

The message of God, especially when presented as I have here, over a long period of time, is to bring nourishment, refreshing, and growth. It need not be violent, nor thunderous, but must always lead to God. As Moses concludes, "May God's name be proclaimed and his greatness presented."

In the end, this is the purpose of teaching, the intent of every servant of God. While styles vary, and the times call for different emphasis, George Shelton, Thayer Salisbury, David Lewis, Tom Turner and I, who have been the ministers at different times in the past 45 years, on our best days did exactly this and nothing else. We attempt to lift up God and his message to each generation.

It isn't moving through like a prairie fire, consuming all that is before it. It isn't a tornado of epic portions. It is like a gentle rain, bringing strength for what lies ahead. As always, may God be praised.

Grace and Peace,

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Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.



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Let my teaching fall like rain and my word settle like dew, like gentle rain on new grass and showers on tender plants. Deuteronomy 32:2

Last night it rained all night, at least every time I woke up it was raining. It wasn't torrential, it did not seem a particularly violent storm. It was steady, peaceful as I lay there reflecting on life.

As often happens during such times, my mind reflects back on Scriptures. Certain occasions take my mind to verses that stick in my memory.

This chapter in Deuteronomy records the introduction to the Song of Moses. His first three verses are the prayer of all teachers of God that I've ever met.

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 DECEMBER 13, 2015

SONG LEADER: Richard Breensing
GATHERING SONG: No. 1012—
Go Tell It on the Mountain (vs 1)

WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 53 (Chris Mansel)
SONGS: No. 264—Oh, Come, Let Us Adore Him
No. 997—O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs 1)
No. 1018—Joy to the World
No. 781—Thank You, Lord

PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon
SONG: No. 359—I Love the Lord
COMMUNION: Gary Hornbaker
Orrin Feril
Joe Cornwell
Stan Aldrich

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 864—Where the Gates Swing Outward Never
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 948—I Am Resolved (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! Please stay for lunch right after services.

CAROLING ON WEDNESDAY EVENING



Please meet at the church building by 7:30 pm this Wednesday evening. If you would like to go caroling at the local nursing homes. This will include the Youth Group.

LADIES HOLIDAY BRUNCH

The ladies are invited to the home of Lory Scott this next Saturday, December 19th, at 9:00 am for a Holiday Brunch. Please bring a gift to exchange (\$15 limit). Need a ride or want to car-pool? Please contact Janet.



SOUP SUPPER AT THE FERIL'S

You are invited to the home of Carl & Janet Feril for a soup supper next Sunday, December 20th. Come anytime after 6:00 pm and stay as long as you like!

WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD

- April 15-16; Hartman Arena, Wichita, KS
- Let Janet know if you want to be registered with the group who is going (we can get a discounted fee until January 31st)
- We have 8 women who have made this commitment so far

PRAYER REQUESTS

Brenda Staub—thyroid cancer; scheduled to have her thyroid removed on Tues, Dec 15th, at Via Christi in Manhattan

Darlene Stimatze (Amber Turner's mother) - fell and broke her hip last Wednesday; she had surgery at the hospital in Pratt and plans to recuperate at the hospital in Stafford

Dan Hampton—recent surgery

Alice Peden (mother of Karla Mead, minister's wife at Eastwood Church of Christ in Hutchinson) is now home with Hospice Care

Michelle Rose (Vanessa Roger's aunt) - in a nursing home for rehab

Marilyn Thornburg—recent knee surgery

Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments

Donna Laudick (Marla's sister) - cancer; in remission

John Laudick (Marla's brother-in-law)

Pam Herrenbruck—cancer treatment

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

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