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moves into a passion, and becomes a defining characteristic in our lives.

We can't control many aspects of life. If you are blessed with the genes to not grow beyond 5' tall it is going to limit your basketball or volleyball options. Most of the professional sports are going to be outside of your potential. We can't do much to change our core intelligence, so Quantum Physics and Experimental Neuro-Science may always be outside our realm of proficiency. But we do control some things, and God controls all things.

Choices about where we focus our lives, the things we allow into our lives, and the way we utilize our talents are completely within our power.

So as we end this year, and focus on next year... just what will be your focus? Another year bouncing from thing to thing? It could be, with the right choices that you will have a year entwined with God.

Grace and Peace,

Carl

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Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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The conclusion of another year. Time marches ever further from our birth and ever closer to our ultimately demise. What happens between is a series of choices that either expand our potential for good or limit it. Sometimes it is such an innocent thing, seemingly unimportant. Signing up for a class to fill a slot in college only to discover that it is the most interesting thing we can imagine, can be one of those experiences. Dropping out of school due to lack of drive or ambition and we hear doors slamming shut echoing into the future. Other times it is a life event, meeting someone on a chance encounter who becomes a lifelong friend or spouse.

Choices we make can have enormous influence on our future. We know that and, when we are on our "A game" we are very conscientious about those choices. Often however, the choices are smaller and more gradual. We begin a hobby, it

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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 Breusing, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,
 Terry Sallee, George Shelton

DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel

TREASURER: Richard Breusing

Worship Order for December 21, 2014

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
 GATHERING SONG: No. 264—O Come, Let Us Adore Him
 (vs 1 & 2)

WELCOME: Tom Turner
 SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:1-20 (Orrin Feril)
 SONGS: No. 995—It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (vs 1)
 No. 997—O Come, All Ye Faithful
 No. 1002—Angels We Have Heard on High (vs 1)
 No. 1003—Silent Night! Holy Night!
 No. 779—I Love You, Lord

PRAYER: Chris Mansel
 SONG: No. 324—Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed? (vs 1 & 4)
 COMMUNION: Fred Johnson
 Jon Mansel
 Teddy Gingrich
 Ben Sizemore

SONGS: No. 999—The First Noel (vs 1)
 No. 1001—Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (vs 1)

LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
 SONG: No. 902—Nothing But the Blood (vs 1)
 PRAYER: Terry Sallee

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Welcome Visitors

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

Wednesday Night

There will be no Bible study here or Youth Group at Carl's on Wednesday, December 24th, to allow you time to be with family.

Holiday Fundraisers

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Secret Santa Fund at school and also those who participated in the Stocking Stuffers of Kansas program. Many children and families will benefit from these efforts of generosity.



Luke 2:10-11

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."



We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year—may the Lord bless you richly in 2015!

Carl & Janet



Tom & Pam

Prayer Requests

(Please provide updates to Janet)

Shirley Shelton—cancer; surgery is scheduled for January 6th
Jonathan Batten—cancer has returned and he has started chemotherapy, which is to last six months
Lyndsey Dryden—as she begins the recovery after being in a recent car accident; 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
Myron Breusing—HomePlus in Stafford
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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