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tainted by the world. Utilizing logic, skewing reason, and attempting to maintain emotional distance from someone abandoned, because “she has a husband somewhere” misses what James tells us to do.

However, is it just that type of compartmentalizing of Scripture from life that has limited many, twisting their understanding and preventing their effectively demonstrating God in our world. As the religious world in Jesus’ day had become more focused on the Law than the God who gave that Law, perspective became distorted. It became obvious when they saw Jesus doing miraculous works, but had to attribute it to Satan to keep their own biases.

In our own times we have to be careful that we don’t expect Jesus to act our way, wear our brands, and be enthused about our passions. Our behavior and beliefs must align with pure and undefiled religion.

You don’t want to miss Jesus because he is not wearing a Longhorn jersey or is carrying a Mizzou pennant.

*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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Learning to integrate is the answer, compartmentalizing tends to produce frustration. Belief and behavior must come together and reflect our stated world view. The confounding truth for the religious establishment during Jesus’ day was that they had their understanding of religion, with its rituals, structure, and restrictions, but could not see God when he appeared. When you expect God to think and act in your favored understandings, it is easy to miss him. Jesus came into the world with very different priorities than the dominant religious group. Now, that is not to say that he ignored the Law or the Prophets, not in any sense of the term. The Sabbath was observed by him in keeping with the intent of God for the Sabbath, i.e. to benefit man. So as he applied his understanding of God to daily life, he was unperturbed by healings on the Sabbath or disciples casually gathering grain from the field as they walked by. He knew God, he knew God’s intent, which allowed him to act toward that end.

James tells us that pure and undefiled religion is caring for widows and orphans (the vulnerable) and to keep oneself un-

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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

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### WORSHIP ORDER FOR MARCH 25, 2018

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon  
GATHERING SONG: No. 83—God is So Good  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 17:7-8 (Jayce Feril)  
SONGS: No. 679—Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (vs 1, 2, 4)  
No. 538—My Hope is Built on Nothing Less  
No. 524—I Know Whom I Have Believed  
No. 778—Be With Me, Lord (vs 1, 2, 4)  
PRAYER: Chris Mansel  
SONG: No. 337—Hallelujah! What a Savior  
COMMUNION: Tom Turner  
Ben Sizemore  
Orrin Feril  
Fred Johnson  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)  
SONG: No. 716—Sing to Me of Heaven  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 915—Trust and Obey (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Joe Cornwell

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### WELCOME VISITORS

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

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Beginning this week, 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](http://www.womenwalkingwithgod.org)

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kay Kinnamon—March 25  
Lory Scott—March 25

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

**Church website:** [www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org](http://www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Kay Kinnamon**—recent cataract surgery  
**Kim Staub**—new diagnosis of Parkinson's  
**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 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