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moving forward. It was refreshing to me, hopeful, personal. I described it to Denny and he shook his head knowingly.

Our conversation was a mutual exchange, one person talking about a change in vision, the other excitedly taking up where the first left off. We both knew that most of what we read didn't reflect this vision, I wasn't sure how it could change.

We spoke a handful of other times, seldom seeing each other. I would read his publication, sometimes agreeing, other times shaking my head. What surprised me was how when we did speak, the conversation just continued from where we left off.

Today is the first time I've ever thought of it. In some way those conversations were mile markers in my spiritual journey. I have other friends who have served the same purpose for me. A few, very few.

Today I acknowledge a debt to a friend, a fellow traveler on a journey toward Jesus. Denny Boultinghouse, I miss you and look forward to our chats in the new heavens and the new earth.

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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July 29 , 2018

Spiritual growth isn't an instantaneous activity that can be marked on a daily chart. It happens a bit at a time, gradually, but you don't see it each day.

Today I read where an old friend died of pancreatic cancer. Denny was not someone I was particularly close to, we had only a handful of conversations. The ones we had were at important times in my walk with Christ.

I first met him about thirty some years ago at the Tulsa Workshop. We were standing at a booth he was manning, promoting an idea he had for Image magazine. I had been toying with the idea of a magazine as well, along the same lines but not nearly as well developed as his concept. We spoke for 45 minutes, while Janet wandered off to other booths.

I was frustrated spiritually. I knew that some of the approaches that I had used with Scripture that reduced it to a rule book were failing me. Reading the Bible as a book full of rules that unlocked a hidden code had failed me. It left it lifeless and powerless, needing my intellectual energy to empower it to free me. That wasn't going to work.

I was reading the Scriptures as letters now, one disciple writing others, telling them about the journey, offering encouragement to keep

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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 JULY 29, 2018

SONG LEADER: John Hite
GATHERING SONG: No. 103—He Has Made Me Glad
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 3:16-18 (Jayce Feril)
SONGS: No. 123—The Steadfast Love of the Lord
No. 290—Shine, Jesus, Shine
Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary
Light the Fire
No. 71—As the Deer

PRAYER: Chris Mansel
SONG: No. 176—Lamb of God
COMMUNION: Tom Turner
Fred Johnson
Orrin Feril
Teddy Gingrich

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)
SONG: No. 484—You Are My All in All
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 904—Have You Been to Jesus (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!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Maxx Gunter—August 1
Craig Smith—August 3
Vanessa Marks—August 4

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Darrell & Shannon Bauer—July 31
Don & Gladys Hornbaker—August 2

BABY SHOWER

For: Destiny Huffman
Where: St John Church of Christ
Date: Saturday, August 18, 2018
Time: 7:00 pm
Theme: Teddy Bears



Come celebrate the expected arrival of baby boy Shae Michael Huffman! Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by August 11th to Tami Byer or Destiny (620-352-0674). Destiny is registered at Walmart. (This is for both men and women!)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Shirley Shelton— eye procedure
Lloyd McCandless—wheelchair bound; was to see his physician last week
Gayle Byer—recuperating from knee surgery
Jim Sorensen (Tara's brother-in-law) brain cancer
Rick Toland (Marla's cousin in Topeka) - chemo for Stage 4 bladder cancer
Vince, Teddy's brother-in-law—heart problems
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
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) - in Leisure Homestead in Stafford

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of **David Bentley**, who passed away unexpectedly last week in Wichita. David and Liz were former house parents at Carpenter Place.

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