

the way that his grandmother had shaped their lives. I left feeling thankful before God for such a long life of faith and service on her part. My debt to her in shaping Bruce into someone who could be such a faithful friend is beyond my ability to pay.

Do you think about the memories you are shaping? They happen so incidentally. Each Sunday evening after church services in Stafford, the Turner's and Feril's met for pizza. Our boys watched Star Wars while the adults visited in the kitchen until it was time to eat and play cards. All of the kids played and we had "forever teams" who played each other each week. The competition was ferocious, at least the kids thought it was. We were just enjoying a social time, but the reality was that we were making memories.

Those times contributed to our being together here in ministry. We don't spend the volume of time together now that we did when our children were young, but when we do, we drop right back into the same rhythms. We laugh at similar things, share familiar memories and create new ones.

What will define your relationships? Who are the ones that you allow to have that level of influence? How do you move intentionally to accomplish it? These are all important questions, not just because they define your family... but because they are the way you present the gracious message of Jesus to the world around you.

Grace and Peace,

Carl



**St John Church of Christ
A Family of God**

February 8, 2015

As you know, we will celebrate Loyd Ratts' 100th birthday next week and that is significant. I hope you can either be there or be able to congratulate him in person.

A friend of mine, David Smith, from Baytown TX writes about Restoration History each day and included this fact about February 8th.

Feb. 8, 1864 - Abraham Conn ("A.C.") Huff is born to Thomas Huff and his wife in Hallettsville (Lavaca County), Texas. A.C. will begin preaching at the age of 20 and will continue preaching until the age of 101, for a total of 81 years of preaching ministry. He will die (Dec. 8, 1967) just two months shy of his 104th birthday, having at that time 42 great-great grandchildren.

I thought it was incredible that this brother was able to speak of the gracious nature of our God each week for 81 years. What a wonderful history and thing for which to be remembered.

Tom and Pam traveled with Janet and I to York NE for Bruce Goodwin's mother's memorial service. Marjorie grew up in Kim, CO where I preached before coming to Kansas. We were blessed to hear her family recount such glowing memories of her life. Dan, her grandson, went through so many sayings and events that he remembered of

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Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service – 9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages – 10:00 am
Worship Services – 10:45 am
WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study – 7:30 pm
Youth Group – 7:30 pm (at Carl's)
ELDERS: Richard Breising, Teddy Gingrich,
Loyd Ratts, Terry Sallee, George Shelton
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel
TREASURER: Richard Breising

WORSHIP ORDER FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2015

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
GATHERING SONG: No. 63 – I Will Call Upon the Lord
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 143 (Richard Breising)
SONGS: No. 507 – Does Jesus Care?
No. 508 – A Wonderful Savior (vs 1, 2, 4)
No. 509 – I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
No. 764 – Teach Me, Lord, to Wait
PRAYER: Gary Hornbaker
SONG: No. 387 – Tell Me the Story of Jesus
COMMUNION: Orrin Feril
Chris Mansel
Jon Mansel
Fred Johnson
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 851 – I'll Fly Away
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 915 – Trust and Obey (vs 1)
PRAYER: George Shelton

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship today – please come again!

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!

There will be a celebration in honor of Loyd Ratts' 100th Birthday next Sunday, February 15th, from 2:00 – 5:00 pm at the St John IOOF Lodge.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The next lesson will be about Ruth and is planned for Saturday, February 21st at 9:00 am here at the church building. Joy will be leading the study and Lory will prepare a light breakfast. Please make plans to attend!

MEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, March 14, 2015
8:00 am – 2:00 pm
Stafford Church of Christ
Speaker: Calvin Chapman

WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD CONFERENCE

This annual event will be held April 17-18 in Wichita at the Hartman Arena. Several ladies from here are planning to attend; please see Janet if you are interested.

THANK YOU NOTE

We received a thank you note from the school at Macksville for assistance in getting winter coats for students in that community.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jon Mansel 2/10 Vicky Mansel 2/13

PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please provide updates to Janet)

Joy (Marilyn's daughter) –health concerns; recent medical tests
Vesta Shelton (George's sister-in-law) recent stroke
Carol Gingrich – pacemaker in the near future
Dena Mansel – health concerns
Lyndsey Dryden – recovering from auto accident
Jason Stadalman – recent auto accident
Cody Dick – cancer; undergoing treatments
Roger Dick - cancer
Jonathan Batten – as he continues chemotherapy
Charlene Lyons (Chet's sister-in-law) – health concerns
Theo Birkett (Tara's mother)
Jim Sorensen (Tara's brother-in-law; monthly chemo for brain tumor)
Eldon Ivy (Marilyn's brother) – health concerns
Jim Soukup (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])
Wilbur Kinnamon – Leisure Homestead in Stafford
Myron Breising – HomePlus in Stafford
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) – HomePlus in Stafford
Vic & Phyllis Staub – Kenwood Plaza
Laura Wyatt – Kenwood Plaza
Margaret Marks (Ned's mother) – she was moved yesterday from the Memory Care Alzheimer's Assisted Living unit at the Catholic Care Center in Wichita, to a long term care Alzheimer's unit there

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Pete Witt**, who pass away last week.

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