

kept serving others. He cried and lamented over the city of David, reflecting on how many efforts had been made to turn her heart to God, then quietly died for her.

If you spend any time at all reading Scripture you will notice that people around Jesus do evil, he does good. His habit is to endure, yield and commit himself to God.

Some might say, "Easy for Jesus, he knew he was about to go back to heaven and become king of kings. He knew that it was only for a little while then he would be crowned with glory."

My answer is, "Exactly." Jesus didn't live with his eyes focused on this world. He knew his kingdom was not of this world. He understood that some infractions are not resolved until after Judgment Day. He knew his home was in heaven, not in this world. He lived a life very different from many contemporary Christians, because he was focused on something very different.

But don't forget... we are going to heaven as well. We are to be crowned with glory also. We, too, only have to put up with this in this life. The real world, the world that counts... it comes after this one. No, life isn't fair. No, life isn't avoiding the extremes. It comes at you and with ferocity. It is overwhelming. The challenges sometimes take our breath away. But, only for a little while.

For this reason, children of God have faced the deaths in the Colosseum, beheadings, expulsion, being ostracized... all because they knew this world is not the final answer. We can face the same kinds of situations with the same kinds of resolve.

Not only can we, we must. It is the only course for one who would follow the example of Jesus, even in a contemporary culture.

Grace and Peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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August 2, 2015

My friend, Patrick Barber wrote the following yesterday, and I find it resonating deeply with me. See what you think...

While we must do all we can to live graciously and peacefully in the midst of an often immoral culture, we are also called to pursue holiness with the same kind of passion if we want to truly know God. That's what this verse teaches me: "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14). That's quite a challenge, but it is our call as those who follow Jesus.

That means when you want to jump up and smack someone in the back of the head because they are doing foolish things... irresponsible things that damage their children, you can't do it.

In the face of immorality on the part of others, we live graciously, peacefully, moderately with our eyes fixed firmly on our Lord. Early disciples wanted to carry swords, right wrongs and "slay the dragons". Given the chance, they would have rained down fire from heaven on those who were not living up to their standards. Who needs a few extra Samaritans anyway?

Jesus, prayed, served, then prayed some more. He who could have called ten thousand angels to his defense, took the stripes, accepted the misuse, and

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 Brening, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,
Terry Sallee, George Shelton
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel
TREASURER: Richard Brening

WORSHIP ORDER FOR AUGUST 2, 2015

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
GATHERING SONG: No. 704—Bind Us Together
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 11:33-36 (Teddy Gingrich)
SONGS: No. 429—Oh, To Be Like Thee
No. 239—In Moments Like These
No. 242—Sing Hallelujah to the Lord (omit vs 4 & 5)
No. 839—In His Time
PRAYER: Garland Mansel
SONG: No. 354—I Gave My Life for Thee
COMMUNION: Tom Turner
Chris Mansel
Orrin Feril
Ned Marks
SONG: No. 864—Where the Gates Swing Outward Never
LESSON: Zeb Carter (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 924—Just As I Am (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.

BIRTHDAY CARDS

Kay's mother, **Bonnie Guthrie**, will celebrate her 90th birthday on August 12th. It would be great for her to get lots of cards for this special celebration! If you would like to send a card, please send it to Kay and she will take all the cards to her mom on her birthday. Please send them to: Bonnie Guthrie, c/o Kay Kinnamon, 114 South Broadway, St. John, KS 67576.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Craig Smith 8/3

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Don & Gladys Hornbaker 8/2

SUMMER SERIES IN HUTCHINSON

The Eastwood Church of Christ in Hutchinson has invited several area ministers to come and speak on Wednesday evenings (at 7:00 pm) through the month of July and August. If you have a chance to get away for an evening, here is the remaining schedule:

August 5—Kenny Graham

August 12—Buddy Aldridge

August 19—Rob Kruckenberg

August 26—Toby Levering

2015 SILVER MAPLE CAMP EVENT

September 24-26:

Adult Seminar with Jerry & Lynn Jones



PRAYER REQUESTS

Maggie Harris—knee replacement scheduled for Aug 18
Anissa Potter—recent surgery; appreciative of prayers
Lisa Cornwell—knee surgery last week
Janie Nagel (Fred Johnson's sister) - recent stroke
Donna Laudick (Marla's sister) - cancer; chemotherapy
Sonny Langford (Baylee Sizemore's father) - cancer
Dan Hampton—health concerns
Lupe Hudson—recent knee surgery
Joe Rosenberg—recovering from accident
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
Dixie Hornbaker—health concerns
Millie Whitlow – at Clearwater; cancer
Darla Chapman (in Faith, SD) – thyroid cancer
Olen Munz – in assisting living in Great Bend
Jessica Keeton (one of Clint's former BB players) - cancer
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 Brening (Richard's father) – Leisure Homestead in Stafford
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) – Leisure Homestead in Stafford
Laura Wyatt—Kenwood Plaza
Vic & Phyllis Staub – Kenwood Plaza