

treasures. I thought that maybe things are not as different as I imagine.

Little children in Bible times might have imagined small household items as chariots or carts, pushing them along the floor. There are universal things that transcend generations.

Because God, who created mankind in his own image, understands these universal things, the books of antiquity we know as Scripture still speak to us.

While earlier generations would know nothing of computer fraud or online identity theft, there is no new sin... only different manifestations of the same old things. Mankind, as always, seeks to be safe and important. These drives motivate what we do. Healthy pursuits find fulfillment in God. Shortcuts result in sinful behavior harming both others and the perpetrator.

As Eve was looking for a “quick” way to be like God, knowing good from evil, the fruit looked like an inviting shortcut. The idea that God was “holding out” on them, was the deception accomplished by Satan. Both Adam and Eve decide that their way was better than God’s way.

We push that same button across the floor day after day. Turning the other cheek doesn’t seem the appropriate response to attacks against us. Forgiving 70 times 7 seems an unfair command heaped upon us. Returning a blessing for a curse causes us to shudder, as we slide that little round button across the floor, choosing to retaliate again. It isn’t new, but the Scriptures don’t have to be new to speak to age old issues of life.

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Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.



**St John Church of Christ
A Family of God**

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When I was a boy, every house had a button box. I can remember looking through my Grandmother Feril’s button box. Most of the buttons there were buttons for shirts, as she made shirts for us and recycled the old buttons. It makes me smile to think I wore shirts that might have had the buttons from my father’s old shirt, or my grandfather’s shirt.

The special buttons in that box would have come from “store bought” ladies fancy blouses or dresses. Usually the ladies buttons would have been larger and easily noticed, destined for a future dress or apron. Playing with a few of the buttons, they could become a car that might be pushed upon the linoleum in the front room.

We live in a different time now. Button boxes are a thing of the past. Children are robbed of the opportunity to push a button on the floor like a car, parking them on the imaginary streets in their mind.

I observed Mara playing on the floor in the living room the other day. She had her “button”, it was a small box that had been a mint container. She was also playing with an old medicine bottle that held some of her

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 MAY 22, 2016

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
 GATHERING SONG: No. 23—Our God, He Is Alive (vs 1)
 WELCOME: Tom Turner
 SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 2:4-10 (Tom Turner)
 SONGS: No. 702—Fellowship Medley
 No. 703—I Love You with the Love of the Lord
 No. 704—Bind Us Together
 No. 705—A Common Love
 No. 744—God's Family
 No. 801—Where No One Stands Alone
 PRAYER: Richard Breensing
 SONG: No. 364—Come, Share the Lord
 COMMUNION: Orrin Feril
 Chris Mansel
 Stan Aldrich
 Clint Kinnamon
 MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
 SONG: No. 429—Oh, To Be Like Thee
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
 SONG: No. 922—Jesus Paid It All (vs 1)
 PRAYER: Garland Mansel
 (CCLI #2440129)

WELCOME VISITORS

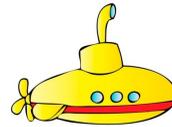
We are pleased you have joined us in worship and hope that you will come again! Please stay for our potluck lunch today.

GRADUATION CELEBRATION

We plan to celebrate the high school graduations of **Nick Mansel** and **Keigan Riggs** this afternoon after potluck lunch. Please plan to be part of this special occasion.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

THEME: Jesus 'Seas' Me



—Tuesday, May 31 through Thursday, June 2:
 Activities/Classes (6:30 pm to 8:15 pm)
 —Friday, June 3: Family Picnic (6:00 pm)

Mark your calendar and plan to be involved! We will also plan to have a float in the Jubilee Parade on Saturday, May 28th, at 1:30 pm, to help promote VBS. We will need riders to throw candy packs, with a VBS note, to the crowd!

SILVER MAPLE CAMP

The next work day is scheduled for this coming Saturday, May 28th. If you aren't involved in the St John Jubilee, your help would be appreciated at camp.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
Tom & Pam Turner—May 26



PRAYER REQUESTS

Marilyn Sprawka (Don Rugan's sister) - recent surgery for cancer
Jenny Walker (Carol's sister)
Chris Mansel
Gary Hornbaker
Annie Kent (Lupe Hudson's niece) - cancer
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; doing well at this time
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



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