

Thessalonica, saying if someone would not work they should not eat. Living with an “eye to the clouds” is a good thing, but it requires a balance. But, living with your mind consumed by things of the earth causes us to not be sensitive to the things of God.

But today the world is full of references to a resurrection. A message of hope to a world that is typically focused on tragedies like Brussels, 9/11, or the politics. I, for one, appreciate the break.

That the world can speak so casually about the resurrection is a mystery to me. Twitter, Facebook and all other social media is awash in references to Easter, empty tombs, and Jesus. Religious leaders of Christendom will be quoted today. Their messages and behaviors deemed as news worthy. Families will rise before daylight, dress and head for some location to watch the sunrise while worshipping God.

Tomorrow, things will return to the same old thing. We will read about some inconsistency in a politician’s message. We will return to the drudgery of everyday life, and there won’t be further mention of the resurrection. Next Sunday, many families who got up before daylight for Easter services will remember this is the only day they get to sleep in.

This is the reality of life. But, today we get the chance to acknowledge something that is so incredibly special. Today we think about an eternity changing event. Today we reflect back on God’s testimony to the world that those graves where we have shed so many tears will also one day be open. The hope moves beyond words.

Today, with a host of others, including the angels of heaven say, “He is risen.”

*Grace and Peace,*

*Carl*



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**March 27, 2016**

I woke early this morning, as I do most mornings. This time I got up, reflecting on my life, God, and the fact that it is Easter. A friend of mine wrote earlier this week that he hoped we woke today with Jesus coming back, so we could say, “He has risen. He has come.” A thought I take hope in.

I also know that different Christians approach this day in different ways. Some, because the Bible does not mention Easter by name, believe it is a date not to be acknowledged. While others desire to share in the attentiveness and focus that the world gives to this day. Paul, Colossians 2:16 addresses the observance of “special days” by saying, “To each his own” and I share that conviction. I am of the opinion that any time someone uses anything to reflect on Jesus it is a perfect time to speak for him rather than against their practice.

A day, any day, that brings our focus back to the Lord is healthy. For many it is too easy to slide into a routine that solely focuses on the task or tasks ahead, without thought to things that are spiritual.

The early church had such a focus on the pending return of Jesus that many struggled with the day to day tasks. Paul had to address the problem with the church at

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

**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 Brening, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,  
Terry Sallee, George Shelton

**DEACONS:** Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel

**TREASURER:** Richard Brening

### WORSHIP ORDER FOR MARCH 27, 2016

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon  
GATHERING SONG:  
No. 123—The Steadfast Love of the Lord  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: John 18:1-14 (Stan Aldrich)  
SONGS: No. 147—I Stand Amazed (vs 1, 2, 3)  
No. 176—Lamb of God  
No. 324—Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (vs 1, 4)  
PRAYER: Gary Hornbaker  
SCRIPTURE READING: John 19:1-16 (Garland Mansel)  
SONG: No. 313—The Old Rugged Cross  
COMMUNION: Tom Turner  
Ned Marks  
Chris Mansel  
Fred Johnson  
SONG: No. 344—Low in the Grave He Lay  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
SONG: No. 359—I Love the Lord  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 948—I Am Resolved (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Jon Mansel

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### WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship today and hope that you will come again!

### BABY SHOWER

A diaper shower is being planned for **Vanessa Rogers** on Saturday, **April 23rd**, at 3:00 pm here. She is expecting a girl! See the invitation posted. (Onesies and other clothes would also be appreciated!)



We will NOT have potluck lunch today, so that families can spend Easter together.

### WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD Conference in Wichita April 15-16

There is still time to register for this conference for any who have not already done so. Go to the website ([womenwalkingwithgod.org](http://womenwalkingwithgod.org)) for more information.

New April calendars are available today.

Church website: [www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org](http://www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Beverly Cobb** (in Manhattan, KS) subclavian carotid bypass surgery last week; still having pain  
**Olen Munz**—brain cancer has become more aggressive  
**Alex Garcia** (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) - brain tumor  
**Brent Monroe** (Joy Monroe's grandson; Marilyn's great-grandson) face advancement surgery last week  
**Dan Hampton**—pain after surgery  
**Joy Monroe** (Marilyn's daughter) - recent surgery  
**Marci Klug** (Joe & Lisa's daughter)—high risk pregnancy  
**Brenda Staub** – to have radiation for stage 3 thyroid cancer  
**Sharon Goode Ames**—lung cancer  
**Ty Hewitt** (Baylee Sizemore's cousin) - acute leukemia  
**Clay Rodgers** (infant son of friends of Ben & Baylee) rare birth defect  
**Pati Waters Risley**—stroke  
**Michelle Rose** (Vanessa Roger's aunt) - nursing home  
**Roger Dick**—ongoing cancer treatments  
**John Laudick** (Marla's brother-in-law)  
**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 Brening** (Richard's father) – Leisure Homestead  
**Bonnie Guthrie** (Kay's mother) – Leisure Homestead  
**Laura Wyatt**—Kenwood Plaza  
**Vic & Phyllis Staub** – Kenwood Plaza

Also remember those affected by the grass fires this last week.