

the Most High God, they were not privy to all of the decisions and dictates of God. In fact, they did not understand the messages that they delivered to the agents of God in this world. They knew, according to Peter, that it didn't focus on them but on us.

Someone is going to live there. That is the story I heard. Right in the middle of them, like them but different. Right there putting up with all their foolishness. I don't understand it all but I know I wouldn't want the job.

Well, that can't be right. Who would He trust with such a task? Living there, there is no way. The most we've ever had to do was go there on a mission, a short visit.

How could they know? Preposterous, a spirit being taking on flesh. How could it happen? But that was just what was about to happen. Spirit transformed into flesh, a baby like them all but like no other.

The latest news is there is to be a star prepared, bright and set over a little unimportant place called Bethlehem. Have you ever heard of such a thing?

Wait, I just heard the Son is going. He's going to be there! No wonder so much preparation is going into this.

Can you imagine? God, and He's headed to earth. That is good news.

Grace and Peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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Have you heard anything? Any hints at all?

The angels of heaven were abuzz, attempting to anticipate what major event was about to happen.

Just bits and pieces, I do know that Gabriel has been put on stand-by, so whatever it is, it must be good news for them.

The others nodding knowingly, since Gabriel, standing in God's presence, always drew missions that were positive in nature. Michael seemed to have the responsibility to announce the bad news.

It is all pretty hush-hush to this point. Others are scouring the messages we've announced over the years, thinking there might be some hints there. No one seems to have put it all together yet.

Do you think this could be the culmination, that He is calling it all to an end? Could that be the reason for all the commotion?

Angels longed to look into the future, to see what all the fuss was about. Servants of

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 DECEMBER 11, 2016

SONG LEADER: Richard Breising

GATHERING SONG:

No. 238—You Are the Song That I Sing

WELCOME: Tom Turner

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 53 (Chris Mansel)

SONGS: No. 375—Oh, the Depth and the Riches

No. 509—I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

No. 508—A Wonderful Savior (vs 1, 2)

No. 514—Redeemed (vs 1, 2)

No. 837—I Need Thee Every Hour (vs 1, 4)

PRAYER: Tom Turner

SONG: No. 324—Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?(vs 1, 4)

COMMUNION: Jerry Kinnamon

Orrin Feril

Teddy Gingrich

Fred Johnson

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril

SONG: No. 535—The Glory-Land Way

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

SONG: No. 915—Trust and Obey (vs 1)

PRAYER: Ben Sizemore

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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

LADIES HOLIDAY GET-TOGETHER

The ladies are invited to a holiday get-together hosted by Shelly Breising and Lory Scott. This is planned for Monday, December 12, at 7:00 pm at the home of Shelly Breising 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.



SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Trey & Amber Turner on the recent deaths of Amber's grandmother, **Doris Stimatze**, and great aunt, **Doris Kennedy**.

APPRECIATION

Julia Lykova has worshipped with us since VBS last summer and last week moved away from St John with her family. She expressed appreciation for all the kindness shown to her and for everyone's generosity in helping her get a different motorized scooter.

CONGRATULATIONS to Pam Turner on her retirement from teaching!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Tom Turner—recovering from a respiratory infection
Dena Mansel—not feeling well lately
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 Breising (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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