

accountability or not? Do we forgive only when we don't really care about the offense, or are we forgiving toward those who really hurt us?

In circumstances where doing the right thing causes us discomfort, threatens our friendships, or makes us appear different, is obedience still what we choose?

There are many times that we would like to "change the rules" as we walk through a life of faith. There are those moments that the temptation to join in gossip is far greater than our desire to step away. We might prefer to "not make an issue of it" as we get dragged deeper and deeper into the conversation.

Sometimes it is easy to forget that the admonitions to release bitterness, be forgiving, to be understanding and compassionate are also true in family situations. It is especially true during the tough conflicts, those times you want to do the exact opposite.

We can't offer excuses to God that "I'm just not geared that way." If you remember correctly, that is the whole purpose of Jesus coming, to "re-gear" you.

So why do I, as a therapist, always report suspicions of abuse? It is because I do not decide on a case by case basis. My license requires the action on suspicion, not on proof. It isn't easy, convenient or even desirable in every case. But, I signed up to do the job.

As children of God we need to have same approach. We don't decide moment by moment, it is our lifestyle. We belong to him, not this world.

Grace and Peace,

Carl



**St John Church of Christ
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April 24, 2016

From time to time I am asked to collaborate with another therapist as they consider how to address specific problems with clients. When you get old, that kind of stuff happens to you.

In one of those situations, the question was asked about reporting an incident of abuse. Should the therapist report or should they not? The fear on the part of the therapist was that reporting would drive a wedge between them and the family, so perhaps it was better to work on the issues and make sure everyone was safe.

When I disagreed, the therapist began to question why. My answer is very simple. The law is, if a therapist suspicions that sexual or physical abuse has or is taking place, the therapist is obligated to report it. The fact that the other therapist contacted me to question the proper course demonstrates that suspicion exists, so the obligation to report is there.

Now, ultimately the question is this, do you hold yourself accountable to the law or not? Do you only observe the law when it is convenient, aligns with what you desire to do, or are you subject to it?

The story illustrates a very important question for all of us. Do we live with

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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 Breensing, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,
Terry Sallee, George Shelton

DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel

TREASURER: Richard Breensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR APRIL 24, 2016

SONG LEADER: Stan Aldrich

GATHERING SONG: No. 72—Blessed Be the Lord God

WELCOME: Tom Turner

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 42:1-2 (Chase Mansel)

SONGS: No. 71—As the Deer

No. 300—Praise Him! Praise Him!

No. 417—Where He Leads I'll Follow

No. 680—Yes, Lord, Yes

PRAYER: Richard Breensing

SONG: No. 332—Lead Me to Calvary

COMMUNION: Chris Mansel

Fred Johnson

Joe Cornwell

Orrin Feril

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril

SONG: No. 881—Mansion Over the Hilltop

LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)

SONG: No. 860—There is a Habitation (vs 1)

PRAYER: Terry Sallee

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WELCOME VISITORS

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

THANK YOU

Gary Hornbaker has expressed his appreciation for all of your prayers on his behalf, since his motorcycle accident.

GOSPEL SINGING

We are invited to a singing hosted by the Isabel Church of Christ on Sunday, May 1st, at 5pm. A light meal will be provided afterward.

GRADUATION CELEBRATION

We plan to celebrate the high school graduations of Nick Mansel and Keigan Riggs on Sunday afternoon, May 22, after potluck lunch. Please mark your calendar and plan to be part of this special occasion.

A graduation announcement for Keigan Riggs is posted, for Sunday, May 8th, at Skyline High School.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The dates have been set for our VBS—May 31 through June 3. Mark your calendar and be watching for ways you can help with this great community outreach.

SILVER MAPLE CAMP WORK DAY

Many thanks to Ben, Baylee, Trent, Fred, Tom & Pam for their time and energy given at the work day at camp on Saturday. It is appreciated!

SYMPATHY

We were saddened to learn that **Dan Hampton** passed away on Friday, after he was recently placed in hospice care. We extend our sympathy to his family. A graveside memorial service will be planned for sometime this summer.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Annie Kent (Lupe Hudson's niece) - cancer

Paul Bishop (Betty Chlumsky's brother) - lung cancer

Gary Hornbaker—in rehab

Clint Kinnamon—knee surgery last week in Salina; doing well

Brenda Staub—radiation treatment scheduled to start Monday, April 25, for thyroid cancer; also now has shingles

Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - cancer

Alex Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) - brain tumor

Brent Monroe (Joy Monroe's grandson; Marilyn's great-grandson) recent surgery

Marci Klug (Joe & Lisa's daughter)—high risk pregnancy

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

Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments

John Laudick (Marla's brother-in-law)

Jonathan Batten - cancer

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

Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) - Leisure Homestead

Laura Wyatt—Kenwood Plaza

Vic & Phyllis Staub - Kenwood Plaza

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Tom Turner 4/27