, treated us all to green chili and homemade tortillas on Friday that was the best I've ever had. Janet made me strawberry pies, did I mention pie?

As much as I enjoy the meal, I always feel a bit guilty about it. The 20-some people who shared the meal, could have eaten three meals with the amount of food that was prepared. We each go, trying to think of what unique or special thing we can prepare, focused on color, flavor, ethnicity, or some other form of extravagance. It isn't about eating for health or nutrition, it is about celebration of family and frankly, abundance.

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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 November 30, 2014

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
 GATHERING SONG: No. 71—As the Deer
 WELCOME: Tom Turner
 SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 118:1-9 (Gary Hornbaker)
 SONGS: No. 65—Thanksgiving Medley
 -No. 66—Doxology
 -No. 67—For the Beauty of the Earth
 -No. 68—Give Thanks
 No. 4—To God Be the Glory (vs 1, 3)
 No. 781—Thank You, Lord!

PRAYER: Tom Turner
 SONG: No. 287—There Is a Redeemer
 COMMUNION: Jerry Kinnamon
 Fred Johnson
 Teddy Gingrich
 Chris Mansel

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
 SONG: No. 742—When Upon Life's Billows
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
 SONG: No. 907—Hark, the Gentle Voice (vs 1)
 PRAYER: Jon Mansel

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Welcome Visitors

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

Wednesday Night

- Adult Bible Study—7:30 pm
- Youth Group at Carl's—7:30 pm

Secret Santa Fund—St John School

Monetary donations are being collected for the Secret Santa Fund at the St John School. This effort provides clothing for Stafford County children who are in need. Checks should be made to "Secret Santa Fund" and can be turned into the St. John School. Contact [Lisa Cornwell](#) for information.

Stocking Stuffers of Kansas

The third annual Stocking Stuffers soup supper is planned for this coming Saturday, Dec 6th, at the IOOF Lodge, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. There will be soups & desserts provided by the Wheatland Café. Last year 80 children received toys from this effort. Contact [Hannah Sallee](#) for more information.



Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Marilyn Thornburg and her family on the death of her brother, **Danny Ivy**, last week. As of this printing, no information is available on date of a funeral.

We also grieve with Lisa & Joe Cornwell, on the passing of her father, **Stan Harris**, who passed away early this morning in Lawrence, Kansas.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Joy Sallee 12/1

Prayer Requests

(Please provide updates to Janet)

Shirley Breensing (Richard's mother) - in the hospital in Hutchinson; her death appears imminent.
Dena Mansel—not feeling well lately
Kari Smith—recent hip surgery
Don Hornbaker—Kenwood Plaza
Wilbur Kinnamon—Leisure Homestead-Stafford
Landon Neidig—continues to do well
Myron Breensing—The Arbors at Waldron Place
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother)—HomePlus in Stafford
Dennis Lyons (Chet's brother)
Charlene Lyons (Chet's sister-in-law, Dennis' wife)
Eldon 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)

Women Walking with God 2015

Conference Theme—"Hope anchors the soul" - April 17-18 at the Hartman Arena in Wichita. Registration is now open! Check out the website: www.womenwalkingwithgod.org

Because this event sold out very early last year, any of the ladies who would like to attend are asked to contact Pam or Janet so your registration can be sent in with the group who is going. Please commit by Sunday, December 7th if you would like to be included in this.

Church Website - www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org