

dead, and preaching to the poor. It is equally a fact that he lived, walked through Israel, and was ultimately crucified before his resurrection a few days later. These are the facts, but when I am impacted by the facts, coming into a saving relationship with Jesus, trusting his life before God to stand in for my own, and submitting to his Spirit as my guide and protector, now the facts become truth.

Truth is that quality that transforms lives and becomes the beacon to guide those who are adrift in the confusion of life. Truth is the outgrowth of impact of the facts, when facts have taken root and begun to grow into a fully formed plant. Truth has a meaningful vitality, a life force that can then replicate itself in the lives of others.

Never content yourself with simply knowing the text. Knowledge of Scripture without allowing the "truth" to shape you is empty and without value. It is never my goal to present accurate factual lessons, because that would be inadequate to take you to the feet of Jesus. We need to know man behind the facts.

Grace and Peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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Shelby Foote, historian and novelist, stated, "People make a grievous error thinking that a list of facts is the truth. Facts are just the bare bones out of which truth is made."

In other words, information is just that, information, but for it to take on meaning it requires context and connection.

I love American history. Send me to a battlefield where I have familiarity with the facts, and suddenly I experience "truth". The battle lines appear in my imagination, the cannon fire, repeating rifles or muzzle loaders begin to resound in my mind. My eyes burn with the black powder and my ears ring with the boom of the artillery shells. The facts that I read in the history books transform themselves into "truth" as my heart races.

There are, however, those who just repeat the facts. They are content to know the number of casualties, the dates of the battle, and to whom victory was ascribed. For them, the facts are enough, for me they are the foundation of the story that is to be constructed, the "truth" that will arise from the pages.

Reading Scripture is much the same. Knowing the Bible is composed of 66 books, and the ability to place in chronological order the characters of Scripture is fine, but is it "truth"? It may be accurate that Jesus did a great many things in this world, healing the sick, raising 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 Breensing, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,
 Terry Sallee, George Shelton

DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel

TREASURER: Richard Breensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR AUGUST 9, 2015

SONG LEADER: Richard Breensing
 GATHERING SONG: No. 144—O Worship the King (vs 1)
 WELCOME: Richard Breensing
 SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 67:1-4
 SONGS: No. 576—Honor Medley
 -No. 577—We Bow Down
 -No. 578—We Will Glorify (vs 1, 2, 4)
 -No. 579—Praise the Name of Jesus
 No. 77—Glorify Thy Name
 No. 837—I Need Thee Every Hour (vs 1)

PRAYER: Orrin Feril
 SONG: No. 382—Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?
 COMMUNION: Jerry Kinnamon
 Fred Johnson
 Joe Cornwell
 Chris Mansel

SONG: No. 878—Sweet By and By
 LESSON: Zeb Carter (*Children's Bible Hour*)
 SONG: No. 922—Jesus Paid It All (vs 1)
 PRAYER: Teddy Gingrich

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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.

REQUEST FOR BIRTHDAY CARDS

Kay's mother, **Bonnie Guthrie**, will celebrate her 90th birthday on August 12th. It would be great for her to get lots of cards for this special celebration! If you would like to send a card, please send it to Kay and she will take all the cards to her mom on her birthday. Please send them to: Bonnie Guthrie, c/o Kay Kinnamon, 114 South Broadway, St. John, KS 67576.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kari Smith 8/12
 Janet Feril 8/12

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:

August 12—Buddy Aldridge
 August 19—Rob Kruckenberg
 August 26—Toby Levering

2015 SILVER MAPLE CAMP EVENT

September 24-26:

Adult Seminar with Jerry & Lynn Jones



PRAYER REQUESTS

Donna Laudick (Marla's sister) - has an infection and is seriously ill
Maggie Harris—knee replacement scheduled for Aug 18
Anissa Potter—improving
Lisa Cornwell—recent knee surgery
Teddy Gingrich—continues to improve after a recent auto accident
Janie Nagel (Fred Johnson's sister) - recent stroke
Sonny Langford (Baylee Sizemore's father) - cancer
Dan Hampton—health concerns
Lupe Hudson—recent knee surgery
Joe Rosenberg—recovering from 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 Breensing (Richard's father) – Leisure Homestead in Stafford
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) – Leisure Homestead in Stafford
Laura Wyatt—Kenwood Plaza