

It might be a humble way, perhaps some would suggest a simplistic, naive way. However it is what people of faith choose.

It is a choice, a difficult one perhaps in some situations. Perhaps in the situation you find yourself in right now, given some of the losses you incurred this year, the choices of tears, bitterness, frustration, all seem much more natural. Perhaps, with the events of terror throughout our world, your thoughts turn to protection, retaliation, guardedness, and retreat. That too is a normal and expected response. But, for those of us who are a part of the kingdom, we choose thanks.

Thanks for our connection to Jesus, our support within the body, our peace with God. We give thanks for life thus far, groaning within for the last day to come, with its transformational power. We choose to prioritize the spiritual blessings over the abundance of physical blessings around us.

We trust in things that cannot be destroyed. No bomb can impact our connection to Jesus. No bullets can penetrate the love that God has expressed to this world. We choose to trust this, because it is more real than any act of violence.

So this week, let the peace of the Messiah control your heart and choose to be thankful.

Grace and Peace,

Carl

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Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.



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A Family of God

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The world remains a mess this week. If you read any news feeds, you read about shootings, arson, bombings, and terrorism. The world remains a mess. However, we choose to do something this week that should serve as a slap in the face to all that evil. Despite what happens around us, we choose a different path. We are guided by a different source, moved in a different direction.

And let the peace of the Messiah, to which you were also called in one body, control your hearts. Be thankful. Colossians 3:15 HCSB

As we prepare this week for Thanksgiving, a time of family, friends, and loved ones, may we be reminded that as we allow the peace of the Messiah to regulate our hearts, we choose thankfulness.

While the world is reeling with one act of evil following another, may we live our faith out in a purposeful, conscious manner, with thanks.

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 NOVEMBER 22, 2015

SONG LEADER: Stan Aldrich

GATHERING SONG:

No. 72—Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty

WELCOME: Tom Turner

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 145:1-6 (Garland Mansel)

SONGS: No. 76—How Great Thou Art

No. 66—Doxology

No. 67—For the Beauty of the Earth

No. 781—Thank You, Lord

PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon

SONG: No. 364—Come, Share the Lord

COMMUNION: Fred Johnson

Ned Marks

Jon Mansel

Orrin Feril

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril

SONG: No. 891—Peace in the Valley

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! Please stay for lunch right after services.

BIBLE STUDIES / FELLOWSHIP

Sunday morning:

- Combined adult class in the auditorium taught by Carl
- Teen class taught by Tom

Wednesday evening:

- Adult Bible Study at 7:30 pm at church building
- Youth group at Carl's at 7:30 pm

LADIES HOLIDAY BRUNCH

The ladies are invited to the home of Lory Scott on Saturday, December 19th, at 9:00 am for a Holiday Brunch. Please bring a gift to exchange (\$15 limit). Come and enjoy this special time together! No RSVP is needed—just come! Need a ride or want to carpool? Please contact Janet.



WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD

- Scheduled for April 15-16
- Hartman Arena, Wichita, KS
- Let Janet know if you want to be registered with the group who is going (discounted fee until January 31st)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Cole Kinnamon 11/26

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Craig & Kari Smith 11/27
Joe & Lisa Cornwell 11/28

PRAYER REQUESTS

Alice Peden (mother of Karla Mead, minister's wife at Eastwood Church of Christ in Hutchinson) stomach cancer; in the hospital in Norman, OK
Michelle Rose (Vanessa Roger's aunt) - sepsis; moved to a nursing home for rehab
Marilyn Thornburg—recent knee surgery; now home
Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments
Josh Oakley (grandson of Bill Oakley) - recent heart transplant; making good progress
Donna Laudick (Marla's sister) - cancer; in remission
John Laudick (Marla's brother-in-law) - recent stroke
Dan Hampton—continuing health concerns
Pam Herrenbruck—cancer treatment
Sonny Langford (Baylee Sizemore's father) - cancer
Jonathan Batten – chemotherapy
Theo Birkett (Tara's mother)
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
Vic & Phyllis Staub – Kenwood Plaza

Many will be traveling this week to be with family and friends; pray for safe travels

