

Now I don't see myself as Paul, weighing decisions between life and death in Philippians 1. I don't think God grants me strength or recovery because you "need me". I believe, while different Christians are great supports and strengths to each other, that God can raise up many servants to do that role.

I do think the lesson of illness, weakness, frailty and discomfort is that this world is not where we belong. We are citizens of the kingdom of God, seeking a new heaven and a new earth. I long for the New Jerusalem, proceeding from the throne of God whose builder and maker is God.

There are many reasons to rejoice as we travel this world. Wheat harvest, for most of those in our area was better than expected. We've had some timely rain to refresh dryland crops that sorely needed it. We exist as a family of God in harmony and peace, rather than the fighting and backbiting that was characteristic of some 1<sup>st</sup> century churches. While a number of us this year have had to adjust our budgets, tightening things up, we still live in a culture of plenty and abundance.

Those are all good things, but don't be beguiled by these physical blessings, thinking this world is it. Lift up your eyes and see Jesus. He alone is the target. Everything else is just fluff.

*Grace and Peace,*

*Carl*

*My thanks to Terry for taking my class and Tom for preaching in my absence so I could do this wedding in Colorado. I appreciate both of you.*

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As I prepare this bulletin article I am reminded of things for which I am grateful. As most of you know I have been sick for the past month or so, especially for the past two weeks. They are trying a different set of antibiotics and I hope to be 100% soon.

While others have illnesses that are more severe than what I've struggled with the past few weeks, I've done some private lamenting that I was not ill enough to simply die. It might sound a bit mellow dramatic, but for a few days it was how I felt.

What I was reminded of is the truth from Scripture that we were never meant to live in this state with a barrier between us and a full relationship with God. The penalty for the corruption of sin in our world includes thorns and thistles and every manner of disease and distortion.

While things are churning along normally for us, we take each day as it comes rejoicing in relationships and pleasures in this life. However, when our world is turned on its ear, it doesn't take us long to groan for that eternal body made by God. This world, at least the experiences I was having in it during this last month, did not endear this world to me. I would have gladly chosen to "go and be with God", without regret.

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

**DEACONS:** Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel

**TREASURER:** Richard Brensing

## WORSHIP ORDER FOR JUNE 26, 2016

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon

GATHERING SONG:

No. 54—We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

WELCOME: Tom Turner

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 9:1-2 (Chase Mansel)

SONGS: No. 141—Heavenly Father, We Appreciate You

No. 854—When He Comes In Glory By and By

No. 523—I Know the Lord Will Find a Way for Me

No. 770—Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

PRAYER: Stan Aldrich

SONG: No. 373—A Hill Called Mount Calvary

COMMUNION: Orrin Feril

Fred Johnson

Joe Cornwell

Chris Mansel

SONG: No. 606—Remind Me, Dear Lord

LESSON: Tom Turner (*Children's Bible Hour*)

SONG: No. 930—Jesus, the Loving Shepherd (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.

## SILVER MAPLE CAMP

These are the summer youth sessions scheduled.

Scholarships are available—see Tom or Richard.

- June 15 & July 13 (Day Camp: Ages 6-8)
- July 10-16 (Junior Camp/Session 1: Ages 9-13)
- July 17-23 (Senior Camp/Session 2: Ages 13-18)
- July 24-30 (Group Camp/Session 3: Ages 9-18)

Go to [www.silvermaplecamp.com](http://www.silvermaplecamp.com) to register.



Ladies—mark your calendar for September 23-24 for the Women's Retreat at SMC. The Salina Church of Christ is hosting this event and the guest speaker will be Lynn Dearing from Nashville, TN.

## NEWS FROM OAXACA, MEXICO

The Serrano's recently sent a newsletter that is posted on the bulletin board. They are organizing a National Youth Rally to be held in July and are excited to share news of their activities with us.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Glennys Sallabedra** (Tom's mother)

**Fred Johnson**—eye slowly improving

**Marilyn Sprawka** (Don Rugan's sister) - cancer

**Jenny Walker** (Carol's sister)

**Gary Hornbaker**

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

**Annie Kent** (Lupe Hudson's niece) - cancer

**Alex Garcia** (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) - brain cyst

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

**Sharon Goode Ames**—lung cancer

**Ty Hewitt** (Baylee Sizemore's cousin) - leukemia is in remission

**Pati Waters Risley**—stroke; rehabilitating at home

**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 Brensing** (Richard's father) – Leisure Homestead

**Bonnie Guthrie** (Kay's mother) – Leisure Homestead

**Laura Wyatt**—Kenwood Plaza

**Vic & Phyllis Staub** – Kenwood Plaza



**Harper Sallee**  
June 26

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