

The message of the Cross is really this, the message that Jesus has returned to heaven victorious.

Listen to Paul in Philippians:

<sup>8</sup> He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death— even to death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> For this reason God highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow— of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth— <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

He has been shown to the world and now reigns from heaven over all creation. The message of Scripture is that Jesus is victorious, the battle is no longer in doubt. Paul spends little time on the crucifixion in this passage but focuses on the message that Jesus is highly exalted.

Our message is good news, that that Jesus died, that is only a small point in the story. The message is that God has granted him victory, highly exalting him, granting him a name that is above all others, so that we all confess him as Lord.

Don't miss the focal point.

*Grace and peace,*

*Carl*

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

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**A Family of God**

**May 24, 2015**

I was asked recently how I summed up the message of the Cross. It didn't take long, the message of the Cross is that it is over. The paradox of the Cross is that Satan, the Jewish elite, and the Romans hoped that they were putting an end to the uprising of an upstart Jewish rabbi. In reality, the truth of the matter was they were fanning the flames and fueling the fires of a movement that exploded just a few days later in a resurrection.

The Cross points past the death to a resurrected Christ, exalted in the heavens. We look to a leader now who is seated at the right hand of God, beyond the struggle, victorious.

The first sermon on Pentecost records the history of Jesus. God worked with this descendant of David in performing unquestionable miracles, wonders and signs right in their presence. The crucifixion that they initiated in their rejection and the Romans completed was unsuccessful. God would not, never intended, to allow him to rot in the ground. Instead, it was the purpose of God to turn the darkness of the hour into the paramount moment in all of creation.

Jesus, in breaking the bounds of death, remained on earth only long enough to give irrefutable evidence of his victory over death before returning to heaven as the Exalted Christ.

**SUNDAY:** Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am  
 Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am  
 Worship Service—10:45 am  
 Afternoon Service—1:15 pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Adult Bible Study—7:30 pm  
 Youth Group—7:30 pm (@ Carl's)

**ELDERS:** Richard Breensing, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,  
 Terry Sallee, George Shelton

**DEACONS:** Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel

**TREASURER:** Richard Breensing

### WORSHIP ORDER FOR MAY 24, 2015

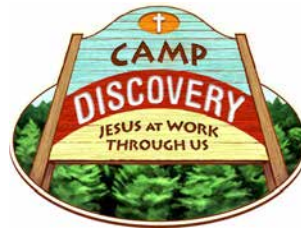
SONG LEADER: Richard Breensing  
 GATHERING SONG: No. 103—He Has Made Me Glad  
 WELCOME: Tom Turner  
 SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 8:1-18  
 SONGS: No. 745—Humble Yourself  
       No. 266—Majesty  
       No. 76—How Great Thou Art  
       No. 63—I Will Call Upon the Lord  
 PRAYER: Gary Hornbaker  
 SONG: No. 354—I Gave My Life for Thee  
 COMMUNION: Tom Turner  
           Orrin Feril  
           Chris Mansel  
           Fred Johnson  
 MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
 SONG: No. 648—Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (vs 1, 4)  
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
 SONG: No. 922—Jesus Paid It All (vs 1)  
 PRAYER: Ned Marks

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### WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship today and hope that you will come again! We invite you to stay and enjoy lunch with us, as we will have a meal ready to eat soon after worship services are over.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**Tuesday, May 26 through  
 Thursday, May 28  
 6:30p—8:15p**

**Family Picnic  
 Friday, May 29  
 6:00p—8:00p**

Classes/Activities planned for preschool through  
 Grade 6—invite your friends and neighbors!

Since Jubilee was cancelled due to the rain, we were unable to pass out the VBS advertisements during the parade. Your help is needed to let families know about VBS—take some of the candy packets to pass out to neighbors and friends to get the word out to as many people as possible!

### SILVER MAPLE CAMP EVENT

“STRAIGHT TALK Into Human Behavior, Into the Heart of God”  
September 24-26, 2015

### SYMPATHY

CW Feril's father-in-law, Emmitt Darrell Smith (“Smitty”) passed away yesterday morning after a long battle with cancer. A private graveside service will be held in Wichita on Tuesday.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Charlene Jimerson** (Chet Lyon's youngest sister) - health concerns  
**Sherri Holguin & baby** (coworker of Joy)  
**Marion Alpers**—stroke  
**Maggie Harris** (Lisa's mother) – recent heart surgery  
**Racheal Davis** – recovering from surgery  
**Dixie Hornbaker**—health concerns  
**Millie Whitlow** – at Clearwater; cancer  
**Darla Chapman** (in Faith, SD) – thyroid cancer  
**Carol Gingrich** – pacemaker/ defibrillator  
**Olen Munz** – in assisting living in Great Bend; doing better  
**Jessica Keeton** (one of Clint's former basketball players) breast cancer has spread to her spine and lymph nodes  
**Joy** (Marilyn's daughter) –health concerns  
**Vesta Shelton** (George's sister-in-law)  
**Dena Mansel** – health concerns  
**Cody Dick** – cancer; undergoing treatments  
**Roger Dick** - cancer  
**Jonathan Batten** – chemotherapy  
**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])  
**Myron Breensing** – Leisure Homestead in Stafford  
**Bonnie Guthrie** (Kay's mother) – HomePlus in Stafford  
**Laura Wyatt**—Kenwood Plaza  
**Vic & Phyllis Staub** – Kenwood Plaza  
**Audrey Nusser** - pancreatic cancer  
**Lisa Cornwell**—scheduled for knee surgery in May

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