

security, consistency... the steady sound of that knife, the repetitive slice of the blade, the smells from the kitchen are all things that told me life would be okay. So this morning I offered words of thanks, long overdue, inadequately spoken but fervent, sincere and heartfelt.



So when you pray, don't forget to listen, to experience more than the sound of your voice, or darkness around you. Allow yourself to experience the memories that have been treasured within you that don't exist as words, but sounds, scents, and experiences. These were the things that God was using to bring you to this point. These things were, without intent or planning, implanted within the recesses of your mind and have powerful meaning. Pray, reflect, affirm, and know that God has been molding you throughout time to return to him. What were these sounds to you? Send me a text and let me know in a word or two.

*Grace and Peace,*

*Carl*

*Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.*

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I have a policy, Janet gets the bathroom first and I savor the first few minutes of the morning in prayer. As I was praying this morning, with my mind slowly moving through a list of friends and circumstances I am concerned for, I evolved into awareness of a noise. It caused me to move to prayer about things I treasure.

When I was a boy, my grandparents had a naugahyde couch. It was on this couch that I would take my naps in the afternoons. While lying there on the couch, half lingering between a desire to get up and a full surrender to sleep, I would hear the sound of my grandmother chopping fresh vegetables on a cutting board, as I heard Janet this morning. I was surprised by the ability of the sound to transport me to another place and time. The feel of the cool naugahyde against my face, the steady sound of the knife slicing through carrots and potatoes... suddenly I was back in another generation.

My prayers shifted to things I am grateful for, things I've not adequately expressed thanks for, and would never have the words to do so. You learn about life sometimes laying on your stomach while things go on around you. Your arm may be laced through the spokes on the half wagon wheel arms, but your life is being shaped and molded without your knowledge. Safety,

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 Brensing, Teddy Gingrich,  
Loyd Ratts, Terry Sallee, George Shelton  
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel  
TREASURER: Richard Brensing  
MINISTERS: Carl Feril, Tom Turner

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## WORSHIP ORDER FOR MARCH 22, 2015

SONG LEADER: Richard Brensing  
GATHERING SONG: No. 238 – You Are the Song That I Sing  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Timothy 1:9-10 (Chase Mansel)  
SONGS: No. 543 – Wonderful Words of Life  
No. 544 – Without Him  
No. 524 – I Know Whom I Have Believed (vs 1 & 4)  
No. 803 – Turn My Heart  
PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon  
SONG: No. 387 – Tell Me the Story of Jesus  
COMMUNION: Fred Johnson  
Jon Mansel  
Joe Cornwell  
Chris Mansel  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
SONG: No. 470 – Victory in Jesus  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 924 – Just As I Am (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Teddy Gingrich

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## WELCOME VISITORS

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

## YOUTH GROUP

Plan to meet at Carl & Janet's on Wednesday evening @ 7:30 pm.

## BABY SHOWER

You are invited to a baby shower for **Amy (Osborne) Albritton** this next Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. (She is having a boy!) This will be at the home of Craig & Kari Smith in Great Bend. Amy is registered at Babies R Us and Target. Please see invitation posted.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Kay Kinnamon 3/25**

**Lory Scott 3/25**

## SILVER MAPLE CAMP EVENT

**“STRAIGHT TALK Into Human Behavior, Into the Heart of God”**

**Save the date – September 24-26, 2015**

An Equipping Workshop with Jerry & Lynn Jones; Worship Singing to be lead by Keith Lancaster; See information posted for more details. The seminar has required reading before attendance. Jerry Jones has written a new book that will be available Summer 2015 entitled *Straight Talk: Into Human Behavior, Into the Heart of God*. You can obtain a copy from College Press at [www.collegepress.com](http://www.collegepress.com) or call at 1-800-289-3300 in Summer 2015. Cost \$100 per person for the workshop.

**Church website:** [www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org](http://www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please provide updates to Janet)

**Millie Whitlow** – at Clearwater; found out last week her cancer is back, with metastasis to her liver; she starts chemo this week  
**Darla Chapman** (Calvin's wife, in Faith, SD) – surgery last week for thyroid cancer  
**Carol Gingrich** – adjusting to new pacemaker/ defibrillator  
**Gladys Hornbaker** – cataract surgery postponed  
**Juan Ortiz** (son of Chito & Lolis Ortiz from Macksville) recovering from an auto accident; they request our prayers  
**Olen Munz** – recovering from recent surgery for a brain tumor; living with his brother at Seward at this time  
**Jessica Keeton** (one of Clint's former basketball players) has breast cancer that has spread to her spine and lymph nodes; our prayers are requested  
**Maggie Harris** (Lisa's mother) – cardiac appointment last week for evaluation to have a heart valve replacement  
**Laura Wyatt** –recuperating from broken ribs  
**Joy** (Marilyn's daughter) –health concerns  
**Vesta Shelton** (George's sister-in-law) recent stroke  
**Dena Mansel** – health concerns  
**Lyndsey Dryden** – still recovering from auto accident  
**Cody Dick** – cancer; undergoing treatments  
**Roger Dick** - cancer  
**Jonathan Batten** – 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  
**Myron Brensing** – Leisure Homestead in Stafford  
**Bonnie Guthrie** (Kay's mother) – HomePlus in Stafford  
**Vic & Phyllis Staub** – Kenwood Plaza