

question that has been asked over and over in history. It resulted in a distorted “gospel” that is preached by many telling others to follow Jesus and their poverty will be gone, their health will return, and there will only be good times ahead. It is known as the “health and wealth gospel” usually touted by leaders who live on estates and fly from place to place in private jets.

Jesus warned his followers that some would be rejected by family for following him. Others would lose lands and property. He described a follower’s life with words like “cross”, “persecution” and “dying”. His promise of overcoming the world was at the end of the age, or on his return.

The follower of Jesus learns in his or her life, not to pursue vengeance or aggression, because those are concepts that focus us on this world. Making all things right and good keeps our attention on a world that is destined to undergo a purification with fire, at the New Heaven and New Earth. Paul’s instruction is that we “set our minds on things that are above, where Christ is, not on the things of this world.”

So our message to a world struggling with disorder and chaos is not “follow Jesus and everything will be wonderful.” It is not true that if Isis gave up Islam and followed the Bible, everything would be okay. Sin, corruption, and wickedness will still exist in this world and some people will create conflict.

It is true that if we trust in God, live by faith, the next life will be where all tears are wiped away. But it won’t be in this one. That just isn’t what God promised.

*Grace and Peace,*

*Carl*

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

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

**July 17, 2016**

This has been another chaotic week in the world. So many killed by a man driving a truck in Nice, France as well as a failed military coup in Turkey. We live in a world unstable and confused.

To a large degree, the influence of dishevel is distant from us in St John, KS. Few of us know people in Turkey and we don’t travel to France often. It can seem distant and like mere stories in a newspaper. We will not be standing over a grave or multiple graves and whispering prayers over the bodies of our children because of the senseless acts of others this week. Are there things we learn from it?

Jesus warned his followers that they would “hear of wars and rumors of wars but not to be alarmed, the end is not here.” (Matthew 24:6)

Jesus was letting them know that his return to earth was not going to be like the destructive nature of mankind. Those things would continue in the world.

Being a Jesus follower does not shield us from evil that takes place in the world. We pray for protection, safety, and peace, which is fine; however we all recognize that wars, tornados, drunk drivers, and terminal illness impact both believers and unbelievers. Faith doesn’t place a bubble around us that keeps all evil away.

So what good is there to being a Jesus follower if he doesn’t fix everything? That is the

**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 JULY 17, 2016

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker  
GATHERING SONG: No. 23—Our God, He Is Alive (vs 1)  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 23 (Stan Aldrich)  
SONGS: No. 451—Assurance Medley  
-No. 452—Standing on the Promises (vs 1, 2)  
-No. 453—Love Lifted Me (vs 1, 2)  
-No. 454—Rock of Ages (vs 1)  
No. 490—It Is Well With My Soul  
No. 781—Thank You, Lord  
PRAYER: Richard Breensing  
SONG: No. 176—Lamb of God  
COMMUNION: Chris Mansel  
Fred Johnson  
Joe Cornwell  
Teddy Gingrich  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
SONG: No. 678—More About Jesus  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 907—Hark, the Gentle Voice (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Terry Sallee

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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.

### SUNDAY LEISURE HOMESTEAD DEVOTIONALS

The 9:30 am Sunday devotionals at the Leisure Homestead here in St John will be cancelled through the rest of the month of July. These will resume in August.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

A graveside service for **Dan Hampton** is planned for Monday, July 18th, at 10:30 am at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend, KS. Memorials are requested to Kenwood Plaza. Cards can be sent to the family here:  
Denise Robeson, 13906 Cedar Canyon, San Antonio, TX 78231

### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Dennis and Frances Taylor**, Meagan Feril's maternal grandparents. Frances passed away on Saturday July 9th; her husband, Dennis, passed away on Wednesday, July 13th. Services were held for both of them on Friday in Holdenville, Oklahoma. Cards can be sent to Meagan's parents here:  
Larry & Denise Bailey, 36618 E 138 ROAD, Holdenville, OK 74848



Nick and Kara Neidig are the parents of a new baby boy, **Warren Lee**, born July 5th, weighing in at 7 lbs, 7.5 oz, and was 20.5" long. Brothers are Easton and Landon. Great-grandparents are Teddy & Carol Gingrich.

Macy Waddle and LaShaun Wilson are the parents of a new baby girl, **Lundyn Christine Wilson**, born July 7th, weighing in at 7 lbs, 3 oz, and was 19 1/2" long. Grandmother is Robin Waddle; aunt is Ally Waddle.

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Bonnie Guthrie** (Kay's mother) – at Leisure Homestead; placed on Hospice Care last week  
**Annie Kent** (Lupe Hudson's niece) - cancer; had surgery to remove tumor last week; surgery went well  
**A.J. Diepenbrock** (friend of Brent & Brett Staub) - surgery last week to remove a mass in his brain; there is one remaining mass  
**Betty Schneweis**—recent open heart surgery in Wichita  
**Darlene Stimatze**—recent back surgery  
**Glennys Sallabedra** (Tom's mother)  
**Fred Johnson**—eye improving  
**Eldon Ivy** (Marilyn's brother) - at home under hospice care; His wife, Sheryl, is dealing with out-of-control diabetes  
**David Ivy** (Marilyn's brother) - having breathing problems; His wife, Kathy, may have lung cancer  
**Bonnie Thornburg** (Marilyn's daughter-in-law) - having serious health problems  
**Marilyn Sprawka** (Don Rugan's sister) - cancer  
**Jenny Walker** (Carol's sister)  
**Gary Hornbaker**  
**Marci Klug** (Joe & Lisa's daughter)—high risk pregnancy; currently doing well; expecting in August  
**Alex Garcia** (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) - brain cyst  
**Brent Monroe** (Joy Monroe's grandson; Marilyn's great-grandson)  
**Sharon Goode Ames**—lung cancer  
**Ty Hewitt** (Baylee Sizemore's cousin) - leukemia in remission  
**Pati Waters Risley**—stroke; rehab at home  
**Roger Dick**—ongoing cancer treatments  
**John Laudick** (Marla's brother-in-law)  
**Jonathan Batten** – cancer  
**Theo Birkett** (Tara's mother)  
**Jim Soukup** (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])  
**Myron Breensing** (Richard's father) – Leisure Homestead  
**Laura Wyatt**—Kenwood Plaza  
**Vic & Phyllis Staub** – Kenwood Plaza

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Richard & Shelly Breensing July 23