

find it boring or poorly written, but I muddle through it because it is good for me. So, I do have rules... For all of us however, it is good to remember, that life is not lived in the assignments and disciplines of life. I can do somethings in my job on autopilot, as I am sure that you can as well.

It has a familiarity, a comfort zone, or an expected framework that brings ease to even the most difficult tasks. In this context, the week passes and in our minds, it just fades into obscurity. Questions like, "What did you do today?" can sometimes be difficult. We know we were working, but to pick out the unusual worthy of identifying can be a challenge.

Then life happens. A phone call that alters your plans. Someone stops by with a question or a problem and the desk is wiped clean, schedules are rearranged and life begins.

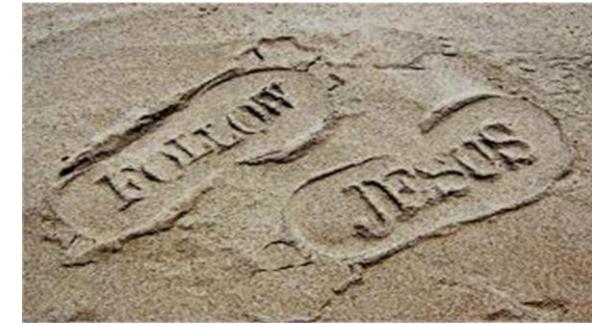
The Bible records the same thing in the life of Jesus. "As Jesus was going..." he took disciples aside for special instruction, he was asked questions, he was asked to heal, help or bless... All of these things, as he was going.

The stories we know in Scripture, the things that stick out to us about Jesus, all happen "as he was going somewhere else." Jairus' daughter, Zacchaeus, the woman with the hemorrhage, the demon possessed man in the graveyard, are all things that happened when Jesus was on his way elsewhere.

This is when life happens. This is when it counts. This is when who you are comes to the forefront. The routines, the ordinary are all training ground for the extra-ordinary. So be looking for the interruption, you will find God there.

Grace and Peace,

Carl



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

April 3, 2016

I was reminded this week of a lesson I need to relearn over and over again. *Life happens between the things you planned to do.*

If you were to ask Janet, she might tell you that I lead a pretty flexible life. Her job has set hours and a list of obligations, usually imposed upon her by others, that she can barely stay caught up with each week. She begins the week knowing which reports have to be done on which days, and what assignments must be accomplished by which deadline. That isn't how my life is lived.

Oh, I have set schedules, Mondays, Monday evenings, Tuesday evenings, Wednesday night, Thursday mornings... things that are weekly obligations, but not horribly stressful most weeks. Then there are my daily disciplines, the routines that I impose on myself because I tend to be "anti-structure". I have a time set aside for prayer, time for Bible reading, time for background reading, and research time.

I read a lot. More books than most people would imagine. I have a rule about reading. I always finish a book that I start. I might not agree with it (I intentionally pick some books I know I won't agree with to understand the other side of an argument), or perhaps I will

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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 APRIL 3, 2016

SONG LEADER: Richard Breensing
 GATHERING SONG: No. 63—I Will Call Upon the Lord
 WELCOME: Richard Breensing
 SCRIPTURE READING: Psalms 90:12 (Ben Sizemore)
 SONGS: No. 613—Hold to God's Unchanging Hand
 No. 538—My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
 No. 123—The Steadfast Love of the Lord
 No. 764—Teach Me Lord to Wait

PRAYER: Chris Mansel
 SONG: No. 359—I Love the Lord
 COMMUNION: Stan Aldrich
 Orrin Feril
 Fred Johnson
 Teddy Gingrich

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
 SONG: No. 976—I Shall Not Be Moved (vs 1, 2, & 4)
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
 SONG: No. 924—Just As I Am (vs 1)
 PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship and hope that you will come again! Please stay for our potluck lunch today.

BABY SHOWERS

A diaper shower is being planned for **Vanessa Rogers** on Saturday, **April 23rd**, at 3:00 pm here. She and Zach Marks are expecting a girl! See the invitation posted. (Onesies and other small items would also be appreciated!)



Also on Saturday, **April 23rd**, a baby shower is scheduled for **Gage Riggs and Vanessa** at 2:00 pm at the Abundant Harvest Church of the Nazarene in Pratt. See invitation posted. They are expecting a boy and are registered at Babies-R-Us. RSVPs are appreciated. If you would like to contribute to a group gift, please see Janet.

WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD Conference in Wichita (April 15-16)

There is still time to register for this conference for any who have not already done so. Go to the website (womenwalkingwithgod.org) for more information.

LOSSES IN OUR COMMUNITY

- **Kelly Crissman** (passed March 26) - funeral last week
- **Milton John** (passed March 27) - funeral yesterday
- **Mark Dale** (passed March 29) - private family service
- **Izzy Lopez** (passed March 31) - [Tom's nephew]
 - service scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, @
 10:30am at Stafford

Please be mindful of all these families and the painful transitions they are experiencing.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Dan Hampton—scheduled for heart valve surgery
Beverly Cobb (in Manhattan, KS) subclavian carotid bypass surgery
Olen Munz—brain cancer has become more aggressive
Alex Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) - brain tumor
Brent Monroe (Joy Monroe's grandson; Marilyn's great-grandson) face advancement surgery last week
Joy Monroe (Marilyn's daughter) - recent surgery
Marci Klug (Joe & Lisa's daughter)—high risk pregnancy
Brenda Staub – radiation for stage 3 thyroid cancer
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
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
 HAPPY BIRTHDAY—Darrell Bauer (April 7)

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