

because we know we cannot control spiritual forces at work in our world.

Then come the choices, and they are not easy ones. Love or hate, bitterness or forgiveness, revenge or ... Yes, choices and not easy choices.

Let me give you this caution, before our language becomes too enflamed. Whatever your natural response is to the presence of evil, it is usually wrong. "He hit me first", "she did this to me", "that was mine", and "we had it first" are all rationalizations children use to justify their own unjust behavior. It is natural to hit little brother when he pokes you in the ear, natural but wrong.

Wait, you say. If you take this approach, we will lose. Ah, so that is the goal, to win? Let me remind you about the trajectory of Christianity. That is a cross you are carrying. Why do you have it? Simply a reminder that Jesus had one? Or doesn't Jesus' saying, "No one can follow unless he deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow me...." Mean anything? You see the end of our road may well be death. When you've always been on the winning side you tend to forget that.

That dragging a cross behind you is a reminder that we don't get out of this alive. We present a message of Jesus to a lost world because it is better. Not because the world will be a better place, but because we are going to be saved from this world.

Grace and Peace,

Carl

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Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.



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We were reminded in a terrible way again about the fallen state of our world this week. Terroristic activity in Paris resulted in 129 deaths, the day before 43 were killed in Beirut, while in Kenya 147 died with attacks on Garissa University. In July over 100 were killed in attacks in Egypt and also last month over 100 were killed in Turkey by bombing. We live in a fallen world.

Josephus records that the Romans crucified thousands. Ivan the terrible is reported to have killed 60,000. It isn't difficult for us find ample historical support for the case of this world having a pervasive amount of evil. How do we do it?

First pray. If you don't believe that prayer matters during a time of crisis, you suffer under the illusion that you can control the outcome. We do not have the ability, apart from God, to stand against the forces of the evil one. John states, "Greater is he that is in you, than he who is in the world." We move to prayer

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 15, 2015

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
GATHERING SONG: No. 103—He Has Made Me Glad
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: John 12:44-50 (Orrin Feril)
SONGS: No. 290—Shine, Jesus, Shine
No. 508—A Wonderful Savior (vs 1, 2)
No. 509—I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
No. 514—Redeemed
No. 779—I Love You, Lord
PRAYER: Tom Turner
SONG: No. 287—There is a Redeemer
COMMUNION: Garland Mansel
Chris Mansel
Jon Mansel
Ned Marks
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 611—Heavenly Sunlight
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 903—There is Power in the Blood (vs 1)
PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon

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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

Carl is now teaching a new lesson series to a combined adult class in the auditorium, while Tom is teaching the teens in a separate class.

Be sure to make time for the Adult Bible study 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) this afternoon from 2-4 pm at the Hudson Community Center.

SILVER MAPLE CAMP TEEN RETREAT

- Weekend of November 20-22.
- 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!

Terry Sallee 11/15
Lupe Hudson 11/21

Kade Kinnamon 11/16
Pam Turner 11/21

PRAYER REQUESTS

Michelle Rose (Vanessa Roger's aunt) - sepsis
Marilyn Thornburg—recent knee surgery; she is at Stafford County Hospital in Swing Bed, getting physical therapy
Josh Oakley (grandson of Bill Oakley) - recent heart transplant; was moved out of ICU on Thursday
Donna Laudick (Marla's sister) - cancer; in remission
John Laudick (Marla's brother-in-law) - recent stroke
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

Remember all those who are suffering because of the recent terrorist attacks in Paris.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Trey and Amber Turner are proud to announce the arrival of Treysen Taggart, born last Thursday, Nov 12th, in Hutchinson. He weighed in at 7 lbs, 11 oz and was 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are Tom & Pam Turner; great-grandparents are Don & Gladys Hornbaker; great uncle is Gary Hornbaker.

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