

of Christ in Dallas, Texas and died respected and honored by those who knew him."

As one who has read hundreds and hundreds of death notices of Civil War veterans, I can say this eulogy is unique; I have seen nothing quite like it anywhere else. Conspicuously absent are any words lauding the veteran's exploits in the military. Rather, the emphasis here is on the man's exploits in the harvest fields for Christ. No mention is made of what the veteran gave for his patriotic beliefs; instead, it is Gano's faith in Christ and his submission to him in even the smallest of matters of conscience that is highlighted. There is no name-dropping or list of associations, only how Gano helped steer men and women to the One who alone is Great. And in place of remarks as to how noble it was for Gano to "serve his country" for some days, there is stress on how the deceased sought to serve Christ as he saw best until his dying day.

What Lipscomb did in this piece is nothing short of turning a frequently used template for a veteran's funeral service on its head! This reversal of praise would certainly not be lost to the general public of 1913. I have to wonder what Lipscomb's contemporaries said to him about it. I suspect it received a mixed review: some thinking it inspiring and others likely seeing it as insufficient. To me it comes across as one of Lipscomb's finest pieces of writing; indeed, it is my personal favorite. It's gutsy, grateful, gracious, personal, and real; not glib, grasping, grandiose, distant, and forced ... as some eulogies were then, and are now. And in it all, Lipscomb honors the truly best of his brother in Christ while not watering down or compromising any of his own convictions. Such is very difficult ground to traverse, but Lipscomb stumbles not at all, rather, he blazes the trail for us to follow.

Italicized material is quoted from David Smith.

*Grace and Peace,*

*Carl*

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

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Attempting to balance beliefs within the body of Christ is difficult. When you have a group who exalt individual Bible study, profess no written creed beyond the Bible, and are spread around the world, there will be differences of understanding. Like first century Christians who valued the traditions and heritage of the Jewish forefathers, it can be difficult to understand how to maintain a relationship with the Gentiles who belong to the same Christ but approach him from a different perspective.

Reading this week, David Smith, a restoration historian, reminded me of the passing of Richard Montgomery Gano, the most well-known of the Restoration Heritage veterans who served the Confederacy. David Lipscomb, the editor of the Gospel Advocate, and a very vocal pacifist, wrote his eulogy for the paper. Gano had been instrumental in leading a great number of Lipscomb's converts into battle, many to their deaths. It must have been difficult.

Lipscomb writes,

*"There was a year's difference in our ages. He spent the years of the war in fighting for his country and took an active interest in the political affairs of the country. I spent the years of the war in teaching that Christians cannot fight for the kingdoms of earth and give their lives to building up these kingdoms. I trust God for approval of my course. I hope the General may be justified and saved. This may seem strange, 'But with God all things are possible.' (Matt. 19:26). The last years of this life he served as an elder in the church*

**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 Brensing, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,  
 Terry Sallee, George Shelton

**DEACONS:** Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel

**TREASURER:** Richard Brensing

## WORSHIP ORDER FOR MAY 31, 2015

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker  
 GATHERING SONG: No. 155—Highest Place  
 WELCOME: Tom Turner  
 SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Timothy 1:7-12 (Chris Mansel)  
 SONGS: No. 609—I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord  
 No. 524—I Know Whom I Have Believed  
 No. 549—There is Sunshine in My Soul  
 No. 797—Lord, We Come Before Thee Now

PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon  
 SONG: No. 364—Come, Share the Lord  
 COMMUNION: Teddy Gingrich  
 Richard Brensing  
 Joe Cornwell  
 Clint Kinnamon

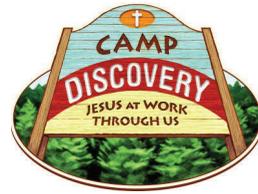
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
 SONG: No. 878—Sweet By and By  
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
 SONG: No. 904—Have You Been to Jesus? (vs 1)  
 PRAYER: Terry Sallee

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## WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship today and hope that you will come again! We invite you to stay and enjoy lunch with us, as we will have a meal ready to eat soon after worship services are over.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



### VBS 2015 is now history!

We averaged about 30 children each evening and this year we had more of the younger ages—what an exciting time! Friday evening's picnic with hot dogs and s'mores was a great finish to the week — the kids enjoyed the inflatable slide outside, while the parents visited. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way!

(omitted from last week's bulletin!)

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Cheyenne Scott 5/30

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Tom & Pam Turner 5/26

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY—this week

Terri Koelsch 6/1

## 2015 SILVER MAPLE CAMP EVENTS

June 26-28: Young Adult Retreat

July 5-11: Junior Camp (9 to 13 yrs old)

July 8-9: Day Camp (6 to 8 yrs old; 9:15 am to 4 pm)

July 12-18: Senior Camp (13 to 18 yrs old)

July 19-25: Group Camp (9 to 18 yrs old)

September 24-26: Adult Seminar with Jerry & Lynn Jones

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Charlene Jimerson** (Chet Lyon's youngest sister) - health concerns  
**Sherri Holguin & baby** (coworker of Joy)  
**Marion Alpers**—stroke  
**Maggie Harris** (Lisa's mother) – as she continues to gain strength after her heart surgery  
**Racheal Davis** – recovering from surgery  
**Dixie Hornbaker**—health concerns  
**Millie Whitlow** – at Clearwater; cancer  
**Darla Chapman** (in Faith, SD) – thyroid cancer  
**Carol Gingrich** – pacemaker/ defibrillator  
**Olen Munz** – in assisting living 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  
**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 Brensing** – Leisure Homestead in Stafford  
**Bonnie Guthrie** (Kay's mother) – HomePlus in Stafford  
**Laura Wyatt**—Kenwood Plaza  
**Vic & Phyllis Staub** – Kenwood Plaza  
**Audrey Nusser** - pancreatic cancer

**Pick up a June activity calendar today!**

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