

I watch with a sense of sadness, these programs about people pouring their lives into remote shelters, bunkers to survive the collapse of civilization. Hoarding food, the ability to live off the grid, and the creation of booby traps and stock piling weapons and ammunition against the implosion of a government... it again says something to us about how this world is viewed.

People have been trying to figure out how to live with an awareness that the end is near for all time. The fact is, civilizations do radically change. Governments fail. Monetary collapse. Sometimes it is famine. Sometimes it is war. Sometimes it is environmental.

None of those really cause me much concern. Peter instructed Christians of the 1st century to do some preparation for end times as well. It had nothing to do with converting assets to gold, silver or precious metals. There were no instructions about bunker living or cave dwelling. His instruction was about discipline and prayer. He urged Christians to step up their game in regards to loving each other, hospitality, and sharing.

The focus was not on what you can gather around you, but on who you can help. We are called to share the gifts we receive to serve each other.

Hoarding or sharing... seems to say a lot about us.

Grace and Peace,

Carl

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Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.



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A Family of God

October 11, 2015

A wise sage I once knew (and I am thinking Gerald Webring would get a chuckle out of my calling him a wise sage) once told me, "At my age, I'm not buying any green bananas."

So how does your life reflect the way you see this life and your place in it? I've seen people living lots of ways in this world. While serving on an ambulance service I had a call for a man who had a heart attack and died while planting a sapling. The gentleman was 97.

Some go through the world with the philosophy of "I'd rather wear out than rust out." Others approach the world like a library, gathering what they can and surrounding themselves with it, then cautiously loaning select pieces out to others.

I do see the value in knowing how you see the world. If one's conversation is solely about farming, cattle, business or the economy, there is an observation to be made. If the focus of the conversation is recreation, sports, pleasurable pursuits, again... we learn something.

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 OCTOBER 11, 2015

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
GATHERING SONG: No. 38—Awesome God
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Timothy 1:15-16 (Fred Johnson)
SONGS: No. 3—Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah
No. 276—Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
No. 239—In Moments Like These
No. 695—None of Self and All of Thee
No. 779—I Love You, Lord
PRAYER: Orrin Feril
SONG: No. 361—Nailed to the Cross
COMMUNION: Tom Turner
Teddy Gingrich
Ben Sizemore
Chris Mansel
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 895—I'll Live in Glory
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 908—There's a Stranger at the Door (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! Please stay for lunch right after services.

FOR THE LADIES

The Garden City Church of Christ is hosting a Ladies Day on Saturday, October 17th. If you are interested in attending, please contact Joy Sallee, so an RSVP can be made for you as soon as possible.

AREA-WIDE SINGING

We are all invited to an area-wide singing hosted by the Pratt Church of Christ. This is scheduled for Sunday, October 18th, at 6:00 pm. A soup & chili supper will follow at 7:30 pm. This has always been a great fellowship and worship opportunity.

Family Fun Night on Saturday, October 24th

Come out to Jeff & Lory Scott's farm any time after 4:00 pm—for pumpkin carving, a hayride, and lots of visiting and fun. **Supper will be provided at 6:00 pm.** Just bring a lawn chair!

Pick up a reminder card to take home!
This is for ALL ages!
It's time for us to get together!



CONGRATULATIONS to Adam & Cheyenne (Scott) Holmes, who were married last evening.

NEWS FROM CHIHUAHUA

A new email from Ubaldo Cardona is posted, giving an update on their work with the church in Parral, Chihuahua.

Church website: www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Marilyn Thornburg—scheduled for knee surgery in Great Bend on Wednesday, October 28th
Josh Oakley (grandson of Bill Oakley) - still on a list waiting for a heart transplant
Donna Laudick (Marla's sister) - cancer; in remission
John Laudick (Marla's brother-in-law) - stroke; doing better
Stan Aldrich—health concerns; improving
Dan Hampton—continuing health concerns; tests last week
Pam Herrenbruck—cancer treatment
Sonny Langford (Baylee Sizemore's father) - cancer
Gladys Hornbaker—health concerns
Sherri Holguin & baby (coworker of Joy)
Millie Whitlow – at Clearwater; 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 Breensing (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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Teddy Gingrich 10/12

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Donald & Katherine Suiter 10/14