

committed to sow \$300 or more (to) help achieve our goal to purchase the G650 airplane." Yes, a 60 million dollar personal jet.

Seems a long way from a minister not having another pair of pants to a \$60 million dollar airplane. But he preaches a "prosperity gospel" which promises wealth and prosperity to any who give 10% of their income to his ministry.

Now, it is easy to see his extreme as wrong, but my multiple pair of pants fits somewhere on the spectrum between a ripped pair of pantaloons and the jet.

We have "1st world" problems of not having the right color shoes, blouse or pants in our closets. But we *have* closets for surplus clothing. Remember that old houses didn't have closets, now houses are built with 10' x 12' closets with shoe cabinets.

Slowly, over time, we've come to see things as necessary, important, and expected. I'm not saying you and I can't have nice things. I'm not saying that we can't spend money on ourselves. However, we have to recognize what we are doing. We can't have these things, chase these things, and expect these things while neglecting the responsibility to care for the sick, the helpless and the vulnerable. We have to understand that things haven't always been the way they are now. We don't have any promise of life being this way. We can't turn our eyes from those in need, neglect our appropriate contributions to the work of God so that we can maintain the lifestyle we desire.

Early churches were sacrificial in the Bible times in addressing famine and hurt. We need to follow their example.

Grace and Peace,

Carl



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A friend of mine, David Smith from Baytown, TX writes a historical journal about early Restoration churches and some of the influential men and women involved at the time. Barton W. Stone and Reuben Dooley were preaching through Ohio in March of 1811. Stone writes this in his journal.

"We were poorly clad and had no money to buy clothes. Going on at a certain time through the barrens, a limb tore Brother Dooley's striped linen pantaloons very much. He had no other, nor had I another pair to lend him. We consoled ourselves that we were on the Lord's work and he would provide. He tied his handkerchief over the rent, and we went on and preached to the people. That night we lodged with Brother Samuel Wilson, whose wife presented Brother Dooley a pair of home-spun linen pantaloons."

We do live in a different time, don't we? I would hesitate to guess how many pair of pants are in the drawers of my dresser. Things aren't as difficult in the times we live in. The church here provides very well for Tom and I, something we and our families are very thankful for. It is easy to begin to think that such things are entitlements.

This week I read about Creflo Dollar, a minister, known for being a prosperity preacher at his Atlanta-area World Changers Church International, is seeking "200,000 people

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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 Brensing, Teddy Gingrich,
Loyd Ratts, Terry Sallee, George Shelton
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel
TREASURER: Richard Brensing
MINISTERS: Carl Feril, Tom Turner

WORSHIP ORDER FOR MARCH 15, 2015

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
GATHERING SONG: No. 23 – Our God, He Is Alive (vs 1)
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 89:1, 2, 15, 16 (Ned Marks)
SONGS: No. 18 – Faithful Love
No. 120 – God's Love Medley
No. 121 – Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing (vs 1, 3)
No. 122 – The Love of God (vs 1, 3)
No. 123 – The Steadfast Love of the Lord
No. 779 – I Love You, Lord
PRAYER: Chris Mansel
SONG: No. 349 – Ten Thousand Angels
(sing all 4 verses, then refrain)
COMMUNION: Tom Turner
Teddy Gingrich
Orrin Feril
Joe Cornwell
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 589 – Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 922 – Jesus Paid It All (vs 1)
PRAYER: Terry Sallee

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WELCOME VISITORS

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

YOUTH GROUP

There will be no youth group meeting this Wednesday.

BABY SHOWER

An invitation is posted for you to come to a baby shower for **Amy (Osborne) Albritton** on Saturday, March 28th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This will be at the home of Craig & Kari Smith in Great Bend. Amy is registered at Babies R Us and Target.

THANK YOU

We appreciate Trent Sallee and Orrin Feril for taking time last week to replace the bulb in the projector that is mounted on the ceiling!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Joe Cornwell	3/15	Gary Hornbaker	3/15
Adam Holmes	3/16	Katherine Suiter	3/17
	Mara Feril	3/20	

SILVER MAPLE CAMP EVENT

“STRAIGHT TALK Into Human Behavior, Into the Heart of God”

Save the date – September 24-26, 2015

An Equipping Workshop with Jerry & Lynn Jones
Worship Singing to be lead by Keith Lancaster
See information posted for more details.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to Clint & Cole and the rest of the St John Boys basketball team on their state championship last night. Three times in a row is awesome and it was great to see the community supporting a hard-fought contest.

PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please provide updates to Janet)

Carol Gingrich – adjusting to new pacemaker/ defibrillator
Gladys Hornbaker – cataract surgery postponed
Juan Ortiz (son of Chito & Lolis Ortiz from Macksville) recovering from an auto accident; they request our prayers
Olen Munz – recovering from recent surgery for a brain tumor; living with his brother at this time
Jessica Keeton (one of Clint's former basketball players) has breast cancer that has spread to her spine and lymph nodes; our prayers are requested
Maggie Harris (Lisa's mother) – scheduled for a heart valve replacement later this month
Laura Wyatt – recuperating from broken ribs
Joy (Marilyn's daughter) – health concerns
Vesta Shelton (George's sister-in-law) recent stroke
Dena Mansel – health concerns
Lyndsey Dryden – still recovering from 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 Brensing – Leisure Homestead in Stafford
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) – HomePlus in Stafford; fell recently and had to have stitches
Vic & Phyllis Staub – Kenwood Plaza
Darla Chapman (Calvin's wife, in Faith, SD) – recent diagnosis of thyroid cancer

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