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other for the first time. Wary of giving offense, careful not to take offense. Gradually the guards were lowered, then about 9:30p our real conversation began.

To be frank, it was one of the most spiritual, Spirit-filled conversations I've had in over a year. Our language was a bit different, but as we came to trust each other more, shields came down and pointed encouragement and challenges were exchanged.

Promises to pray, occasions of prayer, suggestions to watch for movement of God in specific areas of life events, are the things that made the conversation godly, rare, special, and meaningful.

At one point I mentioned that I felt if I could turn my head just right quickly enough I might catch a glimpse of God's Spirit encouraging, guiding and challenging the exchange. Each of us hated to end our time together that night as fatigue began to take its toll.

Sharing breakfast the next morning before he travelled on his way, I wondered if I entertained an angel unaware. Do angels text?

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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March 18, 2018

A text message arrived. A preacher who met me while I was in Arkansas last week was traveling through the area. He was going to participate in a regional meeting to be held in Goodland, as their song leader. The place he had planned to stay on his way from western Arkansas had illness in the house, so could he spend the night with us? Sure.

Now Janet and I had said hello to him while in Arkansas, but neither of us really remembered him. We found out later that he was recovering from illness and couldn't talk. Obviously, in a room full of preachers if one of them doesn't talk, he isn't noticed much. But when he arrived about 6p we loaded up for supper and came to know each other.

As we each rehearsed our journey of faith, noting the occasions when we had experienced blessings from God, as well as challenges that were daunting, we learned more about each other and our families.

At the start, it was a dance, two of us circling one another, catching each other's scent... like a pair of dogs meeting one an-

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

WORSHIP ORDER FOR MARCH 18, 2018

SONG LEADER: Richard Brensing
GATHERING SONG: No. 103—He Has Made Me Glad
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Peter 1:3-10 (Jerry Kinnamon)
SONGS: No. 745—Humble Yourself
No. 4—To God Be the Glory
No. 679—Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
No. 781—Thank You, Lord!
PRAYER: Tom Turner
SONG: No. 387—Tell Me the Story of Jesus (vs 1, 3)
COMMUNION: Gary Hornbaker
Ben Sizemore
Fred Johnson
Teddy Gingrich
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)
SONG: No. 587—Sing and Be Happy
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 922—Jesus Paid It All (vs 1)
PRAYER: Orrin Feril

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WELCOME VISITORS

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

MEN'S RETREAT

The Stafford Church of Christ is hosting a Men's Retreat on Saturday, March 24th, starting at 8:00 am. Karl McLarty from Searcy, AR will be speaking on "Men's Role." Cost is \$30; please RSVP to Carl or Tom for meal planning. See flyer that is posted.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

No activities are planned for this week, but starting March 28th, Wednesday evenings will be devoted to Vacation Bible School preparation. Please come at 7:30 pm each week and help prepare for this special event for our community children!

WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD

The Women Walking with God conference hosted by the Northside congregation in Wichita will be April 13-14 at Hartman Arena. The theme this year is "Trust His Path."

Website: www.womenwalkingwithgod.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Angel Johnson—March 20

Mara Feril—March 20

MISSION NEWS

An update is posted from Ubaldo Cardona in Parral, Chihuahua

Memory Work for 2018—Romans 13:11-12

Church website: www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kim Staub—new diagnosis of Parkinson's; requests our prayers

Kay Kinnamon—cataract surgery last week on one eye; surgery scheduled on the other eye next week

Don Hornbaker—eye issues

Ned Marks—on new medication and doing well

Stan Aldrich—respiratory issues

Gladys Hornbaker—health concerns

Gayle Sears (Marla's friend) breast cancer

Eddie Baker (Gayle Byer's friend) - health issues

George Shelton—eyesight issues

Diane Campbell—broken leg; MS

Jim Walton (Stafford) - throat cancer

Katherine Suiter—cancer

Crystal Easley (Terry & Linda Welch's daughter) - cancer

David Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - Emphysema

Jim Sorensen (Tara's brother-in-law) brain cancer

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

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to family and friends of **Carl Dudley**, who passed away early Saturday morning at Leisure Homestead in St John.

Services will be at 10:30 am on Wednesday, at the IOOF Lodge Gym.