

thinking. It is something said that is careless, empty or valueless.

Thankful sentiment, without thankful hearts, is an example. Or thanksgiving, a general feel-good emotion about life in general, may not be gratitude toward God.

My encouragement to you today is to be purposeful in life. Lead a life of reflective introspection. Character development, what Scripture describes as “sanctification,” begins internally. As God’s Spirit shapes our spirit, it happens within us through a process of meditation, reflection, and prayer. After that growth and development, then there is an outward manifestation to the public world.

It will reveal itself in your gracious speech, your kind concern and your joyous demeanor. You will find yourself moved with compassion, compelled to help, pray, or touch. It removes mindlessness and replaces that with purposeful choices.

So, when that “share this or else” meme appears on your feed, don’t click without a few moments of reflection. You don’t want it to be more meaningless fluff.

*Grace and Peace,*

*Carl*

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

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We will be inundated with memes shortly. That is those catchy little Facebook photos that say if you don’t pass along to others then you don’t love Jesus, you aren’t a proud patriot, that you will be ineligible to win a car... a new home... or receive \$5000 from some rich fella who knows nothing about it, or it means you support the “other” political candidate. The option that you just aren’t interested in clicking away isn’t considered.

We will be getting “holiday memes” soon, turkeys, pilgrims, folded hands or a cornucopia of fruits, nuts and fall leaves. They will instruct us to share the picture because to do so means that we are “thankful” about our families, circumstances or that all has become right with the world again.

Scripture talks about our giving account for every idle word. What does that mean? An idle word is a statement made without

**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 Brensing, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,  
Terry Sallee, George Shelton  
**DEACONS:** Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel  
**TREASURER:** Richard Brensing

## WORSHIP ORDER FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2016

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon  
GATHERING SONG: No. 103—He Has Made Me Glad  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 107:1-2 (Jayce Feril)  
SONGS: No. 65—Thanksgiving Medley  
-No. 66—Doxology  
-No. 67—For the Beauty of the Earth  
-No. 68—Give Thanks  
No. 742—When Upon Life's Billows  
No. 781—Thank You, Lord!  
PRAYER: Tom Turner  
SONG: No. 366—By Christ Redeemed  
COMMUNION: Chris Mansel  
Orrin Feril  
Gary Hornbaker  
Stan Aldrich  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
SONG: No. 991—This Is My Father's World  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 918—Out of My Bondage (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Teddy Gingrich

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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.

## WEDNESDAY GATHERINGS

No Adult Bible Class or Youth Group this week.

## SOUP LUNCHEON

The Stocking Stuffers of Central Kansas (SSCK) will be hosting a soup luncheon on Sunday, December 4th from 11:30-1:30 at the IOOF Lodge in St John. There will be soup, desserts, a raffle and a visit with Santa. SSCK is an organization started by lifelong Stafford County locals (one is our own Hannah Sallee) with the purpose of distributing toys to children whose parents could use some help during Christmas. This is the 5th year for SSCK; they have delivered over 700 gifts in that time to children in our community.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Lupe Hudson—Nov 21  
Pam Turner—Nov 21  
Cole Kinnamon—Nov 26

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.

## LADIES HOLIDAY BRUNCH

A volunteer is needed to host the ladies holiday brunch in December. You get to pick the date if you volunteer to host it! Contact Janet if you are willing to do this.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Lisa Cornwell**—as her knee heals  
**Landon Neidig** (Teddy & Carol's great grandson) - was unable to have his surgery due to a cold  
**Rod & Cris Seidel in Pratt** (friends of Richard & Shelly) - as Cris is treated for her cancer  
**Jonathan Batten**—ongoing cancer treatment  
**Greg Barlage** (Baylee Sizemore's cousin, who lives in Wellesley, MA) diagnosed with Leukemia  
**Glennys Sallabedra** (Tom's mother)-cancer; feeling better  
**Larry Berg** (Tom's friend) - cancer; ongoing treatments  
**Alex Garcia** (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) - improving health  
**Stan Aldrich**—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  
**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  
**Theo Birkett** (Tara's mother)  
**Jim Soukup** (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])  
**Bonnie Guthrie** (Kay's mother) – on Hospice Care at Leisure Homestead in Stafford  
**Myron Brensing** (Richard's father) – Leisure Homestead  
**Laura Wyatt**—on Hospice Care at Kenwood Plaza  
**Vic & Phyllis Staub**—Kenwood Plaza  
**June Cornwell**—Kenwood Plaza

## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Eldon Ivy** (Marilyn Thornburg's brother), who recently passed away.

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