

Adults who were going to parties had the same questions.

All of that is great. I like Halloween. I love the kids coming to the door. I like to “sugar them up” and I like when they are proud that I recognize them and acknowledge how special they are.

Today, we collectively come together and approach God with our corporate worship. Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs have been selected. Prayers, reflection and focus have been drawn together. A time of instruction, a gathering at a memorial table... all events that will be a part of our time together.

I hope your experience is not just “running into Walmart” and grabbing the first available costume that will fit. I hope it is more than a “dash into the grocery store” to grab whatever candy is left to begrudgingly give to the kids who ring the bell.

When we approach God as a group, we want to recognize the reverence of the occasion. We want to note the privilege of his focus and honor him appropriately.

I am suggesting that some spiritual preparation would be beneficial to all of us. A few minutes to reflect on what we are doing, why we are doing each thing. Being aware, attentive, focused and prepared to enjoy the blessing of being with God together. It is a good thing, so let us share it today.

Grace and Peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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A Family of God**

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Last night, around our house, like many of yours, we prepared for costumed children with bags and buckets. They were in hopes that if they rang the doorbell and screamed “Trick or Treat” that we would give them candy.

And we did. We were prepared with baskets of candy, anticipating each walk up the steps and greeted the children with the appropriate enthusiasm and zeal.

Preparing for the event in some families is a very elaborate process. They may take days to decide just which costume is the best, cutest, or scariest. They want their children to be warm enough, mobile enough, able to see for safety’s sake. This is balanced with the desires of the child.

Is this what I wore last year? Are my friends wearing this? Is it the right color, length, size? There are a vast number of questions to be addressed while preparing for the whole Halloween evening.

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 NOVEMBER 1, 2015

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
 GATHERING SONG: No. 4—To God Be the Glory (vs 1)
 WELCOME: Tom Turner
 SCRIPTURE READING: Proverbs 30:5-9 (Steve Potter)
 SONGS: No. 449—Thy Word
 No. 763—O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee
 No. 764—Teach Me, Lord, to Wait
 No. 801—Where No One Stands Alone

PRAYER: Gary Hornbaker
 SONG: No. 464—Because He Lives
 COMMUNION: Chris Mansel
 Orrin Feril
 Fred Johnson
 Ned Marks

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
 SONG: No. 716—Sing to Me of Heaven
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
 SONG: No. 907—Hark, the Gentle Voice (vs 1)
 PRAYER: Richard Breensing

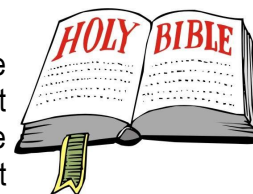
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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship today and hope that you will come again! Please stay for lunch right after services.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Make plans to be a part of the Adult Bible study that will start this Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm. Tom will be leading a study of the parables, and part of the time will also be spent learning new songs.



YOUTH GROUP

Also beginning this Wednesday will be the Youth Group meetings. This will be at Carl & Janet's at 7:30 pm (608 N Exchange St). There will be snacks, fun, and some time to learn about how to live the way Jesus wants us to be. Invite your friends!



PROVERBS 30:5-9

5 "Every word of God is flawless;
 he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

6 Do not add to his words,
 or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.

7 "Two things I ask of you, LORD;
 do not refuse me before I die:

8 Keep falsehood and lies far from me;
 give me neither poverty nor riches,
 but give me only my daily bread.

9 Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you
 and say, 'Who is the LORD?'
 Or I may become poor and steal,
 and so dishonor the name of my God.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Marilyn Thornburg—had knee surgery in Great Bend last Thursday; she is doing well and expects to be transferred to Stafford County Hospital to recuperate in Swing Bed, while getting physical therapy
Josh Oakley (grandson of Bill Oakley) - had a heart transplant last Tuesday in Kansas City and is doing well.

Donna Laudick (Marla's sister) - cancer; in remission
John Laudick (Marla's brother-in-law) - recent stroke
Stan Aldrich—doing better
Dan Hampton—continuing health concerns
Pam Herrenbruck—cancer treatment
Sonny Langford (Baylee Sizemore's father) - cancer
Gladys Hornbaker—health concerns

Dena Mansel – health concerns
Jonathan Batten – chemotherapy
Theo Birkett (Tara's mother)
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

SILVER MAPLE CAMP TEEN RETREAT

A special teen retreat has been planned for the weekend of November 20-22. This is for teens 13-18 and their sponsors. Registration begins a 7:00 pm on Friday, Nov 20th—and the retreat ends Sunday at 10:30 am. If you are interested in going, register at www.silvermaplecamp.org. The cost is \$55 per person. See flyer posted for more information.

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