

midst of the storm, but our belief is that the Lord is greater than the most powerful of things around us. Who am I to question his purpose, his will or the outcomes of nature? These things are not in the control of mankind, but that doesn't change my understanding that God is greater than these things.

In Kansas, we don't live by coastal waters. But many of us face the power of oppressive forces around us. For some, it might be an ongoing decline in health, for others it is living among deteriorating relationships, and others face the overwhelming struggles with debt and lower income. Oppression can take many forms, sometimes in the person of those we loved or trusted, sometimes vicariously in the lives of those we love who face mounting difficulty.

God is greater than all these things. Now, will God act to alter the circumstances? Perhaps, but perhaps not. In either event, God remains God, all powerful and all knowing.

God's intervention in this life's woes has never been universal, except for sending Jesus for all mankind. But biblical accounts of the action of God has never indicated that he raised all the dead, healed all who were sick, or restored all the lepers to wholeness.

One of the principle themes of Scripture is that this world and its woes are temporal. Struggles here, persecution or natural calamities, are only temporary. It may or may not change. The reality is that God is greater than these things, that the next life is the meaningful one, and we are to live for eternity, not for the moment.

So, when the waves crash, be reminded that you serve a God who is greater than the storm.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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A friend wrote from coastal North Carolina this morning that they were safe, without power, and dry. Just a few miles from them, along the beaches of Nags Head and Kitty Hawk, the houses were filled with water from Hurricane Matthew. I've been observing the storm with concern because some friends in Florida live right in the path of the storm. They also survived with minor damage.

In my reading in the past two weeks, the Psalms have been dominate. I've especially been intrigued by the Psalmists' use of the power of nature to describe God.

³The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.

⁴Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the LORD on high is mighty! Psalm 93

While listening to the roar of the hurricane, the waters beating against the shore, there is the knowledge that the Lord is mightier than these things.

Will God act? Will he preserve or allow destruction to come? The outcomes are unknown to us in the

SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
Worship Service—10:45 am
WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study—7:30 pm
Youth Group—7:30 pm (@ Carl's)
ELDERS: Richard Breising, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,
Terry Sallee, George Shelton
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel
TREASURER: Richard Breising

WORSHIP ORDER FOR OCTOBER 9, 2016

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
GATHERING SONG: No. 155—Highest Place
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 18:1-2 (Jayce Feril)
SONGS: No. 238—You Are the Song That I Sing
No. 239—In Moments Like These
No. 461—Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betide
No. 464—Because He Lives
No. 789—Father
PRAYER: Stan Aldrich
SONG: No. 324—Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (vs 1, 4)
COMMUNION: Fred Johnson
Ned Marks
Jeff Scott
Orrin Feril
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 452—Standing on the Promises
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!
Chris Mansel—Oct 10
Teddy Gingrich—Oct 12
Barbara Austin—Oct 13 (omitted from calendar)
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
Adam & Cheyenne Holmes—Oct 10

AREA-WIDE SINGING

The Pratt Church of Christ is hosting an area-wide singing THIS evening at 6:00 pm. A soup supper will be served at 7:30 pm. See flyer posted. This is always a great time of fellowship!

FALL FEST

Everyone is invited to Jeff & Lory Scott's farm this next **Saturday, October 15th**, for pumpkin carving, fun and visiting. Please come any time after 2:00 pm—Supper will be served about 5:30 pm. Talk to Lory if you would like to help. Remember to bring a lawn chair.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Garden City Church of Christ is hosting a women's event on Saturday, October 15th. RSVPs are needed by tomorrow-Oct 10th. See information posted for details.

MEN'S RETREAT

October 16-18 at Silver Maple Camp. See flyer posted.

ABUNDANT LIVING MINI-RETREAT

The Eastwood Church of Christ is co-sponsoring a retreat with Abundant Living, an outreach of Church Relations at Harding University, on Saturday, Nov 5th, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. See flyer posted.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Vida Kinnamon Clothier, Jerry's aunt, who lived in Oregon. She passed away Oct 4th at the age of 98.

YOUTH GROUP

Come to Carl's house on Wed, at 7:30 pm—this is for 6th grade through high school.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Stan Aldrich—health concerns
Rod & Cris Seidel in Pratt (friends of Richard & Shelly) - health concerns
Ty Hewitt (Baylee Sizemore's cousin) - Stem Cell Transplant for his leukemia
Laura Wyatt—now on hospice care; send her a card at: Kenwood Plaza, 607 E 1st, St John, KS 67576
Vic & Phyllis Staub (Kenwood Plaza)-health concerns
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother)-recent shoulder surgery
Larry Berg (Tom's friend) - cancer
Landon Neidig (Teddy & Carol's great grandson) - heart procedures in the near future
Jill Morphew (Janet's sister-in-law) - cancer
Gladys Hornbaker—cancer
Alex Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) - health concerns
Annie Kent (Lupe Hudson's niece) - cancer
Eldon Ivy (Marilyn's brother)-in hospice care/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
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 Breising (Richard's father) – Leisure Homestead

An invitation to the **50th Anniversary celebration** for Larry and Linda Hamm is posted. Date is Nov 26, from 2-5 pm at the Kingman Church of Christ.

GIFT FOR BABY FISCUS

If you would like to contribute to a group money gift for Jeremiah and Jessie Fiscus in celebration of the recent birth of their baby girl, **Lennox Leigh**, please give your money to Janet by next Sunday, Oct 16th.