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read and finally, after a couple of hours, decided to wake Janet to go to the hospital. I was having a hard time finding something to rejoice about, something to have gratitude about, on the way over. The staff were all prompt and courteous, so I began with that. We had a safe trip, without any interference with the deer we saw on the side of the road, so I could be grateful for that. As I was hooked up to monitors and IVs, everything went well and I knew I was in competent hands, so I could be thankful for that. Janet was there to support me, concerned but calm, and I could be thankful for that.

After 2½ hours, the blood reports came back and my heart enzymes were fine. So again, an opportunity for gratitude. The indicators for pancreatitis were present and so we had a diagnosis, which was something I could be thankful for. I could either stay in the hospital or return home, my choice, and I was grateful that I got to decide. All the way home, even in the discomfort, I was thankful that I didn't have a heart problem.

All of those may seem like small things, but it's the individual details as we look at our lives that cause us, even in adversity, to have a measure of gratitude. I don't think I'm better at it than anyone else, I just think I focused on it. And I wanted to share the process with you today.

*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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Pancreatitis, round 3. I have always won the fight, but the first few rounds I end up feeling like Rocky Balboa.

Treatment is being limited to a liquid diet and waiting. So, no bending over, no staying in one position very long, and try not to be such a grouch that you drive people crazy.

For quite a while now, I've been practicing gratitude as a spiritual discipline. In all that comes with life, there is a way to express gratitude for some portion of it.

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

It isn't a platitude, it is an attitude. One has to make acquiring this peace of God a task superior to any of the events that life throws at us.

I put off going to the hospital until about midnight Friday night. I thought I was having a case of severe indigestion. Then, I remembered that my youngest brother Fred had believed the same thing, putting off going to the hospital until morning and dying from his heart attack.

Might this be the same? I prayed and tried to

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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 JUNE 17, 2018

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon  
GATHERING SONG:  
No. 709—How Sweet, How Heavenly (vs 1, 3)  
WELCOME: Orrin Feril  
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 103:13-18 (Jayce Feril)  
SONGS: No. 407—Savior's Guidance Medley  
-No. 408—Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord (vs 1, 2)  
-No. 409—Savior, Lead Me (vs 1, 2)  
-No. 410—He Leadeth Me (vs 1, 2)  
No. 695—None of Self and All of Thee  
No. 813—Jesus, Meek and Gentle (vs 1, 2, 4)  
PRAYER: Chris Mansel  
SONG: No. 367—The Scars in the Hands of Jesus  
COMMUNION: Teddy Gingrich  
Fred Johnson  
Orrin Feril  
Ben Sizemore  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)  
SONG: No. 871—Beautiful  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 951—The Savior is Waiting (vs 1, 2)  
PRAYER: Stan Aldrich

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## WELCOME VISITORS

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

## MISSION NEWS

A new email from Ubaldo Cardona (Parral, Chihuahua) is posted on the bulletin board. They continue to have opportunities to serve in their community and also work with other churches in the area.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Chase Mansel—June 20  
Natalie Lippoldt—June 23



### Dates for Silver Maple Camp:

- First Session: July 8-14 (Ages 9-13)
  - Director: Steve Sears
- Second Session: July 15-21 (Ages 13-18)
  - Director: Bruce Dimick
- Third Session: July 22-28 (Ages 9-18)
  - Director: Mark Haas
- Day Camp: July 10 or July 11 (Ages 7-9)
  - Director: Bonnie Ward

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Gayle Byer**—scheduled for knee surgery on Monday at Hutchinson Regional Medical Center  
**Dena Mansel**—had a heart cath last week in Wichita  
**Carl Feril**—spent time in the ER yesterday morning; diagnosed with pancreatitis  
**Kyler Kinnamon**—hospitalized yesterday  
**Martha Cutright**—recent surgery  
**Darrell Willinger**—medical tests  
**Doug Austin** (Loyd's son; Barbara's husband) - infection in his leg  
**Rick Toland** (Marla's cousin in Topeka) - chemo for Stage 4 bladder cancer  
**Stan Aldrich**—health concerns  
**Vince, Teddy's brother-in-law**—heart problems  
**Glennys Sallabedra** (Tom's mother) - in Leisure Homestead in Stafford  
**David Sizemore** (Ben & Hannah's dad) - recovering from surgery  
**Kaylee Welch Brown** (Debbie Welch's granddaughter) - in Rehab in Dallas  
**Gayle Sears** (Marla's friend) breast cancer; chemo  
**Kim Staub**—Parkinson's  
**Diane Campbell**—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  
**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

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