

The second is equally important. The cross has meaning because of the life that was lived before it. The selflessness, the compassion, the willingness to help and restore in the face of judging eyes and whispering lips; these are the characteristics that separated Jesus from the crowd.

I can't imagine the throngs of people as the message went out before him... *Jesus is coming this way!* The hope that it must have been elicited in the hearts of parents with sick children, and spouses of those who were infirmed is indescribable. Jesus is coming and with him comes hope.

But, what if Jesus, with all of his capacity to touch lives, had been unwilling to engage others? What if he turned away from the ugliness of illness or the despair of death? How would the gospel story read without words like "moved with compassion" or stories of his stopping to help while on his way to another place?

Jesus made small choices that were enormous in the lives of the individuals he influenced. Choices that we might not have considered important in the moment.

You will make some choices this week as well. Someone with holes in their shoes not asking for help but needing it. Someone with a coat that is too small, or a heart that is too heavy. Turn away, focus elsewhere, or continue on your path without further thought? If those are your little choices, the result will never look like Jesus. All we have to do is choose.

*Grace and peace,
Carl*

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Small choices are the building blocks of character formation. Being like Jesus is usually formed in little things that at the time might not seem significant. A choice to use kindness in place of trying to win, or the decision to share, rather than hoard, are the things that cause us to look like him.

We think of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross as what defines him, and I do not mean to minimize it in any fashion. However, if you spoke to the man born blind from John 8, or the widow of Nain, or the lepers who stood healed and whole after their encounter with Jesus, they might have a different answer.

The cross has meaning because of two factors. The first is the resurrection that followed it. Thousands of people have been crucified, only one has been raised from that death.

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

WORSHIP ORDER FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2017

SONG LEADER: Richard Breising
GATHERING SONG: No. 23—Our God, He Is Alive (vs 1)
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:15-19 (Kolton Sizemore)
SONGS: No. 464—Because He Lives
No. 451—Assurance Medley
-No. 452—Standing on the Promises (vs 1, 2)
-No. 453—Love Lifted Me (vs 1,2)
-No. 454—Rock of Ages (vs 1)
No. 827—Sweet Hour of Prayer
PRAYER: Teddy Gingrich
SONG: No. 313—The Old Rugged Cross (vs 1, 2)
COMMUNION: Ben Sizemore
Orrin Feril
Jerry Kinnamon
Fred Johnson
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 853—When We All Get to Heaven
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 922—Jesus Paid It All (vs 1)
PRAYER: Joe Cornwell

AV System: Chase Mansel

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WELCOME VISITORS

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS

Young Parents—please make plans to come to the parenting class on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm at Carl & Janet's home. Childcare is being provided here at the church building. Parents can drop their kids off at church at 7:00 pm and leave the Feril's at 7:45 pm to pick them up. See Carl or Tom for more details.

Help is needed each week with the childcare—see Tom if you are available.

MEAL FOR 'CIRCLES' MEETINGS

Our congregation will be providing an evening meal for one of the upcoming "Circles" meetings—scheduled in December. On Monday, December 18th, we will provide and serve a meal at 6:00 pm at the Methodist church. This will be for about 30-35 people. Pam is organizing this effort and more information will be provided as time gets closer. So, mark your calendar and be prepared to help with food preparation or to come help serve the meal!

SMC TEEN RETREAT

Pam is helping cook at a teen retreat at Silver Maple Camp this weekend. We appreciate her efforts at these special events at camp!

Happy Birthday!
Don Rugan—Nov 11

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Orvalee Aldrich—has had heart arrhythmia and was in the hospital in Hays last week; now home as they are attempting to regulate her medication
Terry Sallee—injured his back last week
Gayle Byer—fever last week
Dominic Rogers—will be in Prairie View until the end of November; no visitors, please
Brad Miller—stroke last week
Sherri Owens
Shari Parr
Natalie Lippoldt—broken ankle
Clint Bonner—diagnosed with multiple myeloma
Kyler Evans—freshman at Macksville; recovering from a dirt bike accident
David Ivy (Marilyn's brother, in Washington) - Emphysema, on oxygen and has difficulty breathing
Jim Sorensen (Tara's brother-in-law) brain cancer
Larry Carter (Gary's friend in Missouri)
Marilyn Sprawka (Don Rugan'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])
June Cornwell—Kenwood Plaza
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - Stafford Leisure Homestead

OUR SYMPATHY

Lupe Gunter passed along this news yesterday about two of her sisters-in-law:

Susan Garcia's dad, Les Minks, passed on Monday, Oct 30th. (Susan lives in Hutchinson.)

Sandy Garcia's mom passed away early on Saturday morning. (Sandy lives in Wichita.)