

of a shooter is far less necessary than how we take precautions about skin cancer, for example. Daniel Kahneman, of Princeton University observed that even “in countries of intensive terrorism, such as Israel, the weekly number of casualties almost never comes close to the number of traffic deaths.” It is the infrequency of the events that makes it so noteworthy. Because we drive daily, and hear of traffic accidents so often, we filter out the information. But a mass shooting is so infrequent that it causes us to highlight it.

Control what you can, just like your vehicle. Keep good tires, check the brakes, and buckle your seatbelt. We take these precautions and move forward. We don't decide to stop driving or to drive a tank to be safe.

There is a far greater risk of sinful attitudes and language against groups or cultures of people than the risk of “those people” acting out in terror. For us to focus on what we can't control (the behavior of others), while failing to focus on our attitudes and beliefs (things we must control) is a misplaced effort.

Paul tells us, “The Lord is faithful and will strengthen you and protect you against the evil one.” (2 Thessalonians 3:3) We need to arm ourselves with the fruit of the Spirit, trust the power of the all-powerful God, and live in the shadow of his wing. This is a much more productive use of our energies.

*Grace and peace,*

*Carl*

*Where belonging to God means belonging to each other*

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## *Flying to the Rock*

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I was asked, following the shooting event at the airport in Ft. Lauderdale, do you think the world is a more dangerous place now than at any point in our lives?

I don't believe it is. As we have concentrations of people in one location, events become more likely due to proximity and density of population. It doesn't mean it is more frequent, perhaps more publicized these days, even more sensationalized with 24 hour news channels. While it is important to be aware and take common sense precautions, living life with paranoia and irrational fear is unnecessary.

The truth of the matter is that more people are killed by falling televisions and furniture than terrorism each year. Fearfulness over what we do in the event

**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 JANUARY 8, 2017

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker  
GATHERING SONG: No. 435—Come Into His Presence  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 95:1-7 (Zach Marks)  
SONGS: No. 153—Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down  
No. 155—Highest Place  
No. 76—How Great Thou Art  
No. 781—Thank You, Lord!  
PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon  
SONG: No. 325—Boundless Love  
COMMUNION: Chris Mansel  
Orrin Feril  
Ned Marks  
Teddy Gingrich  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
SONG: No. 613—Hold to God's Unchanging Hand  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 918—Out of My Bondage (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Richard Brensing

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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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kolton Sizemore—Jan 12

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jon & Vicky Mansel—Jan 11

Terry & Joy Sallee—Jan 14

### 2017 MEMORY WORK

#### PSALM 96:7-9

- 7 Give to the LORD, you families of the nations.  
Give to the LORD glory and power.
- 8 Give to the LORD the glory he deserves.  
Bring an offering, and come into his courtyards.
- 9 Worship the LORD in his holy splendor.  
Tremble in his presence, all the earth!  
(*God's Word Translation*)

(*Pick up a new memory work card to put in your pocket  
or stick to your mirror!*)

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Gayle Byer**—in the ER in Hutchinson yesterday  
**Glennys Sallabedra** (Tom's mother) - more cancer;  
taking 5 weeks of chemo & radiation every day in  
Great Bend  
**Whitey Alpers**—in hospice care in Hutchinson  
**Victor & Cinthya Garcia family** who worships with the  
Eastwood Church of Christ in Hutchinson: their young  
son Fernando still in the hospital in Denver, being  
treated for possible rejection of his heart transplant  
**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  
**Alex Garcia** (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) - improving  
health  
**Ty Hewitt** (Baylee Sizemore's cousin) - leukemia  
**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 Home-  
stead  
**Laura Wyatt**—on Hospice Care at Kenwood Plaza  
**Vic & Phyllis Staub**—Kenwood Plaza  
**June Cornwell**—Kenwood Plaza