

story of Ruth. But as things run amiss, God steps in, like a miraculous parting of the Red Sea. Other times He is recorded as raising up from obscurity some individual to use for a purpose, like Gideon, Jephthah, or David. There were times the purpose was obscure but important, like Abigail. Other times it was direction changing, like Hannah.

We begin, in the entire world, to focus this month on God's great redeeming action in sending Jesus into the world to offer hope to the lost human race. Don't look at the statuary of cute angels, nativity sets, or twinkling lights in a dismissive manner. These are all efforts that people have made at some point to acknowledge that God has done well.

To be sure, lots of folks miss the point. They may be clueless as they string lights around their homes, never thinking about the representation of the heavenly stars and a Star in the East... Don't be that person.

They may purchase endless gifts, meaningless trinkets for casual workmates without ever reflecting on the gifts brought to a baby, and the greatest gift of all delivered from heaven. Don't be that one.

Pay attention and share hope this month.

Grace and Peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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When God first created the heavens and all that is in them, He focused attention for a time on earth, as recorded in Scripture. He filled our planet with crops and grasses, fruits and fish, and animals of every kind. After crafting Adam and Eve he rested, reflecting back over what he had done, saying, *It is very good.*

As with all of the things that God created, it didn't stay good. In fact, the story of Scripture is about God stepping back in from time to time, altering the picture. The stories of the Great Flood and the Tower of Babel are two stories of God's corrective action.

From the promise of reclamation, to Eve after the Fall, the Bible records God's hand moving alongside man's history, shaping and changing the path as we move toward Jesus. When things are moving in a direction that satisfies Him, we may not hear much about God in the story, as 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 Brensing, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,
Terry Sallee, George Shelton
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel
TREASURER: Richard Brensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR NOVEMBER 27, 2016

SONG LEADER: Stan Aldrich
GATHERING SONG: No. 71—As the Deer
WELCOME: Richard Brensing
SCRIPTURE READING: John 8:12 (Kolton Sizemore)
SONGS: No. 611—Heavenly Sunlight
No. 20—We Worship and Adore You
No. 538—My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
No. 778—Be With Me, Lord
PRAYER: Gary Hornbaker
SONG: No. 337—Hallelujah! What a Savior!
COMMUNION: Chris Mansel
Ben Sizemore
Teddy Gingrich
Joe Cornwell
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 716—Sing to Me of Heaven
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 902—Nothing But the Blood (vs 1)
PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon

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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

- Adult Bible Class at 7:30 pm
- Youth Group at 7:30 pm at Carl's house

SOUP LUNCHEON

The Stocking Stuffers of Central Kansas (SSCK) will be hosting a soup luncheon next 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!

Joy Sallee—Dec 1

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Craig & Kari Smith—Nov 27

Joe & Lisa Cornwell—Nov 28

LADIES HOLIDAY GET TOGETHER

Plans are in the works for a get together for the ladies — word will be sent out once plans are finalized.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Doris Stimatze (Amber Turner's grandmother)—in the hospital in Wichita
Kenton & Kambri Klug (Joe & Lisa's grandchildren) - both have been sick the last couple of weeks; Kambri with a respiratory infection and Kenton just came home from being in the hospital for 4 days with RSV
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother)—cancer; was to have a biopsy last week
Lisa Cornwell—as her knee heals
Landon Neidig (Teddy & Carol's great grandson)
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
Larry Berg (Tom's friend) - cancer; ongoing treatments
Alex Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) - improving health
Ty Hewitt (Baylee Sizemore's cousin) - leukemia
Gladys Hornbaker—cancer
Annie Kent (Lupe Hudson's niece) - cancer
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
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

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