

Jehudi read the scroll to him. When Jehoiakim heard the words he would take a knife and cut off that section, casting it into the fire (Jeremiah 36). Sounds like he didn't like that part, doesn't it? He should have had his mom write God a note.

Before we get overly critical we would do well to look to ourselves. What is it that we do with the tough parts? How do you do with "blessing those who curse you" or "turning the other cheek"? Do you try to play the "family exemption card" when you hear that you should "let no unwholesome word come from your mouth"? Perhaps it doesn't count when we are talking about elected officials that do those "hairbrained things" that we find atrocious? Suppose God sits in heaven and says, "Oh, I never figured on a Brownback or Obama, go ahead... curse away."

Perhaps you want mom to write the note when it comes to outbursts of anger or grumbling and complaining? "Dear God, please excuse Carl from the firey temper passages, he doesn't like them."

I'm not sure that a note will work concerning the gossip at the coffee shop or the CO-OP. It might be a bit brazen to ask for an exemption for profanely speaking to the old man that cut you off in traffic or the waitress that failed to fill your water glass in a timely fashion.

You see, Jehoiakim isn't the only one with a pocket knife poised over the word of God. Maybe I need to stop being aghast at the notes written to teachers and begin to pay a bit more attention to the things that I excuse in my own life?

*Grace and Peace,*

*Carl*

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A note that a teacher received from a parent reads as follows, "Please excuse Billy from reading today, he doesn't like it."

You will hopefully read that and be aghast. Unfortunately, this isn't an unusual attitude among some parents. Because their children find some activities distasteful, rather than urge the child to put forth the effort, to press through toward the ultimate benefit, they ask for the exemption.

This might manifest itself in sending a note asking that a child be excused from gym class on the day the class is going to "run the mile", or writing a note to excuse the child's absence when the issue was skipping school. If you spent anytime speaking with a school secretary about this topic, you would be stunned.

It is an age old problem. Jeremiah received a word from God for the king of Judah, Jehoiakim. Because he was restricted from entering the temple, he summoned Baruch to write down the words from God and read them to the people. The king then took the scroll, had

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 Breising, Teddy Gingrich,  
Loyd Ratts, Terry Sallee, George Shelton  
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel  
TREASURER: Richard Breising

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### WORSHIP ORDER FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2015

SONG LEADER: Gary Williams  
GATHERING SONG: No. 435 – Come Into His Presence  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: Proverbs 3:1-18 (Dan Guinn)  
SONGS: No. 659 – I Love to Tell the Story (vs 1, 4)  
No. 679 – Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus  
No. 909 – There's a Fountain Free  
No. 497 – Whispering Hope (vs 1, 3)  
No. 800 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus  
PRAYER: Garland Mansel  
SONG: No. 313 – The Old Rugged Cross (vs 1, 2)  
COMMUNION: Tom Turner  
Richard Breising  
Teddy Gingrich  
Fred Johnson  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
SONG: No. 678 – More About Jesus  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 948 – I Am Resolved (vs 1, 4)  
PRAYER: Glen McSpadden

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### WELCOME VISITORS

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

#### YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!

There will be a celebration in honor of Loyd Ratts' 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday this afternoon from 2:00 – 5:00 pm at the St John IOOF Lodge. **Happy Birthday, Loyd!**



### LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The next lesson will be about Ruth and is planned for Saturday, February 21st at 9:00 am here at the church building. Joy will be leading the study and Lory will prepare a light breakfast. Please make plans to attend!

### MEN'S RETREAT

When: Saturday, March 14, 2015; 8:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Where: Stafford Church of Christ  
Speaker: Calvin Chapman of Faith, South Dakota

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Phillip Koelsch 2/17  
Hannah Sallee 2/18  
Loyd Ratts 2/18  
Shirley Shelton 2/21

### PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please provide updates to Janet)

**Laura Wyatt** – fell last week and broke some ribs; she is back at Kenwood after spending time in the hospital  
**Carol Gingrich** – scheduled for a pacemaker/defibrillator placement on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>  
**Myron Breising** – moved from HomePlus into Leisure Homestead in Stafford last week  
**Margaret Marks** (Ned's mother) – Catholic Care Center in Wichita: her health is deteriorating after moving to a long term care Alzheimer's unit  
**Joy** (Marilyn's daughter) –health concerns; recent medical tests show she will need surgery  
**Mason & Harper Sallee** – had tubes put in their ears last week  
**Vesta Shelton** (George's sister-in-law) recent stroke  
**Dena Mansel** – health concerns  
**Lyndsey Dryden** – recovering from auto accident; home in Larned now, but wheelchair bound/waiting for more surgeries  
**Jason Stadalman** – recent auto accident  
**Cody Dick** – cancer; undergoing treatments  
**Roger Dick** - cancer  
**Jonathan Batten** – as he continues chemotherapy  
**Charlene Lyons** (Chet's sister-in-law) – health concerns  
**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  
**Bonnie Guthrie** (Kay's mother) – HomePlus in Stafford  
**Vic & Phyllis Staub** – Kenwood Plaza

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