

end up awkwardly exposed. You might place confidence in the wrong person to be a spouse and end up alone. Children trust the wrong adult and end up victimized. Our world is broken.

The next mistake that is often made is to think, "If I can't trust others, I will only trust myself." Wow, that is a lonely pathway. When we make every decision in isolation, it isn't long before self-protection moves to selfishness. This is a natural outcome of being alone. Then, the solitude tends to increase our suspicion. When we do well, we underline in our minds that we were right to go it alone. When we fail, we blame the brokenness of others.

Trust, ultimate trust is best reserved for someone out of this world. *⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; ⁶think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths. Proverbs 3*

God isn't broken. He never wavers, he doesn't fail. He seeks our good, battles the wickedness around us. His counsel, while difficult, is for our ultimate good... always. His consistency has evidenced itself over time, producing in us a sense of safety and confidence.

In our world, be a source of help for others. Do it, not being your best self, but by imitating God. Do it for your friends, neighbors, the stranger, the child, even for your enemy. Yes, following God is tough.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*



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I was running between appointments, a 30 minute window available to grab some supper. As I drove down the street to the house, I saw her sitting there, her bike in her lap.

"Are you needing help?" The 6-year old nodded her head vigorously. I pulled to the side of the road and parked my pickup. When the chain comes off the bike, it is a pretty catastrophic event for a little one. Her fingers were greasy, and her clothing smudged, but she was determined.

As I worked on the chain guard and remounted the chain I asked her a few questions. "You know me from school, right?" She nodded her head in agreement. "It is good to know someone who is safe to ask for help when you need it. I am glad I could be here." In just a few minutes everything was repaired and she was off on her way.

As I drove home to wash up before returning to my office, I kept thinking, it is good to know someone safe that you can accept help from. In this broken world we live in, the harsh reality is that not everyone is safe. You might trust the wrong person with a private bit of information and

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Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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

DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel

TREASURER: Richard Breensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR APRIL 19, 2015

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
 GATHERING SONG: No. 38—Awesome God
 WELCOME: Tom Turner
 SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 6:13-20 (Richard Breensing)
 SONGS: No. 538—My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (vs 1, 2)
 No. 539—Higher Ground (vs 1, 4)
 No. 467—We Have an Anchor
 No. 461—Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betide

PRAYER: Tom Turner
 SONG: No. 364—Come, Share the Lord
 COMMUNION: Chris Mansel
 Teddy Gingrich
 Ben Sizemore
 Ned Marks

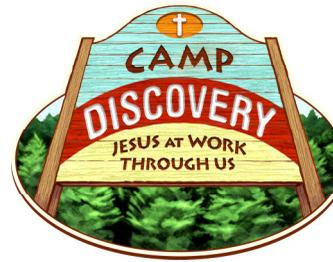
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
 SONG: No. 851—I'll Fly Away
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
 SONG: No. 907—Hark, the Gentle Voice (vs 1)
 PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship today – please come again! We also invite you to stay and enjoy a potluck meal with us today after worship services.

TIME TO PLAN VBS!!



Tuesday, May 26 through
 Thursday, May 28

Family Picnic –
 Friday, May 29

Let Tom know how you can help.

SILVER MAPLE CAMP EVENT

“STRAIGHT TALK Into Human Behavior, Into the Heart of God”
September 24-26, 2015

An Equipping Workshop with Jerry & Lynn Jones; Worship Singing to be lead by Keith Lancaster; See information posted.

SILVER MAPLE CAMP

A new water well was drilled at camp this last week.



PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please provide updates to Janet)

Lisa Cornwell—scheduled for knee surgery in May
Maggie Harris (Lisa's mother) – in rehab care in Lawrence
Millie Whitlow – at Clearwater; cancer spread to her liver
Darla Chapman (in Faith, SD) – thyroid cancer
Carol Gingrich – pacemaker/ defibrillator
Olen Munz – in a care center in Great Bend
Jessica Keeton (one of Clint's former basketball players) has breast cancer that has spread to her spine and lymph nodes
Joy (Marilyn's daughter) –health concerns
Vesta Shelton (George's sister-in-law) recovering from stroke
Dena Mansel – health concerns
Lyndsey Dryden – 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 Breensing – Leisure Homestead in Stafford
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) – HomePlus in Stafford
Vic & Phyllis Staub – Kenwood Plaza
Audrey Nusser - cancer
Racheal Davis – health concerns
Grant Raleigh (Kyler Kinnamon's friend) ski accident
Raymond Hamilton – friend of Fred's in Trousdale; pacemaker recently put in
Marion Alpers—Stroke last week

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