

In the “getting Egypt out of his people” process, we have the two presentations of the 10 Commandments. If you remember, Aaron and the people had some Egypt crop up in the form of a Golden Calf that ruined the first edition of the Tablets of Stone. Those commandments did much to reveal the nature and character of God to people who knew a bit about him from the stories of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph, but learned much more from these written laws, along with the gathering of manna and quail.

We have other books that record other stories about God that continue to expand our knowledge. Joshua tells the story of a Conquering God leading a Conquering People. In Judges, the people are informed in snippets of information through a broad range of God followers. We have courageous individuals, men and women who God lifts up to accomplish meaningful tasks for the people of that day. People who might not “make the cut” if we were auditioning for “Bible Heroes”. The stories are told and retold, like happened for some of you in bedtime tales, teaching you about God.

Then Jesus comes. If we can step back and look, we can see why his approach didn’t look just like an Ezekiel or David. The times were different, the purpose different, but it was God saying “This is who I am.” Lots of folks didn’t agree, resulting in a Cross.

The letters that follow the Gospels are further, clearing up the vision through more stories, based on the problems of the day. We are still learning who God is today, retelling the stories. Join us.

Grace and Peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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As you know, I have lots of stories. Each of these stories is a part of my history, combined together they reveal who I am. No one story tells it all, but each is a part of the overall narrative.

I think of the Bible in the same manner. The Hebrew writer tells us that God told his story over a period of time, in bits and pieces through many ways (Hebrews 1:1-4). Sometimes dreams, sometimes visions, through prophets, kings, queens, and vagabonds. He used the high born and the low class to reveal himself to man. We get to Jesus, who is God, and he walks the earth among us showing us just how God is.

No single Old Testament story gives the full picture of God. What God revealed about himself to Moses was influenced by the needs of the time. They were under the oppressive rule of Egypt and the story tells us how God led them out of captivity and into freedom. Of course, the wilderness wanderings for 40 years was God getting Egypt out of his people. It is pretty clear in the story of the Exodus that getting out of a place doesn’t immediately get the place out of you.

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 JULY 19, 2015

SONG LEADER: Richard Breusing
 GATHERING SONG: No. 226—Come, Thou Fount of Every
 Blessing (vs 1)
 WELCOME: Tom Turner
 SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 5:1-5 (Chris Mansel)
 SONGS: No. 120—God's Love Medley
 -No. 121—Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing
 (vs 1, 3)
 -No. 122—The Love of God (vs 1, 3)
 -No. 123—The Steadfast Love of the Lord
 No. 469—Faith is the Victory (vs 1, 3)
 No. 803—Turn My Heart
 PRAYER: Tom Turner
 SONG: No. 359—I Love the Lord
 COMMUNION: Teddy Gingrich
 Ned Marks
 Orrin Feril
 Joe Cornwell
 MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
 SONG: No. 959—Just a Little Talk with Jesus
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
 SONG: No. 909—There's a Fountain Free (vs 1)
 PRAYER: Garland Mansel

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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, right after worship services.



SUMMER SERIES IN HUTCHINSON

The Eastwood Church of Christ in Hutchinson has invited several area ministers to come and speak on Wednesday evenings (at 7:00 pm) through the month of July and August. If you have a chance to get away for an evening, here is the remaining schedule:

July 22—Wayne DeWindt
 July 29—Steve Tandy
 August 5—Kenny Graham
 August 12—Buddy Aldridge
 August 19—Rob Kruckenberg
 August 26—Toby Levering

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2015 SILVER MAPLE CAMP EVENTS

July 19-25: Group Camp (9 to 18 yrs old)
September 24-26: Adult Seminar with Jerry &
 Lynn Jones



PRAYER REQUESTS

Anissa Potter—surgery scheduled for July 21 in Hutchinson
Lisa Cornwell—knee surgery scheduled for July 27
Janie Nagel (Fred Johnson's sister) - recent stroke
Donna Laudick (Marla's sister) - cancer; continued chemotherapy
Sonny Langford (Baylee Sizemore's father) - cancer
Dan Hampton—health concerns
Lupe Hudson—recent knee replacement surgery
Joe Rosenberg—recovering from recent accident
Gladys Hornbaker—health concerns
Mike Bookstore—health concerns
Charlene Jimerson (Chet's youngest sister) - health concerns
Sherri Holguin & baby (coworker of Joy)
Marion Alpers—stroke
Dixie Hornbaker—health concerns
Millie Whitlow – at Clearwater; cancer
Darla Chapman (in Faith, SD) – thyroid cancer
Olen Munz – in assisting living in Great Bend
Jessica Keeton (one of Clint's former BB players) - cancer
Joy (Marilyn's daughter) –health concerns
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) chemo for brain tumor
Eldon Ivy (Marilyn's brother) – health concerns
Jim Soukup (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])
Myron Breusing (Richard's father) – Leisure Homestead in Stafford
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) – Leisure Homestead in Stafford
Laura Wyatt—Kenwood Plaza
Vic & Phyllis Staub – Kenwood Plaza