

I am repeatedly taken aback by the difference in the approach of Jesus and the actions of his early disciples. It was easy for the disciples to become task oriented. When they knew they were to go to a certain city, they moved forward with purpose. Jesus was also aware of his purpose, but is recorded as “stopping to help”, like the woman with the hemorrhage or stopping the funeral procession for the raising of the widow of Nain’s son. So the challenge for us is to refine our vision. As we are going, living life from day to day... we need to be mindful of the pain around us. Injustice, poverty, despair, and oppression are things that we cannot ignore. We must also not be so myopic in our vision that we fail to look beyond our own concerns, but to have the farsightedness to address needs of those who will never be a part of our lives. Something like a shadow passing by that offers a blessing, without our really being overly aware of our help.

Generosity is mindset that stands in defiance to the selfishness that seems so prevalent in society. The distinction between a clenched fist and an open hand is an indication of the transformation from a hardened heart to a tender heart.

This week, as I experienced others trying to be helpful and generous, it made an impact because it seems to be rare. Your witness, the evidence of having been with Jesus, is most clearly seen and has the most profound impact when it springs from a tender heart engaged in acts of generosity.

*Grace and Peace,  
Carl*



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

**October 30, 2016**

Generosity is a wonderful trait, always reminding me of the action and influence of God. Twice in the past week individuals from the community contacted me asking if they could participate in some charitable activities. Each was unsolicited and a surprise. Both did not want their names released but felt they wanted to also be a part of doing good.

I’ve often read scriptures about some act of kindness that happened to others simply because they were in the right place. There are times, as with the man born blind in John 9, that it was identified as a part of a long term plan of God. Other times, simply touching the hem of Jesus garments or having the shadow of Peter pass over them, or receiving a handkerchief from Paul resulted in their being made whole. Life changing experiences due to the act of another.

Other than providing relief from the heat, your shadow has likely not provided much respite for others. But there are many opportunities to be engaged in acts of mercy and kindness in our community and world. In fact, your personal effort to ease the discomfort of others is the mark of Jesus in your life.

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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  
**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 30, 2016

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon  
GATHERING SONG: No. 103—He Has Made Me Glad  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18  
(Chris Mansel)  
SONGS: No. 800—What a Friend We Have in Jesus  
No. 797—Lord, We Come Before Thee Now  
No. 406—Just a Closer Walk with Thee  
No. 778—Be With Me, Lord (vs 1, 2, 4)  
PRAYER: Tom Turner  
SONG: No. 359—I Love the Lord  
COMMUNION: Orrin Feril  
Fred Johnson  
Stan Aldrich  
Richard Breising  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
SONG: No. 957—This World is Not My Home  
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.



### TIME CHANGE

Remember to set your clocks back next Saturday night — as Daylight Saving Time ends next weekend!

### 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, this next Saturday, Nov 5th, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. See flyer posted.

### YOUTH GROUP

- Wednesdays @ Carl's house
- 7:30 pm
- 6th through 12th grades

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.

Church website: [www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org](http://www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### New Requests and Updates

**Lisa Cornwell**—injured her knee last week  
**Jonathan Batten**— surgery last week; cancer-related; send him a card at: 909 N 1st St, Garden City, KS 67846  
**Greg Barlage** (Baylee Sizemore's cousin, who lives in Wellesley, MA) diagnosed with Leukemia this last week; just beginning the process of complete diagnosis and treatment course.  
**Ted Maple's grandson, Asher**—recent accident; making good progress; now out of ICU  
**Glennys Sallabedra** (Tom's mother)-cancer; feeling better; better reports from doctor last week  
**Larry Berg** (Tom's friend) - cancer; ongoing treatments  
**Landon Neidig** (Teddy & Carol's great grandson) - heart cath & ear tube procedures Nov 10th & 11th

#### Ongoing Requests

**Alex Garcia** (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) - improving health  
**Stan Aldrich**—health concerns  
**Rod & Cris Seidel in Pratt** (friends of Richard & Shelly) - health concerns  
**Ty Hewitt** (Baylee Sizemore's cousin) - leukemia  
**Jill Morphew** (Janet's sister-in-law) - cancer  
**Gladys Hornbaker**—cancer  
**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 Rujan's sister) - cancer  
**Jenny Walker** (Carol's sister)  
**Sharon Goode Ames**—lung cancer  
**Roger Dick**—ongoing cancer treatments  
**Theo Birkett** (Tara's mother)  
**Jim Soukup** (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])  
**Bonnie Guthrie** (Kay's mother) – Hospice Care at Leisure Homestead in Stafford  
**Myron Breising** (Richard's father) – Leisure Homestead  
**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