

that doesn't fill all the requirements. The truth that is presented has to fill a need for those who are listening. The need may be understood by them, or defined in Scripture and unknown to them, but it must be timely.

I could preach a lesson from Genesis 1 about God's creation story every Sunday for the rest of my life and it could be true, but would it fill a need? Filling 25-40 minutes of "air time" with accurate information that applies to no one is a waste of everyone's time.

The art or task of preaching is to attempt to present the message of God as revealed in Scripture accurately, pointedly, and in its entirety. The Bible talks about the "whole counsel of God", and knowing that we are preparing and presenting not only what God forbids us from doing, but also the dream of who God calls us to be is an enormous task. It isn't about cutesy stories or the latest internet sensation.

Churches who attempt to mature their members with no more thought than the latest Facebook feed are resulting in sickly, malnourished and stunted disciples. It isn't because of a lack of truthful information, it is because the information is not pointed toward specific needs and anticipating future development.

So, in your praying in the next few weeks, remember me as I work through my sermons for 2016. I want the material to be accurate, but it must also be helpful to you.

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



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A Family of God

October 18, 2015

This week I am attending a men's retreat at Silver Maple Camp. It will be composed mainly of preachers and elders from around Kansas. The speaker is Dave Bland, the professor of homiletics at the Harding School of Theology at Memphis, TN.

Now before you kick me for using "big words", homiletics is the art of writing and preaching sermons. I am in the midst of writing the sermons for 2016 on Personal Discipleship, so I look forward to the time with him and others in ministry in Kansas.

A few years ago I was asked about preaching for a church on Sunday evenings as they looked for a new minister. I asked what they were wanting to study, what need did they have? The answer was, "Anything you want to preach. We need to fill our preaching schedule for about 8 weeks and wondered if you would fill in."

I don't think the task of a minister is to simply preach "truth". Now I do think what one preaches needs to be true, but

**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 18, 2015

SONG LEADER: Richard Breensing  
 GATHERING SONG: No. 71—As the Deer (vs 1)  
 WELCOME: Tom Turner  
 SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 25:1-10 (Gary Hornbaker)  
 SONGS: No. 794—Unto Thee, O Lord  
       No. 410—He Leadeth Me  
       No. 15—Step by Step  
       No. 797—Lord, We Come Before Thee Now  
 PRAYER: Garland Mansel  
 SONG: No. 313—The Old Rugged Cross (vs 1, 2)  
 COMMUNION: Jerry Kinnamon  
               Chris Mansel  
               Clint Kinnamon  
               Orrin Feril  
 MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
 SONG: No. 957—This World Is Not My Home  
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
 SONG: No. 922—Jesus Paid It All (vs 1)  
 PRAYER: Teddy Gingrich

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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.

### Family Fun Night on Saturday, October 24th

Any time after 4:00 pm on Saturday, come out to Jeff & Lory Scott's farm—for pumpkin carving, games, 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!**  
**Invite a friend!**  
 It's time for us to get together!



## AREA-WIDE FELLOWSHIPS

We are all invited to an area-wide singing hosted by the Pratt Church of Christ, this evening at 6:00 pm. A soup & chili supper will follow at 7:30 pm. This is always a great time of fellowship and worship.

An area-wide worship is also planned for next Sunday, Oct 25th, at 5:30 pm at the Northside Church of Christ in Wichita.

## NEW DIRECTORIES

The new directories are finally done!!



- Please—Only One Copy per family.
- If you need more than one copy, let Janet know.
- Check for any corrections that need to be made.
- If possible, recycle your 3-ring binder provided from an earlier directory.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING YOUTH GROUP & ADULT BIBLE CLASS** will both begin on November 4th, after the time change.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Marilyn Thornburg**—scheduled for knee surgery in Great Bend on Thursday, October 29th  
**Olen Munz**—in Via Christi-St Francis in Wichita  
**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  
**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!

**Carol Gingrich 10/20      Ben Sizemore 10/20**  
**Tara Kinnamon 10/22      Shelly Breensing 10/24**

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

**Teddy & Carol Gingrich 10/22**