

“imposters” are those who disguise themselves as Christians, but actively work to deceive others while they also deceive themselves. While the verse is not specifically identifying child molesters, it identifies their process.

When you consider that the statistics indicate 1 in 4 women have been sexually assaulted and 1 in 6 men have experienced sexual assault (CDC), the numbers become enormous.

Of those numbers 75% of those assaulted were victimized by someone they knew and trusted. The image of a creepy old man in a trench coat standing on the corner is inaccurate. The largest percentage are people the community trusts, preachers, elders, youth workers, boy scout leaders, teachers, uncles, brothers, aunts, sisters, and neighborhood baby sitters.

We have to be diligent, watchful, and appropriate. We don't have to be hysterical, but we must arm ourselves with facts and hold each other accountable for good behavior. We have to bring the topic out of the darkness and into the light.

Teaching children to be aware, to trust their instincts of being uncomfortable and telling a trusted adult about it are the keys to keeping them safe.

Jesus warns that for those who would damage a little child, it would be far better for them that a mill stone be hung around their neck and they be cast into the sea. We need to take it as seriously as he does. May God save us from turning a blind eye to these potentials.

*Grace and Peace,  
Carl*



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**August 21, 2016**

I met with a friend yesterday. We have known each other for about 5 years. He lives in Pennsylvania and works with a church there. He is also someone who devotes a large portion of his life to addressing the threat of childhood sexual abuse in churches.

Jimmy and I have consulted with one another many times on the phone, each picking the other's brain, trying to develop a way of convincing churches of the reality of the threat, describing the presence of sexual abuse in our churches.

Finally, yesterday Jimmy and I met face to face. I had recommended that he speak to the church and community in Hutchinson. After his presentation we fielded questions about the problem and what things can be done, not just to help victims, but also to notice potential perpetrators. It isn't a topic that is frequently addressed in churches.

Paul addresses a portion of the problem in describing the descent of individuals into evil. 2 Timothy 3 <sup>12</sup> *Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,* <sup>13</sup> *while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.* These

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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 AUGUST 21, 2016

SONG LEADER: Richard Breensing  
GATHERING SONG: No. 15—Step by Step  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 3:8-12 (Gary Hornbaker)  
SONGS: No. 719—Love One Another  
No. 448—The Greatest Commands  
No. 140—Love Divine  
No. 781—Thank You, Lord  
PRAYER: Orrin Feril  
SONG: No. 313—The Old Rugged Cross (vs 1, 2, 3)  
COMMUNION: Jerry Kinnamon  
Ben Sizemore  
Chris Mansel  
Joe Cornwell  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
SONG: No. 587—Sing and Be Happy  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 948—I Am Resolved (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.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Landon Marks—Aug 23

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Stan & Orvalee Aldrich—Aug 27

School starts this week in St John. Remember the Teachers, Students and all those involved in the school system in your prayers during this time.



### 1 Peter 3:8-12

<sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

<sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. <sup>10</sup> For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; <sup>11</sup> let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. <sup>12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Michael Mitchell** (Betty Chlumsky's son) - had spine surgery on his neck last week; he is doing well at this time  
**Gladys Hornbaker**—treatment for a mass in her lung  
**Alex Garcia** (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) - successful surgery for a brain cyst  
**Annie Kent** (Lupe Hudson's niece) - cancer  
**Glennys Sallabedra** (Tom's mother)  
**Eldon Ivy** (Marilyn's brother) - hospice care, and his wife, Sheryl  
**David Ivy** (Marilyn's brother) and his wife, Kathy  
**Marilyn Sprawka** (Don Rukan's sister) - cancer  
**Jenny Walker** (Carol's sister)  
**Sharon Goode Ames**—lung cancer  
**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])  
**Bonnie Guthrie** (Kay's mother) - now on Hospice Care at Leisure Homestead in Stafford  
**Myron Breensing** (Richard's father) - Leisure Homestead  
**Laura Wyatt**—Kenwood Plaza  
**Vic & Phyllis Staub** - Kenwood Plaza

Early childhood development screens will be held here on Thursday, August 25th, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.



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