

chunks of plaster raining down throughout the room.

Any time there is an event, most folks will have a comment. The same was true in Jesus day. People have always reacted in similar methods. *Who do people say that I am? Some say Elijah, or one of the prophets, others think other things.* Herod's explanation was that Jesus must be *John the Baptist raised from the dead which explains why he can do these miraculous things.* Everyone had an opinion, from the least to the greatest. We know that Jesus was often overhearing what his disciples discussed as they travelled with him. They would process together the things that they saw or heard Jesus say. Their explanations would have had the same flavors of rationalizing and inflating as we see today. Jesus would rein them in and discuss what happened.

Sometimes, like after seeing Jesus transfigured, they would keep confusing things to themselves (like resurrection from the dead) and shift the topic to other questions, like Elijah setting things in order before the kingdom.

I enjoy reading Scripture and seeing the behavior of my friends and neighbors, of you, within the lives of those who traveled with Jesus. We are much more alike than different. That is something that gives me hope. We have the same curiosities, the same tendencies, and the same needs. Jesus dealt with it then, and he can deal with it now.

Now, if we would only talk about kingdom things as much as we do earthquakes.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*



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

September 4, 2016

As you can imagine, the county was abuzz yesterday. *Did you feel the earthquake? Water was sloshing in my sink. The pictures on the wall were moving. Things were knocked over on the table.* From being able to tell you the exact time to predicting the reason for the event, folks had opinions.

For Janet and I, leisurely lying in bed and planning our day, we wondered if the wind came up to cause the storm windows to rattle in their frames. Whatever your response, the fact is when something significant occurs, people talk about it. Just as they have for all of recorded history. We remember the years of no rain, of endless rain, and of terrible wind. We talk about the year of the oil embargo and escalating gas prices. Mad Cow disease, Y2K, eclipses, meteor showers, riots, or elections... there is no shortage of conversation fodder.

We find ways to relate, to establish our own credibility. *I had just looked at the clock when I noticed it begin to vibrate on the bedside table. Or perhaps our lack of credibility. I grabbed the edge of the mattress in a death grip as I was tossed back and forth in the violently pitching room,*

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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 SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
 GATHERING SONG: No. 239—In Moments Like These
 WELCOME: Tom Turner
 SCRIPTURE READING: Micah 6:8 (Jayce Feril)
 SONGS: No. 601—My God and I
 No. 480—Blessed Assurance
 No. 123—The Steadfast Love of the Lord
 No. 718—We Shall Assemble
 No. 779—I Love You, Lord

PRAYER: Gary Hornbaker
 SONG: No. 176—Lamb of God
 COMMUNION: Tom Turner
 Richard Breensing
 Ben Sizemore
 Orrin Feril

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
 SONG: No. 548—The Lily of the Valley
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
 SONG: No. 947—Jesus is Tenderly Calling (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.



WOMEN'S RETREAT AT SILVER MAPLE CAMP

Ladies—it's time to send in your registration for the 2016 SMC Ladies Retreat, planned for September 23-24. The theme this year is "Baggage" and the guest speaker will be Lynn Dearing, from Mt Juliet, TN. The Salina Church of Christ is hosting this event and you are encouraged to attend! Cost is \$40 and registration forms are available in the foyer, or online at www.silvermaplecamp.org.



SAVE THE DATE:

Men's Retreat @ Silver Maple Camp—October 24-25.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Noah Witt (Chet & Marla's grandson) - in hospital last week; possibly has Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever; still undetermined

Stan Aldrich—doing better

Jill Morphew (Janet's sister-in-law in Pueblo, Colorado) - recovery from her cancer surgery

Michael Mitchell (Betty Chlumsky's son) - recent spine surgery

Gladys Hornbaker—marble size tumor in her lung

Alex Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) - recent surgery

Annie Kent (Lupe Hudson's niece) - cancer

Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother)

Eldon Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - in hospice care, and his wife, Sheryl

David Ivy (Marilyn's brother) and his wife, Kathy

Marilyn Sprawka (Don Rugan's sister) - cancer

Jenny Walker (Carol's sister)

Sharon Goode Ames—lung cancer

Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments

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

Ubaldo Cardona in Parral, Chihuahua recently sent a newsletter—it is posted for you to read.

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