

he had running through his mind. We will never know the silent prayers that went to God at that moment, but what he said does tell us something. Let me use 'Carl's translation'...

As you move through this world, influence people to follow me, immerse those that you influence, and never stop shaping them to be more conformed to my lifestyle. Remember this, as you go, I am always there, just as I've always been there for you.

Now that may not be exactly what you remember from Matthew 28:19-20, but it is the essence of the message. You aren't on your own in this task of disciple making. It isn't some formidable task that will overwhelm your resources or require all of your energies. As you are going... on the way through daily life, communicate what it means to be a Jesus follower. At some point, while doing so, others will want to be a part of it too. Those are the ones that you are to challenge to be all in by taking part in the imagery of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, then just keep teaching them about my ways. Remember, I'm there for you, always... right to the very end of time.

Then he left, and the words ring in our ears.

*Grace and peace,
Carl*

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other

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September 3, 2017

When my sons left for college it was an emotional time for me. Launching from the nest causes one to think of all the values we meant to communicate over the years and to ponder how the onslaught of the world will test those values in your children.

I remember thinking, "There is little more that I can teach them about 'right and wrong', so now I have to trust what I have done along with what God will do in their lives." For me, the comfort was more in the gracious care of a merciful God than in the flawless information that Janet and I had communicated.

As Jesus stood with his disciples as he prepared to ascend back to God, I've wondered what the thoughts were that

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, Terry Sallee,
George Shelton, Tom Turner
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril
TREASURER: Richard Brensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
GATHERING SONG: No. 103—He Has Made Me Glad
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 1:17-20
SONGS: No. 501—Though Your Sins Be As Scarlet
No. 924—Just As I Am (vs 1, 2, 4)
No. 509—I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
No. 764—Teach Me Lord to Wait
PRAYER: Richard Brensing
SONG: No. 356—I Believe in Jesus
COMMUNION: Jerry Kinnamon
Ben Sizemore
Orrin Feril
Fred Johnson
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 539—Higher Ground
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 948—I Am Resolved (vs 1)
PRAYER: Stan Aldrich

AV System: Orrin Feril

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship and hope that you will come again!

Happy Birthday!

Daniel Sizemore—September 7

Vic Staub—September 9

Happy Anniversary!

Garland & Dena Mansel—September 3

Chris & Marisa Mansel—September 4

EVENTS FOR THE LADIES

A Ladies Retreat is being planned at Silver Maple Camp for September 22-23, 2017. The Winfield Church of Christ is hosting this event and Nancy Mitchell Wheat of Waco, TX will be the guest speaker. Their theme is "S.O.S. Sisters of the Savior." Copies of the flyer/registration are available.

Also mark the date for a Christian Women's Conference at the Garden City Church of Christ on Saturday, October 7, 2017. Speakers will be Tammy Meador and Barb Rains. Christian humorist Lisa Smartt will also be featured.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS

Beginning Wednesday, October 4th, there will be a new young couple's class at Carl & Janet's home at 7:00 pm. Childcare will be provided here at the church building. Parents can drop their kids off at church at 7:00 pm and the class at the Feril's will end at 7:45 pm, in time to pick up kids and get them home before it gets too late.

Church website: www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Landon Neidig (Teddy & Carol's great-grandson) - doing well after his recent heart surgery
Jonathan Batten— home & not undergoing further treatment
Dena Mansel
Baylee Sizemore's cousin, Ty
Jim Sorensen (Tara's brother-in-law) brain cancer
Larry Carter (Gary's friend in Missouri)
Micaela Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) cancer
Rod & Cris Seidel in Pratt (friends of Richard/Shelly) - cancer
Alex Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee)
Annie Kent (Lupe Hudson's niece) - cancer
Marilyn Sprawka (Don Rujan's sister) - cancer
Jenny Walker (Carol's sister)
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) – Stafford Leisure Home
June Cornwell—Kenwood Plaza
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - Stafford Leisure Homestead

Also remember victims of Hurricane Harvey, as well as those affected by the fires in Montana.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Conrad "Connie" Waddle, who passed away on August 27th. His funeral was on Friday, with interment at the Fairview Park Cemetery, St John.

AREA WIDE WORSHIP

We are invited to an area wide worship on Sunday, October 22, from 5:00—6:30 pm at the Valley Center High School Auditorium. Childcare will be provided. Guest speaker will be Mitch Wilburn, Worship leader will be James Simmons, both from the Park Plaza Church of Christ. Non-perishable food donations will be collected that evening for Carpenter Place.