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and hands trembling with joy. Then his eyes fell on the child Jesus with his parents at their temple observance. The Bible tells us that Simeon picked up the child and held him toward heaven making a significant statement about his future and the impact on all the world.

He cautions Mary about the sword looming over her own heart concerning this child and his future.

In just a few short verses we read about this world-changing moment in time. We read about this pinnacle point in history and the prophecy of importance of this event, not just to the Jewish people who were worried about securing freedom from the oppressive yoke of Roman conquest, but to the entire world.

Do you remember what Simeon said? How he spoke about your future as those who had been excluded from the promises?

Darkness cannot extinguish the light.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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Promises had been made. Simeon was a devout man from Jerusalem, to whom the Holy Spirit had made a promise. He knew that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Christ. His anticipation of the coming event must have been all consuming. What else would you think of, speak of and look for each morning as the day began? Into the eyes of every male around him, he surely looked with eagerness, expecting to

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God
had a
special
plan for
this one.



One day, with a special direction from the Holy Spirit, he went to the temple. He knew that this was the day. He would have looked from eye to eye, heart in his throat

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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 14, 2014

SONG LEADER: Richard Brening

GATHERING SONG: No. 266—Majesty

WELCOME: Tom Turner

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 (Chris Mansel)

SONGS: No. 264—Oh Come, Let Us Adore Him

No. 1012—Go Tell It on the Mountain

No. 1018—Joy to the World!

No. 781—Thank You, Lord!

PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon

SONG: No. 359—I Love the Lord

COMMUNION: Orrin Feril

Teddy Gingrich

Fred Johnson

Jon Mansel

SONG: No. 864—Where the Gates Swing Outward Never

(vs 1 & 3)

LESSON: Tom Turner (*Children's Bible Hour*)

SONG: No. 948—I Am Resolved (vs 1)

PRAYER: Garland 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

Thank you to those who have donated money to this effort, as well as the "Coats for Kids". 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.

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

- 10 David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, "Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.
- 11 Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.
- 12 Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.
- 13 Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.



Prayer Requests

(Please provide updates to Janet)

Shirley Shelton—diagnosed last week with colon cancer; surgery is scheduled for January 6th

Myron Brening—moved to HomePlus in Stafford last week

Lyndsey Dryden—was in a car accident on Wednesday and badly injured; her family requests our prayers

Wayland Whitlow (preaches for the church in Clearwater)—new diagnosis of cancer

Dena Mansel—health concerns

Kari Smith—recent hip surgery

Don Hornbaker—Kenwood Plaza

Wilbur Kinnamon—Leisure Homestead-Stafford

Landon Neidig—continues to do well

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)

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