

*need to deal with life. I have learned that the reason we pray is to ask God, through his son, to be with us when the tough times come, not to take the tough times away. I have learned to cling to Him and the cross in my most demanding moments and that will get me through.*

While we live in a culture that seeks escape from so many things, this man has learned that “presence is more powerful”. Awareness of God being with him is what sustains him in the worst of it all. It isn’t that prayer can’t be for deliverance, but when that is all prayer is...that says something about us as well.

As I monitor my prayers, I’ve noticed that I ebb and flow with this focus. While not necessarily focused on myself, it is easy for me to spend more time asking God to “fix something, than to ask God to be present in something”.

Talking to those who surround family members with Alzheimer’s, it is easy to just want it to be like it used to be. I spoke with two terminal cancer patient families by phone this week. As we talked about the focus of prayers, they still hoped for a miracle that might reset the clock. Learning to see the places that God was present was difficult in the face of such loss.

Let me urge you this week, think about your praying. Listen to your pleadings before God. Do you seek his presence or only his “prizes”?

*Grace and Peace,*

*Carl*

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

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I like to pray. I like to read about prayer. I don’t really enjoy praying in front of others, but like to pray for others. It is a quiet, personal and meaningful time focusing on things most important to me, but away from distractions that “muddle” my world. I read about a military officer who, after suffering terrible burns in a crash, had a new point of view about prayer.

After Marine Captain John Paul Norman was severely burned in the crash of an AH-1W Super Cobra attack helicopter during training exercises, he gave this interview. Talking about his faith in Jesus, he gives a very different viewpoint. He writes:

*This experience has definitely made me a stronger person, but more importantly it has drawn me closer to Jesus. I have found that when all earthly concerns are stripped away, Jesus is all that matters. I have found that Jesus is the only person who can provide the comfort we*

**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 8, 2015

SONG LEADER: Richard Breensing  
GATHERING SONG: No. 435—Come Into His Presence  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 117 (Nick Mansel)  
SONGS: No. 76—How Great Thou Art  
No. 451—Assurance Medley  
—No. 452—Standing on the Promises (vs 1, 2)  
—No. 453—Love Lifted Me (vs 1, 2)  
—No. 454—Rock of Ages (vs 1)  
No. 83—God is So Good  
PRAYER: Chris Mansel  
SONG: No. 313—The Old Rugged Cross (vs 1, 2)  
COMMUNION: Orrin Feril  
Joe Cornwell  
Clint Kinnamon  
Jon Mansel  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
SONG: No. 852—When the Roll is Called Up Yonder  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 922—Jesus Paid it All (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Ned Marks

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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.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Beginning this morning, Carl will be teaching a new lesson series to a combined adult class in the auditorium and Tom will teach the teens in a separate class.

An Adult Bible study has started on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. Tom is leading a study of the parables, and part of the time will also be spent learning new songs.

## YOUTH GROUP

Teens—plan to come to Carl & Janet's (608 N Exchange St) at 7:30 pm on Wednesday evening. Invite your friends!

## 80th CELEBRATION

You are invited to an 80th birthday celebration for Sally Bauer (Darrell's mother) on Sunday, Nov 15 from 2-4 pm at the Hudson Community Center.

## SILVER MAPLE CAMP TEEN RETREAT

- Weekend of November 20-22.
- For teens 13-18 and their sponsors.
- See flyer posted for more information.

## WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD

The Northside Church of Christ in Wichita has announced the 10th Anniversary reunion celebration of their women's conference. It is scheduled for April 15-16 at Hartman Arena in Wichita. Registrations are \$55 through January 31st. Check your calendars and let Janet know if you want to attend this year. Registrations can be made as a group for those who want to attend.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Don Rugan 11/11**

**Marilyn Thornburg 11/13**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Michelle Rose**—Vanessa Roger's aunt; she has sepsis  
**Marilyn Thornburg**—recent knee surgery; she is at Stafford County Hospital in Swing Bed, getting physical therapy  
**Josh Oakley** (grandson of Bill Oakley) - had a recent heart transplant and continues to do 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  
**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

## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Tilda June Cotton (96) who passed away November 4th. Her granddaughters are Lory Scott and Vicky Mansel. Graveside services were yesterday at Fairview Park Cemetery, St John. Memorials are suggested to the Stafford County Hospital.

We also are saddened to learn that Terry Sallee's aunt, Verda Sallee Kelso, passed away in McKinney, Texas yesterday. His Uncle Neil also just recently passed away. They had been married 74 years and were both 96 years old.

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