

parking area and the sidewalks, I like to think of them contributing to the health of the Fleming Oak for the past hundred years.

Today, we celebrate Mother's Day. For those of you who have your mother, enjoy her today. Let her know of her importance. For many of us, like the Fleming Oak, our ancestors are gone. Only their roots remain to nourish us. We may be weathered, battered, experience drought, or oppressive heat, but deep beneath us we draw on those who have gone before. That needed strength, the ability to laugh, endure, persevere comes from past generations. So we draw from deep beneath us and continue to live.

I have no idea how many hundred years old the Fleming Oak is. Uncle Mart hid behind the big old tree in 1861. The tree that produced the seed that allowed this tree to grow might have started life two centuries before that. A tree lost to history, but living through another tree today.

You are establishing your roots today. They intertwine with the roots of those who gave you life. Perhaps your mother or grandmother are living. But living or gone, you draw from them, and those before them. Not only in this country, but the root system reaches across continents, oceans, and time. Those who never dreamed of what you are seeing combine to give you life.

The more important thing is that you are creating a system for those who follow you. So go deep to good water, spread wide for rich nourishment and seek the important things. Make sure rich, deep faith is the center of the taproot so you may feed those who are to come.

*Grace and peace,*

*Carl*

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

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A Family of God**

**May 10, 2015**

In Texas, live oak trees are a special thing. Close to our home place, on the edge of the square in Comanche, TX, stands Fleming Oak. It was saved from "progress" by a beloved town character, Uncle Mart, who claimed to have hidden behind it during an Indian raid before Texas was settled. All the other trees in the square were cut down, but he stood guard over this one with an old buffalo gun.



Live oaks, as well as other oak trees, share a special trait. As they grow, their roots graft together. When an older tree is removed, the root system continues to feed and nourish the trees that are grafted to its root system. While the other live oaks were cut from the square to pave the

**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 MAY 10, 2015

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker  
GATHERING SONG: No. 71—As the Deer  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: Proverbs 31:30-31 (Orrin Feril)  
SONGS: No. 429—Oh, to Be Like Thee  
No. 681—More Holiness Give Me  
No. 290—Shine, Jesus, Shine  
No. 791—On Bended Knee  
PRAYER: Richard Breusing  
SONG: No. 325—Boundless Love  
COMMUNION: Teddy Gingrich  
Jon Mansel  
Fred Johnson  
Ned Marks  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
SONG: No. 716—Sing to Me of Heaven  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 934—Softly and Tenderly (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Chris Mansel

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## WELCOME VISITORS

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

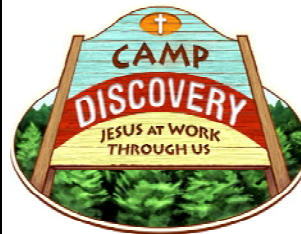
### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Since today is Mother's Day, we will not be having potluck.  
Spend time with your mother—or adopt a mother!

## UPCOMING AREA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS

May 16, 2015  
Macksville @ 10:00 am  
Stafford @ 2:00 pm  
St John @ 4:00 pm

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Tuesday, May 26 through  
Thursday, May 28

Family Picnic  
Friday, May 29

Classes/Activities planned for preschool through  
Grade 6—invite your friends and neighbors!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Richard Breusing 5/15

## SILVER MAPLE CAMP EVENT

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Maggie Harris (Lisa's mother) – recent heart surgery  
Racheal Davis – recent surgery; now home  
Dixie Hornbaker—health concerns  
Rachael (Staub) Weber—kidney stones/follow up treatment  
Millie Whitlow – at Clearwater; cancer has spread  
Darla Chapman (in Faith, SD) – thyroid cancer  
Carol Gingrich – pacemaker/ defibrillator  
Olen Munz – in a care center in Great Bend; doing better  
Jessica Keeton (one of Clint's former basketball players)  
breast cancer has spread to her spine and lymph nodes  
Joy (Marilyn's daughter) –health concerns  
Vesta Shelton (George's sister-in-law)  
Dena Mansel – health concerns  
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])  
Myron Breusing – Leisure Homestead in Stafford  
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) – HomePlus in Stafford  
Vic & Phyllis Staub – Kenwood Plaza  
Audrey Nusser - pancreatic cancer  
Marion Alpers—recent stroke  
Lisa Cornwell—scheduled for knee surgery in May

## OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Wilbur Kinnamon who  
passed away last week. His funeral was Wednesday in Stafford.

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