

the battle wounds of my own foolishness. In fact, it isn't even the first battle wound I've displayed to the world.

Black eyes heal, lessons are learned, and hopefully new plans are put into effect to prevent future foolishness. Physical mistakes are often remedied with the passage of time. Unfortunately, physical mistakes are not the only type of battle wounds.

Were you to retrace my steps, you would find broken friendships... the result of my anger, intolerance, and breaches of trust. You might find the carnage that resulted from outbursts of anger, or harbored grudges. You would find those who were still hungry because I looked another direction. You would find tears in the eyes of others because of my bitterness, and broken hearts due to my neglect. I have other battle wounds, and I have inflicted still more.

In Scripture we are cautioned about so many things. Words rashly spoken, abandonment of others, greed, sexual impurity, and bitterness. We may feel we have escaped the wounds of such things, but the black eyes might be on others.

Children, friends, colleagues, and spouses often are injured by our failures as we glibly pass through life announcing to the world that "it didn't really affect anyone else."

Therapy sessions, counseling offices and tearful tables over cups of coffee are testimony to the black eyes of our sin. Let's learn to do better.

*Grace and Peace,*

*Carl*

*Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.*

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I enjoy the quiet focus of reloading ammunition cases. There is something very peaceful, calming and focused about it, in addition to being able to create some exactness that only matters to people who target shoot. While the process is done with gun powder, primers, and projectiles, it is reasonably safe provided one controls their environment and distractions. For that reason, I reload over in the shop in the loft, away from others.

Unfortunately I made a mistake on some rounds and needed to correct it. After weighing some cartridges, I determined I might have over charged some loads. I use an inertia bullet puller to take the cartridge apart, and it failed, striking me above the right eye.



In life our mistakes are often apparent to others, as you notice in the photo I've included here today. A little sign for me to wear announcing to the world that I am imperfect. I'm certainly not the first one to wear

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

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### WORSHIP ORDER FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2015

SONG LEADER: Richard Breising  
GATHERING SONG: No. 103 – He Has Made Me Glad  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 3:1-3 (Chase Mansel)  
SONGS: No. 429 – Oh, To Be Like Thee  
No. 671 – Purer in Heart  
No. 266 - Majesty  
No. 96 – I Stand in Awe (*Audience Please Stand*)  
No. 789 – Father (*Please Remain Standing*)  
PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon (*Please Remain Standing for Prayer*)  
SONG: No. 324 – Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed (vs 1, 4)  
COMMUNION: Chris Mansel  
Jon Mansel  
Fred Johnson  
Clint Kinnamon  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
SONG: No. 578 – We Will Glorify  
LESSON: Dennis Rosenbaum (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 915 – Trust and Obey (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Teddy Gingrich

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### WELCOME VISITORS

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

### GUEST SPEAKER TODAY

We are pleased that Dennis Rosenbaum is with us today and will be speaking during worship.

### MEN'S RETREAT

When: Saturday, March 14, 2015; 8:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Where: Stafford Church of Christ  
Theme: Men After God's Own Heart  
Speaker: Calvin Chapman of Faith, South Dakota  
\$25 per person; RSVP to 234-5300 or email:  
stfdcofc@sbcglobal.net by March 7<sup>th</sup>

### OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Ned Marks and his family on the passing of his mother, **Margaret Marks**, last week in Wichita. Her funeral was in Dodge City yesterday.

Many of you knew **Roy Risley** – he passed away on Feb 19<sup>th</sup> in Hutchinson. His funeral service is planned for Tuesday at 10am at the Eastwood Church of Christ in Hutchinson, with burial following in the Fairview Park Cemetery in St John.

### NEWS FROM MEXICO

A letter received this week from Ubaldo Cardona in Parral, Chihuahua is posted for you to read. They are having a cold winter, but it has not kept them from being busy. They are planning a campaign in early April and ask for our prayers for their continued work.

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

### PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please provide updates to Janet)

**Maggie Harris** (Lisa's mother) – scheduled for a heart valve replacement in March  
**Laura Wyatt** – as she continues to recuperate from broken ribs and pneumonia  
**Carol Gingrich** – scheduled for a pacemaker/defibrillator placement this Wednesday, Feb 25<sup>th</sup>  
**Joy** (Marilyn's daughter) –health concerns; recent medical tests show she will need surgery  
**Vesta Shelton** (George's sister-in-law) recent stroke  
**Dena Mansel** – health concerns  
**Lyndsey Dryden** – recovering from auto accident; home in Larned now, but wheelchair bound/waiting for more surgeries  
**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** – Leisure Homestead in Stafford  
**Bonnie Guthrie** (Kay's mother) – HomePlus in Stafford  
**Vic & Phyllis Staub** – Kenwood Plaza