

express. Then, Jesus comes to earth... Now the Father resides in heaven observing his son navigate through life. The perils, temptations, struggles, and victories are all experienced in a new manner as deity experiences flesh.

Perhaps, like the father seated in the stands while observing his son on the ball field, God sees Jesus battle the forces of evil. During the "timeouts", as the son of God retreats for prayer, refreshing, strengthening, and support can take place, but the battlefield is the effort of the son. I picture in my mind, angels rejoicing at the casting out of each demon and the restoration of wholeness returns for the demon possessed one. I imagine God smiling approval as the son speaks timeless words of truth to a crowd hungry for direction on the slopes of a grassy mountainside.

Victory after victory brings welling pride, and in the suffering of the son there is also an anguished pride as his dear one learns the lessons. There are those moments that the heavens cannot contain, his baptism or the mount of transfiguration... when a Father's loud voice booms from heaven... "This is MY Son, my son, hear him."

But there is the darkness as well. The brutality of the cross, the rejection of his other children, and the ultimate sacrifice of his life when the skies of the heavens darken as a Father closes his eyes, whispering with his son, "Enough, it is enough and finished."

But we know the story is not done. He will not allow his holy one to see decay. Resurrection comes, as the world sees his son hoisted to their shoulders in victory. And a Father smiles. He does during your victories as well. He still sits looking in heaven, with swelling pride.

Grace and Peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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Like Mother's Day, Father's Day brings a mixture of emotions. I read a comment this morning of a woman who stated her father left before she was born and her step-father was not a good experience. Some don't have good childhoods, I grieve with you in that loss.

For others, Father's Day reminds them of their loss. There is a bittersweet nature to it. Having had a father they loved and treasured, this is a day that stirs good memories along with profound loss. Sometimes dad is gone, for others he lingers in long-term care, unaware of their presence, lost in memories that can no longer be shared. Father's Day for some is a hole, a day of loss.

Some never fathered children. For them this is a day to remind them of children they longed for but never had. It is a mixture of envy and loss.

For still others, Father's Day is a day of celebration. Phone calls, cards, or family dinners celebrate good times and precious memories. Trips to the lake, mountains, hunting trips or time spent on harvest crews dominate days like this. For you, prize the moments... write it down... take the photos, and pose for the family album. You are in an enviable position this day.

When I think of the relationship that we have recorded in Scripture between Jesus and his Heavenly Father, there is an interesting dynamic. Throughout eternity, the Father, Son, and Spirit have co-existed. The level of knowledge, awareness, and trust is beyond the limits of our language to

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 Breising, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,
Terry Sallee, George Shelton

DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel

TREASURER: Richard Breising

WORSHIP ORDER FOR JUNE 21, 2015

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
GATHERING SONG: No. 155—Highest Place
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3:15-17 (Chase Mansel)
SONGS: No. 435—Come Into His Presence
No. 103—He Has Made Me Glad
No. 991—This Is My Father's World
No. 839—In His Time

PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon
SONG: No. 325—Boundless Love
COMMUNION: Tom Turner
Jon Mansel
Ned Marks
Chris Mansel

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 628—Will You Not Tell It Today
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 947—Jesus is Tenderly Calling (vs 1)
PRAYER: Terry Sallee

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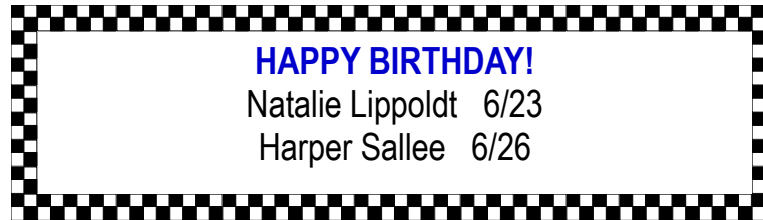
WELCOME VISITORS

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, right after worship services.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Sheldon & Rachel Warner are the new parents of a baby girl, Finley Elizabeth, born Friday night, June 19, in Overland Park. She weighed 7 lbs, 4 oz and was 20.5 inches long. Proud grandparents are C.W. & Kelly Feril; great-grandparents are Carl & Janet!



Thankful that wheat harvest has started and
we pray for everyone's safety!

2015 SILVER MAPLE CAMP EVENTS

June 26-28: Young Adult Retreat
July 5-11: Junior Camp (9 to 13 yrs old)
July 8-9: Day Camp (6 to 8 yrs old; 9:15 am to 4 pm)
July 12-18: Senior Camp (13 to 18 yrs old)
July 19-25: Group Camp (9 to 18 yrs old)
September 24-26: Adult Seminar with Jerry & Lynn Jones

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sonny Langford (Baylee Sizemore's father) - cancer
Maxxamus Gunter (Lupe's grandson in Tulsa) - oral surgery last week
Dan Hampton—health concerns
Donna Laudick (Marla's sister) - cancer; chemotherapy
Lupe Hudson—recent knee replacement surgery
Joe Rosenberg—in Salina at his daughter's home, recovery going well
Gladys Hornbaker—health concerns
Mike Bookstore—health concerns
Charlene Jimerson (Chet's youngest sister) - health concerns
Sherri Holguin & baby (coworker of Joy)
Marion Alpers—stroke
Maggie Harris (Lisa's mother) – recent heart surgery
Racheal Davis – recent surgery
Dixie Hornbaker—health concerns
Millie Whitlow – at Clearwater; cancer
Darla Chapman (in Faith, SD) – thyroid cancer
Carol Gingrich – health concerns
Olen Munz – in assisting living in Great Bend
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
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) chemo for brain tumor
Eldon Ivy (Marilyn's brother) – health concerns
Jim Soukup (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])
Myron Breising – 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