

lecture. Rabbinical in the sense that during the crisis and the fire, my goal is to be there to support, shape, encourage, and point to God.

What Jesus did for his disciples, I want to do for those that I lead. As Paul said, "Be an imitator of me in the places you see me imitate Christ." That is the goal, the entire goal.

I want to use whatever vehicle is necessary to accomplish that. If it is sitting over a cup of coffee, don't be surprised if the conversation doesn't turn to our responsibilities before God. If a family member dies, expect a visit or phone call; crisis is a natural time to think of God.

I want, like Jesus, to talk with people about practical things. I want to treat as unimportant the things that others use to ostracize. I want to value the good, believe in the power of others to change. I want to be present in the crisis, not to comment on it from the safety of some gathering of the religious folks. Jesus was present with those who the "upright" wouldn't eat with.

I don't want to lead those who "have it all together", I want to lead those who are committed to surviving the crisis in the context of connection. I want to be safe enough for you to admit you "don't like God right now." I want to be patient when you bring the broken pieces and we struggle to learn how to patch things back up and kneel before God.

Ministry, as I understand it, is being called to walk alongside others. Comfortable being up front leading, but quick to kneel beside and crawl together.

There is sermon preparation, reading, study, and prayer, but mainly there is being there. I hadn't used the word Rabbinical in describing ministry before, but I like the concept more and more.

*Grace and Peace,*

*Carl*



**St John Church of Christ**  
**A Family of God**

**February 14, 2016**

I've been trying to be supportive of a few beginning ministers by meeting with them a few times per month to help them shape their ministries. I don't know that I am especially qualified beyond the fact that I've been doing this for over 40 years.

Various ministers I speak with used different titles or descriptors for what they do. Some are described as Senior Minister, Pulpit Minister, Outreach Minister, Preacher, Pastor, and lots of other things. Each describe some function that makes up their task.

So how do I see myself and my task? It is an important question. I use primarily a discipling style in my ministry. I commit to people for the long haul. My goal is during the time we have together that I will teach the ones following me to be more like Jesus. The style is more rabbinical in nature than pulpit focused, even though there are those who would primarily hear my instruction through sermons.

Rabbinical because I want to first establish that the teaching is not my own, but my understanding of what God has left for us to do as described in his word. Rabbinical in the sense that I want it to be personal and "as we walk along", rather than formal

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

**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 FEBRUARY 14, 2016

SONG LEADER: Stan Aldrich  
GATHERING SONG: No. 66—Doxology  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 2:1-2 (Ben Sizemore)  
SONGS: No. 379—If That Isn't Love  
No. 583—Jesus, Flow Like a River  
No. 254—Sweet Aroma  
No. 781—Thank You, Lord  
PRAYER: Orrin Feril  
SONG: No. 460—Washed in the Blood  
COMMUNION: Chris Mansel  
Gary Hornbaker  
Fred Johnson  
Jeff Scott  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
SONG: No. 470—Victory in Jesus (*Please stand*)  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 915—Trust and Obey (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon

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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.

### MEN'S RETREAT

#### Hosted by the Stafford Church of Christ

A special meeting just for the men is planned for Saturday, March 5, 2016. It will be from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, with breakfast and lunch both served. Cost is \$25. Guest speaker will be Calvin Chapman (from Faith, SD)

### SUPPORT LETTERS POSTED

A letter is posted from Thayer and Chery Salisbury, requesting assistance as they plan a survey trip to Nigeria to evaluate the situation and the possibility of moving there to teach.

Also a note from Madison Hamm is posted for you to read, as she has asked for help funding a mission trip to Tanzania.

### NEWS FROM CHIHUAHUA

An update is posted from Ubaldo Cardona in Parral Chihuahua; a few pictures will be shown as everyone gathers for worship.

### BABY SHOWERS

The ladies are invited to a baby shower honoring **Rebecca Turner** (Tom & Pam's daughter-in-law) on Saturday, **March 12th**, at 2:00 pm here at the church building. Rebecca & Tyler are registered at 'Target' & 'buybuyBaby'.

Also, save the date for a diaper shower being planned for **Vanessa Rogers** on Saturday, **April 23rd**.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Phillip Koelsch 2/17                      Hannah Sallee 2/18  
Loyd Ratts 2/18 (Happy 101st!)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Stan Aldrich**—sinus surgery scheduled Feb 18  
**Chris Mansel**  
**Brenda Staub** – found out her thyroid cancer is stage 3, so she will soon be having radiation at a hospital in Topeka; this will require isolation for 4 days, with no visitors. Please continue to pray for Brenda  
**Brent Monroe** (Joy Monroe's grandson; Marilyn's great-grandson) to have face advancement surgery March 23 in Dallas  
**LauraLou Rodarmel**—in Leisure Homestead; she also requests prayers for her sister in Wichita  
**Cason Albritton** (Richard & Shelly's grandson)  
**Joy Monroe** (Marilyn's daughter) - recent surgery  
**Larry Berg** (Tom's friend) - chemo & radiation  
**Ty Hewitt** (Baylee Sizemore's cousin) - acute leukemia  
**Clay Rodgers** (infant son of friends of Ben & Baylee) rare birth defect  
**Pati Waters Risley**—stroke  
**Dan Hampton**  
**Michelle Rose** (Vanessa Roger's aunt) - nursing home  
**Roger Dick**—ongoing cancer treatments  
**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  
**Bonnie Guthrie** (Kay's mother) – Leisure Homestead  
**Laura Wyatt**—Kenwood Plaza  
**Vic & Phyllis Staub** – Kenwood Plaza

**THANK YOU** to Adam & Cheyenne Holmes, Jeff & Lory Scott, and Baylee Sizemore for hosting the great Valentine family dinner party Saturday night!

Pick up a new directory page for **Gayle Byer & family**.