

but rather a choice between additional selfishness and sacrifice for family. I see them consider prayerfully what family needs are, rather than forcing their interests on the family.

My heroes view their world and their choices through a lens of faith and discipleship. They begin first with “kingdom choices” and move through their world, rather than making their choices and wonder how they can maintain kingdom connection while being involved.

My heroes survive the everyday, choose faith over doubt, and trust over vindictiveness. They recognize that what challenges our future is not the economy or the election, but personal choices of faith and integrity. Darkness is not a threat to them, because their light is an inner connection to faith in the source of all light.

My heroes become tired, sometimes exhausted but through sweat and tears look toward heaven. They lead, while pushing and supporting those around them, toward an eternal choice. They see the little things as big things. They refuse to stay down through trusting the one who raises them up.

My heroes don't lead great armies, they lead a handful of ragamuffin children through minefields littered with poor choices while talking about the future.

My heroes are never focused on criticizing this world, they see this world as a place to offer a difference. My heroes don't see how they stick out, they are busy doing the work.

I see it however. I see it and marvel. I see them and offer prayers of praise. I see them and seek to support, to lift up, and to keep affirming their faith.

More importantly, the host of heaven sees it. God bears witness. One day, it will all be clearer.

Grace and Peace,

Carl



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A Family of God

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I have a lot of heroes, some of those reading this make the list.

My heroes don't routinely run into burning houses to save children, or defend others by patrolling the highways. My heroes don't lead great armies or preside over large groups of people. These are the types of people who most reflect upon when they compile a “heroes list” or expect Facebook users to “like” or “share” to show their support.

My heroes serve in the trenches. The battles they fight are not against flesh and blood. The warfare is in a spiritual domain, with the indications showing up in our physical world. A mother fights to control her temper when frustration mounts because money is so tight, opportunities are so limited and the needs of her children are so great. To deal with the frustration she turns to prayer rather than bitterness, hope rather than despair, and accepts the immaturity of her children as just immaturity rather than an additional pain directed toward her.

My heroes are husbands who struggle to lead when the way is so complicated and the temptations to distraction are so abundant. They understand the choice isn't between entitlement to recreation or being a martyr

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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 Brensing, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,
Terry Sallee, George Shelton
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel
TREASURER: Richard Brensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2016

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
GATHERING SONG: No. 4—To God Be the Glory (vs 1)
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Proverbs 30:5-9 (Steve Potter)
SONGS: No. 449—Thy Word
No. 763—O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
No. 764—Teach Me Lord to Wait
No. 801—Where No One Stands Alone
PRAYER: Gary Hornbaker
SONG: No. 464—Because He Lives
COMMUNION: Chris Mansel
Orrin Feril
Fred Johnson
Ned Marks
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 716—Sing to Me of Heaven
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 907—Hark the Gentle Voice (vs 1)
PRAYER: Richard Brensing

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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 this next 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)

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 expecting a girl and are registered at 'Target' & 'buybuyBaby'. RSVP is requested to Amber Turner by March 1st at 620-546-5069.

Also, save the date for a diaper shower being planned for **Vanessa Rogers** on Saturday, **April 23rd**, at 3:00 pm here. She is also expecting a girl!

SAVE THE DATE

The ladies of the Salina Church of Christ have announced they will be hosting the ladies retreat at Silver Maple Camp on September 23-24. See notice posted.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Orrin Feril 3/1
Destiny Mathwich 3/5
Kaele Hawkins 3/5



PRAYER REQUESTS

George Shelton—went to hospital last Sunday; tests last week
Joy Monroe (Marilyn's daughter) - tests to determine cause of abdominal pain
Marci Klug (Joe & Lisa's daughter)—her pregnancy is now considered high risk; the baby will need to be delivered 4-6 weeks early; please pray for Marci's health and the delivery of a healthy baby
Brenda Staub – to have radiation for stage 3 thyroid cancer
Brent Monroe (Joy Monroe's grandson; Marilyn's great-grandson) to have face advancement surgery March 23
Alan Hildebrand family in Stafford
Sharon Goode Ames—lung cancer
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—pain after surgery
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 Brensing (Richard's father) – Leisure Homestead
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) – Leisure Homestead
Laura Wyatt—Kenwood Plaza
Vic & Phyllis Staub – Kenwood Plaza
Victims of the Hesston shooting last week

(Please help us update this prayer list, as some requests have not been updated for several months. If you would like someone's name to remain on the list, please let Janet know.)

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