

something is right or wrong. We understand finding our path through the world is fully dependent on revelation from God. As the Psalmist of old exclaimed, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my way."

We don't define right and wrong by the way things have always been. We don't determine it by whether we would do the thing ourselves or not. We determine right from wrong by looking at what God has said about the subject. If it is in keeping with God's nature, it is good, just, and right. If it is opposed to God's nature, it is wrong, wicked or evil. God has described his intentions for us in his word. We can observe his faithful interaction with Israel, along with his expectation of their faithful interaction with him. We can see his call to righteousness in the 10 Commandments. We see this same call explained and refined in the Sermon on the Mount.

Loving our neighbors, serving God, and following Jesus are all expanded upon in the letters to the churches and the evangelists preserved for us in the New Testament.

This year we will begin in 1 John, looking at these themes of being children of light, recognizing our need to be those who are identified by our love. Nothing else will properly represent God.

Grace and Peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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A Family of God January 4, 2015

I am excited for 2015 and the things I have planned to share with you from God's word. One of the most rewarding tasks in my preaching ministry is trying to plan an approach to Bible classes and sermons that not only is factual and true to the context of Scripture, but is relevant to our lives today,

Two of the major themes used by New Testament writers were Light and Love. Just as Jesus was the light of the world and the ultimate expression of God's love for us, we see these themes repeated by the authors of the New Testament.

We walk in the light, are children of the light, shun the darkness, see being in the light as equating fellowship with other Christians as well as fellowship with the Father. Jesus communicates our responsibility before God as twofold; loving God and each other. These are the concepts basic to all Christianity.

How does this play out in our lives today? We live in a world of darkness. Morality is seen as relative and situational. People question what is right, what is truth, how to determine if

SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service – 9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages – 10:00 am
Worship Services – 10:45 am
WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study – 7:30 pm
Youth Group – 7:30 pm (at Carl's)
ELDERS: Richard Breensing, Teddy Gingrich,
Loyd Ratts, Terry Sallee, George Shelton
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel
TREASURER: Richard Breensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR JANUARY 4, 2015

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
GATHERING SONG: No. 56 – Lord, We Praise You
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 1:5-7 (Chase Mansel)
SONGS: No. 611 – Heavenly Sunlight
No. 903 – There is Power in the Blood
No. 569 – Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
No. 827 – Sweet Hour of Prayer
PRAYER: Tom Turner
SONG: No. 349 – Ten Thousand Angels (vs 1, 4)
COMMUNION: Chris Mansel
Orrin Feril
Ned Marks
Clint Kinnamon
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 448 – The Greatest Commands
LESSON: Carl Feril (*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 today – please come again!

POTLUCK TODAY

We will be having potluck dinner together today immediately after worship services. This is always a great time to visit and keep in touch with our church family. If you didn't come prepared to stay, please do anyway – there always plenty!

YORK COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR

The Choir will be at the Northside Church of Christ in Wichita this evening at 6:00 pm.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

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

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

A Bible study for the ladies is planned for Saturday, January 17th, here at the church building at 9:00 am. If you don't have a study book, please see Pam or Janet. A light breakfast will be served.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE

Anyone still wishing to contribute to a fund to assist the family of **Paco Rivera**, the minister at the Monterrey church in Mexico who recently passed away, should contact Tom or Richard.

New Theme and Scripture Focus for 2015

LOVE & LIGHT

1 John 2:10-11

¹⁰ The one who loves his brother remains in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. ¹¹ But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and doesn't know where he's going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please provide updates to Janet)

Carol Gingrich – medical tests on Tuesday in Hays
Shirley Shelton – scheduled for surgery on January 13th at Hutchinson Regional Medical Center (date changed from previous announcement)
Dena Mansel – health concerns
Kari Smith – as she continues to heal from hip surgery
Cody Dick – cancer
Roger Dick - cancer
Jonathan Batten – as he continues chemotherapy
Lyndsey Dryden – as she recovers from a car accident
Wayland Whitlow (preacher in Clearwater) – cancer
Landon Neidig – continues to do well
Charlene Lyons (Chet's sister-in-law) knee replacement before Christmas, then had to have an emergency abdominal surgery last week
Theo Birkett (Tara's mother)
Jim Sorensen (Tara's brother-in-law; monthly chemo for brain tumor)
Eldon Ivy (Marilyn's brother) – health concerns
Jim Soukup (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])
Wilbur Kinnamon – Leisure Homestead in Stafford
Myron Breensing – HomePlus in Stafford
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) – HomePlus in Stafford
Vic & Phyllis Staub – Kenwood Plaza
Laura Wyatt – Kenwood Plaza
Margaret Marks (Ned's mother)

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Doug Bartlett**, who recently passed away. His funeral was held last week.

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