

people like these old tools. They are battered, neglected, and sadly abandoned. They may see their time as having been in the past. It is a “young man’s game” or “I’m past my prime” become the excuses for idleness. They still work, just differently, perhaps at a different pace. Some have had a more difficult life than others. Sometimes I wonder if people aren’t like old tools.



Jesus spoke with lots of people who had been “left out in the rain too long.” He knew that he was working with those who had been spiritually battered and bruised. He understood that they often saw themselves as without value or purpose anymore.

The religious leaders of his day questioned why he spent his time in the “broken tool bin.” They didn’t see the value in discarded parts and pieces. They walked past, or stepped over those who Jesus recognized as having value and potential

We live in a culture that casts away lots of folks. They regulate them to the “cull pile”, rejected and unvalued. Jesus wouldn’t have called them that. How do you see them?

Grace and Peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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Since the evenings have become longer, I’ve spent a few nights over the past weeks in my shop. I have a few projects I am working on, but there are times I am tinkering with the tools that are out there. I like old tools, but they require a bit of work to make them as functional as some of the newer things.

My drill press is a Montgomery Ward, PowrKraft. It is very heavily built and functions very well. I use it in both metal work and wood work. Back in 1953, when it was built, drill presses didn’t come with large tables and a fence. For many of the projects that I do, I need a fence for repetitive, precise drilling. So, I reworked it.

Yesterday, while visiting with Janet’s aunt Helen, she asked if I or my sons would be interested in an old brace and bit set that had belonged to Janet’s grandfather. I brought it home, knowing there would be lots of work to bring it back to life.

The truth is, new cordless power drills have pretty well made a brace and bit set obsolete. They are “old school” tools. But, the batteries are never worn down. When used properly, the hole is drilled just as precisely, and accomplishes the task at hand. In our lives today, there are lots of

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 MAY 1, 2016

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon

GATHERING SONG: No. 15—Step by Step

WELCOME: Tom Turner

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 63:1-8 (Teddy Gingrich)

SONGS: No. 56—Lord, We Praise You

No. 77—Glorify Thy Name

No. 578—We Will Glorify

No. 74—Praise the Lord

No. 791—On Bended Knee

PRAYER: Stan Aldrich

SONG: No. 383—Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

COMMUNION: Orrin Feril

Ben Sizemore

Fred Johnson

Clint Kinnamon

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril

SONG: No. 560—Living By Faith

LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)

SONG: No. 904—Have You Been to Jesus? (vs 1)

PRAYER: Garland Mansel

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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.

GOSPEL SINGING

We are invited to a singing hosted by the Isabel Church of Christ, this evening at 5pm. A light meal will be provided afterward.

GRADUATION CELEBRATION

We plan to celebrate the high school graduations of Nick Mansel and Keigan Riggs on Sunday afternoon, May 22, after potluck lunch. Please mark your calendar and plan to be part of this special occasion.

A graduation announcement for Keigan Riggs is posted, for Sunday, May 8th, at Skyline High School.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

—Tuesday, May 31 through Thursday, June 2: Activities/Classes

—Friday, June 3: Family Picnic

Mark your calendar and plan to be involved in this great community outreach. Please start saving bathroom tissue cardboard tubes for a children's activity.

SILVER MAPLE CAMP WORK DAY

The next work day is scheduled for Saturday, May 28th.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Gary Hornbaker—now home

Brenda Staub—radiation treatment last week; now home

Clint Kinnamon—recent knee surgery; doing well

Annie Kent (Lupe Hudson's niece) - cancer

Paul Bishop (Betty Chlumsky's brother) - lung cancer

Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - cancer

Alex Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) - brain tumor

Brent Monroe (Joy Monroe's grandson; Marilyn's great-grandson) recent surgery

Marci Klug (Joe & Lisa's daughter)—high risk pregnancy

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

Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments

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

Jonathan Batten - cancer

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

MAY

Be sure to pick up a May calendar today, to keep track of important dates ... birthdays ... anniversaries ... Mother's Day ... end of school ... graduations ... Senior Celebration here ... St John Jubilee ... Memorial Day ... VBS !!

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