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Last night, I got a note that Paula was stuck overnight in an airport in Chicago, returning home from a speaking engagement in Texas. The weather in Kentucky was “fogged in” and she was going to spend the night in an airport waiting room.

Life is like that, you have plans, then something pops up. Sometimes it is weather, or the flu, or a phone call, or an accident... then plans must be changed. We can have life pretty well organized, the days we will shop, when ball games will take place, the next trip to see family, but plans don't always equal reality.

Dealing with life's interruptions is a necessary skill to develop. To spend great volumes of time in anxiety over the interruption limits our ability to be effective in the moment. I like the way Jesus handled interruptions; the woman with the issue of blood, the 10 lepers, the blind man in Jerusalem, were all interruptions to his plans. All became a part of the story of the savior. Important parts of the story.

*Grace and peace,*  
**Carl**

*Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.*

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## The Day Is At Hand

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I suppose it is that time of the year, when travel can be interrupted by weather. As some of you know, returning from South Dakota on Sunday night, I got weathered in at Alliance, NE. While the roads there were just snow packed and icy, south of there both interstates were closed as well as the state highways headed south.

I stayed Monday in Alliance, working from my laptop and taking care of routine study plans, some research reading, and enjoying the solitude.

Janet and I have friends in Benton, KY, John and Paula. I spoke with them on the way home as they had just picked their daughter up from the high school where two students were killed and 17 injured, when a fellow student opened fire in the commons area at the school.

Thankfully, Gracie, their daughter was not injured in the violence, but their family was trying to understand how to do the best things for all involved. We spoke briefly about what those things might look like, and committed to be praying for all involved.

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**SUNDAY:** Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am  
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am  
Worship Service—10:45 am  
**WEDNESDAY:** Varies by Time of Year (*refer to Bulletin News*)  
**ELDERS:** Richard Breising, Teddy Gingrich, Terry Sallee,  
George Shelton, Tom Turner  
**DEACONS:** Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril  
**TREASURER:** Richard Breising

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### WORSHIP ORDER FOR JANUARY 28, 2018

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker  
GATHERING SONG: No. 31—Be Still and Know  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 121 (Zach Marks)  
SONGS: No. 117—God is the Fountain Whence  
No. 406—Just a Closer Walk with Thee  
No. 410—He Leadeth Me  
No. 508—A Wonderful Savior (vs 1, 2)  
No. 800—What a Friend We Have in Jesus  
PRAYER: Orrin Feril  
SONG: No. 325—Boundless Love  
COMMUNION: Chris Mansel  
Joe Cornwell  
Jerry Kinnamon  
Fred Johnson  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)  
SONG: No. 976—I Shall Not Be Moved (vs 1, 3, 4)  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 922—Jesus Paid It All (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!

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS

Young Parents—you are invited 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. Help is needed each week with the childcare at the church building.

### WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD

The Women Walking with God conference hosted by the Northside congregation in Wichita will be April 13-14, 2018. If you register before January 31st, the rate is reduced at \$63.00. Go to the website for more information:  
[www.womenwalkingwithgod.org](http://www.womenwalkingwithgod.org)

### BUDGET

Copies of the 2018 budget are available—please pick one up from the table in the foyer today.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Chet Lyons—Jan 30  
Anissa Potter—Feb 3

**New Memory Work for 2018—Romans 13:11-12**

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Marilyn Thornburg**—scheduled for surgery last week  
**Orvalee Aldrich**—health issues  
**Gayle Sears** (Marla's friend) breast cancer  
**Katherine Suiter**—cancer  
**George Shelton**—eyesight issues  
**Crystal Easley** (Terry & Linda Welch's daughter) - Stage 4 cancer  
**Sherri Owens**  
**Clint Bonner**—multiple myeloma  
**David Ivy** (Marilyn's brother, in Washington) - Emphysema  
**Jim Sorensen** (Tara's brother-in-law) brain cancer  
**Larry Carter** (Gary's friend in Missouri)  
**Marilyn Sprawka** (Don Rukan'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

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