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Keeping the Sabbath was a command that many used to their own hurt. As Jesus preached throughout his ministry and healed different ones, some laid in wait wondering if he would do good on the Sabbath. Work was forbidden, so people who were ill would just have to suffer, would they not?

Jesus describes the intent of the Law, man was not made to observe the Sabbath, rather the Sabbath was made to benefit man. It was easy, once you saw the purpose. It is God honoring to assist one made in God's image by acting in kindness toward them. Loving them by caring for them, healing them, was in perfect accord with all of the Law and the Prophets.

Arguing about what could be done, how much was too much, or how far the sun was down on the mountain was missing the point of all that God had revealed about himself. It isn't hard to see when one has the vision of God's intent.

Mindless enforcement of commandments, moving away from God's intent, or worse yet, blocking God's intention becomes sinful. Feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, or aiding the sick is not contrary to God's law, even on the Sabbath.

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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April 22, 2018

There raged a debate in Jesus' day among those who enjoyed discussing Scripture. One day, as we might have guessed, someone asked the question of him. His answer is something that should school and inform our understanding of God.

Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law? Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all of your heart, and with all of your soul, and with all of your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus answers and sets the matter to rest. However, he follows this statement with one that illuminates all of Scripture. *On these two commandments hang all of the Law and the Prophets.*

That is a new statement, and in it we discover the hermeneutic (process for interpreting Scripture) that Jesus used. There were many who believed that one command was just as important as another. But that is not the case according to Jesus, and we see it applied throughout Scripture.

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

WORSHIP ORDER FOR APRIL 22, 2018

SONG LEADER: Richard Breensing
GATHERING SONG: No. 71—As the Deer
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 9:23-24 (Chris Mansel)
SONGS: No. 435—Come Into His Presence
No. 429—Oh, To Be Like Thee
No. 578—We Will Glorify
No. 290—Shine, Jesus, Shine
No. 789—Father
PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon
SONG: No. 356—I Believe in Jesus
COMMUNION: Tom Turner
Joe Cornwell
Orrin Feril
Fred Johnson
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)
SONG: No. 976—I Shall Not Be Moved
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 907—Hark The Gentle Voice (vs 1)
PRAYER: Clint Kinnamon

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WELCOME VISITORS

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Come help with Vacation Bible School preparation on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. The dates for VBS will be May 29-31, with a Family Picnic on Friday, June 1st. Mark your calendar!

MEAL REQUEST

We have been asked to provide the evening meal for the local "Circles" program on Monday, May 14th. More information to come. Please mark your calendar.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tom Turner—April 27

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jorja Blakeslee – physician exam last week for injured knee; will be in a splint until another exam next week
Lowell Dell (Cindy Kinnamon's brother) - brain injury from a farm accident
Aggie Keesling—cardiac testing
Ashton Line—(student at Ingalls where Joe & Tammy Meador teach) - in Wesley Medical Center in Wichita after an auto accident
Stan Aldrich—respiratory issues
Brenda Guilinger (Loyd's daughter) - cancer has returned (send her a card at: 4212 38th St West, Bradenton, FL 34205)
Gayle Sears (Marla's friend) breast cancer; has started a lengthy series of chemo treatments
Kim Staub—Parkinson's
Eddie Baker (Gayle Byer's friend) - health 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 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])
June Cornwell—Kenwood Plaza
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - Stafford Leisure Homestead