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mirrors in the Fun House at the fair. Our head is too big, or our bodies too squatty. It is us in that mirror... we can tell that, but it isn't a true representation.

As people move through life without God they see in mirrors just like that. They work to gather money, goods, or food... with the notion that they must hoard rather than share. See, that is the big distorted head showing up. They seek relationship after relationship, discarding one and racing to the other, hoping to find satisfaction. Oops, I think the body got a bit crooked there. They see someone in need and rather than seeing an opportunity to help, they close their eyes, turn away while talking about laziness or scammers. Wow, I wonder if we just found another bend in the glass there.

In your light, we see light... How did Jesus deal with those who were struggling in the world? What did he say about building larger barns, renting extra storage units, or finding additional tax sheltered annuities? Perhaps it was on one of the days that the Bible doesn't record about his life, but I don't remember him turning away from the poor and mumbling "get a job". Somehow it doesn't sound like him.

So, this week... take another look. Remember, in his light we see light.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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Psalm 36

- ⁵But your loyal love, LORD, extends to the skies;
your faithfulness reaches the clouds.
- ⁶Your righteousness is like the strongest mountains;
your justice is like the deepest sea.
- LORD, you save both humans and animals.
- ⁷Your faithful love is priceless, God!
Humanity finds refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸They feast on the bounty of your house;
you let them drink from your river of pure joy.
- ⁹Within you is the spring of life.
In your light, we see light.

Do you find your definition in God? The psalmist seems to be reflecting on God's nature and his meaning to the world. A greater expanse than anything we've ever known would not contain the faithfulness and righteousness of God. I like how the writer is awestruck by God, resting in the shadow of his wing, feasting on the bounty of his house, then drinking from the river of God's pure joy. What a celebration of God's love and character, along with our relationship to it.

The final verse here is my favorite in this section. In your light, we see light... I don't know anything without looking through God. The vision of the world that we have is much like those distorted

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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 December 7, 2014

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
 GATHERING SONG: No. 15—Step by Step
 WELCOME: Tom Turner
 SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 5:7-9 (Orrin Feril)
 SONGS: No. 915—Trust & Obey (vs 1, 2, 5)
 No. 601—My God and I
 No. 414—Anywhere with Jesus
 No. 766—Open Our Eyes, Lord
 PRAYER: Gary Hornbaker
 SONG: No. 364—Come, Share the Lord
 COMMUNION: Tom Turner
 Chris Mansel
 Teddy Gingrich
 Fred Johnson
 MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
 SONG: No. 988—I'll Be List'ning
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
 SONG: No. 903—There is Power in the Blood (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.

Congratulations!

Joe & Mam Sallee are the proud parents of **Ariya Lee**, born last Sunday, November 30th. She weighed in at 6 lbs 6.5 oz and was 18.5 inches long. Congratulations to grandparents, Terry & Joy!

Ladies Holiday Brunch

Ladies—you are invited to the home of Kay Kinnamon this next Saturday, December 13th, at 9:00 am for a Holiday Brunch. Please bring a gift to exchange (\$15 limit). Come and enjoy this time together! No RSVP is needed—please just come.

Thank You Received

A thank-you note has been received from Wayland Whitlow for the shoebox Christmas presents that we sent to the Philippines. Take a minute to read this note posted to see how much was sent from multiple churches. Thanks to everyone who participated!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

George Shelton 12/7

Prayer Requests

(Please provide updates to Janet)

Dena Mansel—not feeling well lately; to have some tests
Kari Smith—recent hip surgery
Don Hornbaker—Kenwood Plaza
Wilbur Kinnamon—Leisure Homestead-Stafford
Landon Neidig—continues to do well
Myron Brening—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 today if you would like to be included in this.

Church Website - www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org