

God created a perfect world, so good that even he was proud of it. It didn't take mankind long to begin to mar it.

The first reset came when he destroyed most of it with water in the flood. Not long following a new world, the old problems started again.

The redemptive act of Jesus to stand in for us regarding sin is retold in the story of the Gospels. Four times, through four viewpoints, we read the account of Jesus making things right for us. From the announcement of angels through his reception back into the clouds, we read small vignettes of the acts of mercy and compassion with the common man. Slowly, watching the behavior of Jesus with the weak and hopeless, our eyes refocus and our minds are transformed regarding the nature and character of God.

No more thinking of God as one whose anger must be appeased and who really doesn't like us much. You can't read the story of Jesus and walk away thinking that God doesn't love us overwhelmingly.

Sin is frustrating, and the complexities of ugliness with the repercussions of wickedness can leave us feeling hopeless. Just a few moments reading the good news turns that into hope and joy.

Grace and Peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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There are times in my world that things don't go as planned. Perhaps you've noticed.

This summer I was changing out the rotors on Janet's vehicle. As you may remember, I was fighting that mosquito-borne virus this summer and not feeling well. One of the rotors seized on the hub and no amount of beating on it was setting it free. I was too hot, too tired and too frustrated. I don't remember how long I worked at it, I am sure it was not nearly as long as I remember, but I was to the "give-up" point. When you come to that point, where you just want to put it back together and take it somewhere... you may have things in a spot you can't successfully do that. That was where I was, no reset, no start overs, just messed up. Fortunately, going into the house, a good night's sleep and I fixed it in 20 minutes the next morning.

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 DECEMBER 4, 2016

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon

GATHERING SONG:

No. 141—Heavenly Father, We Appreciate You

WELCOME: Richard Brensing

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 63:1-4 (Chase Mansel)

SONGS: No. 15—Step by Step

No. 300—Praise Him! Praise Him! (vs 1, 3)

No. 2—We Praise Thee, O God

No. 797—Lord, We Come Before Thee Now

PRAYER: Orrin Feril

SONG: No. 354—I Gave My Life for Thee

COMMUNION: Gary Hornbaker

Fred Johnson

Joe Cornwell

Teddy Gingrich

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril

SONG: No. 742—When Upon Life's Billows

LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)

SONG: No. 945—Kneel at the Cross (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.

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 TODAY 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 whose purpose is to distribute toys to children whose parents could use some help during Christmas.

We are still having potluck today for those who wish to stay here for lunch.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

George Shelton—Dec 7

LADIES HOLIDAY GET-TOGETHER

The ladies are invited to a holiday get-together hosted by Shelly Brensing and Lory Scott. This is planned for Monday, December 12, at 7:00 pm at the home of Shelly Brensing in Stafford. There will be a "white elephant" gift exchange (no new gifts allowed; wrap something you already have!) and delicious food to eat, as well as lots of visiting! If you would like a ride or want to carpool, please contact Janet at 620-960-9118.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Tom Turner—respiratory infection all last week
Dena Mansel—not feeling well lately
Doris Stimatze (Amber Turner's grandmother)—in hospice care in Wichita
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother)-cancer
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 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

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