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kind, godly manner of living. Here are a few ideas.

Practice awareness of others. Donne wrote, "No man is an island, entire in himself..." We are part of something larger. When someone steps into "your" place in line, smile and practice patience rather than unleashing snide, vindictive or ugly comments. After all, "your" place is focused on "you".

Acknowledge others. While traveling this week, a young man delayed his stepping through a door and held it for me. I thanked him and held it for the man behind me. We all stepped into the store, walking along side each other and smiling. The simple act of miniscule sacrifice of time and energy created a moment of shared connection. I noticed it right away.

Think the best of others. Instead of deciding the driver of the car who cut you off, was trying to make your day difficult... choose to believe they don't judge distance well or made an honest mistake. Don't allow harshness in the form of language or thought to take root in your mind.

Just these three things will be the prelude to a better week. I'll be praying for you.

Grace and Peace, Carl Where belonging to God means belonging to each other

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St John Church of Christ A Family of God

November 29, 2015

As you know, we aren't having worship services and Bible classes today. The ice is too treacherous for travel in town and many of us would not get across the parking lot while maintaining a vertical position. Be careful today while doing chores and addressing the necessary things in your world.

Let me share with you some "Spiritual Shorts", a few paragraphs to encourage us to be people who represent Jesus well in our communities.

One of the statements that Janet's mother had written in the back of her Bible was, "If you read your Bible and it makes you self-righteous, you didn't understand it." We need to be careful how we read, as well as "How we hear."

As disciples of Jesus we recognize that no behavior of ours is without consequences to others, and we anticipate what those consequences may be. The earth-shaking teaching of the Sermon on the Mount of turning the other cheek, going the extra mile, and giving both a coat and a cloak to the one who demands it are all preludes to a radical manner of living. Jesus introduces us to the concept of taking every curse from others and returning a blessing in its place.

Learning to live this way fosters an awareness of others, which weaves consideration, restraint, and respect into the fabric of our lives. It is a gracious, SUNDAY:Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am<br/>Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am<br/>Worship Service—10:45 am<br/>Afternoon Service—1:15 pmWEDNESDAY:Adult Bible Study—7:30 pm<br/>Youth Group—7:30 pm (@ Carl's)ELDERS:Richard Brensing, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,<br/>Terry Sallee, George SheltonDEACONS:Jerry Kinnamon, Jon ManselTREASURER:Richard Brensing

### WORSHIP ORDER FOR NOVEMBER 29, 2015

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon GATHERING SONG: No. 56-Lord, We Praise You WELCOME: Tom Turner SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 6:19-21 (Ned Marks) SONGS: No. 884—Earth Holds No Treasure No. 864—Where the Gates Swing Outward Never No. 666—I Am Thine. O Lord No. 792—On Bended Knee **PRAYER: Richard Brensing** SONG: No. 383-Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross MUNION: COM-Gary Hornbaker <u>M</u> Stan Aldrich Teddy Ginarich Joe Cornwell MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril SONG: No. 480—Blessed Assurance LESSON: Carl Feril (Children's Bible Hour) SONG: No. 922—Jesus Paid it all (vs 1) PRAYER: Fred Johnson

STOCKING STUFFERS OF CENTRAL KANSAS

Once again Hannah Sallee and Rachel Fisher have organized a soup supper to raise funds to purchase Christmas gifts for needy children in our community. The supper will be at the Odd Fellows' Lodge this Saturday evening, Dec 5th, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

### LADIES HOLIDAY BRUNCH

The ladies are invited to the home of Lory Scott on Saturday, December 19th, at 9:00 am for a Holiday Brunch. Please bring a gift to exchange (\$15 limit). No RSVP is needed—just come! Need a ride or want to carpool? Please contact Janet.

## WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD

- April 15-16; Hartman Arena, Wichita, KS
- Let Janet know if you want to be registered with the group who is going (we can get a discounted fee until January 31st)

# SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Ben and Baylee Sizemore and their families on the passing of two loved ones on Saturday:

- Baylee's father, <u>Sonny Langford</u>; visitation will be Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt. The funeral will be Thursday at 10:00 am at the Catholic Church in Pratt
- Ben's grandmother, <u>Nedra Sizemore</u>; funeral will be on Wednesday at 11:00 am in St John; exact location is pending

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Alice Peden (mother of Karla Mead, minister's wife at Eastwood Church of Christ in Hutchinson) stomach cancer; in Norman, OK Michelle Rose (Vanessa Roger's aunt) - in a nursing home for rehab Marilyn Thornburg—recent knee surgery **Roger Dick**—ongoing cancer treatments Josh Oakley (grandson of Bill Oakley) - recent heart transplant; making good progress Donna Laudick (Marla's sister) - cancer; in remission John Laudick (Marla's brother-in-law) Dan Hampton—surgery scheduled Nov 30-Salina Pam Herrenbruck—cancer treatment 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 Brensing (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! Joy Sallee 12/1

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