

the closet as the days become cooler. We will be making the shift from air conditioning to heating before too long. Learning to adapt is what allows us to survive.

Early Christians did the same thing. As persecution began to intensify in Jerusalem, they adapted... moving into the surrounding region, taking their message with them. It was the apostles who remained in Jerusalem (Acts 8).

There are those who lament the “influence” school has on our schedules, the competition for time with sporting events, practices, and various demands on time, but they are far less intrusive than persecution. Schools and the Recreation Commission, or gymnastics, or wrestling or music programs are not the enemy. They demand change in the way we do things, and change isn’t something we do well.

Understand that Christians have always adapted within their society to compensate for the external pressures around them. Our message doesn’t change, but we adapt to be able to communicate the message of Jesus to those who have not heard.

So, if you are inconvenienced because those with school aged children are not available for certain events, or if your availability does not correspond to the schedule of others in school districts around you, don’t complain because you must change.

Change always appears to be a crisis. We tend to panic a bit when we move out of our familiar rhythms in life. Yes, it isn’t the most comfortable thing in the world. In our world we may be accustomed to going to the wall and changing the thermostat to alter the environment around us, saving us from putting on a sweater. Schools, culture, the dictates of the rest of the world... you won’t find a thermostat there, so learn to adapt.

Grace and Peace,



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

August 28, 2016

School has begun again. That is, perhaps, as important as the weather turning to fall. In earlier cultures, the changing seasons shifted the workload so families adjusted their schedule to address the harvesting of fall crops, canning the last of a garden, and the recognition of waning daylight. Children became available for school as the need for them on the farm declined.

Today, we begin to look at our calendars differently. We plan things around school holidays, sporting events, or even the school routine. Small children are put to bed at an earlier time so they can be rested to rise in time for school the next day. Parent work schedules are adjusted as teacher workdays or sick children require different arrangements for childcare.

In my own life, Mondays, with high school lunch at the church building and Thursday mornings when I am at the school seeing kids, things such as these become a deciding factor in how I schedule my life. So, we’ve moved into this “different season” fully now.

Adapting to our surroundings has always been a part of our lives. We shift from short sleeve to long sleeve shirts. We pull jackets and sweaters out of

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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 AUGUST 28, 2016

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
GATHERING SONG:
No. 141—Heavenly Father, We Appreciate You (vs 1)
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING:
Deuteronomy 8:1-6 (Fred Johnson)
SONGS: No. 915—Trust and Obey (vs 1, 2, 4)
No. 508—A Wonderful Savior
No. 528—I Know That My Redeemer Lives
No. 766—Open Our Eyes, Lord
PRAYER: Chris Mansel
SONG: No. 324—Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?
(vs 1, 2, 4)
COMMUNION: Teddy Gingrich
Orrin Feril
Jerry Kinnamon
Jeff Scott
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 957—This World is Not My Home
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 904—Have You Been to Jesus? (vs 1)
PRAYER: Richard Breensing
(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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Gladys Hornbaker—Sep 2

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Trent & Hannah Sallee—Aug 29

Jerry & Kay Kinnamon—Sep 2

Garland & Dena Mansel—Sep 3



WEDDING

Congratulations to Joe & Lisa Cornwell on the marriage of their daughter, **Cami, to Burke Long** last Sunday, August 21st.

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT SILVER MAPLE CAMP

Ladies—it's time to send in your registration for the 2016 SMC Ladies Retreat, planned for September 23-24. The theme this year is "Baggage" and the guest speaker will be Lynn Dearing, from Mt Juliet, TN. The Salina Church of Christ is hosting this event and you are encouraged to attend! Cost is \$40 and registration forms are available in the foyer, or online at www.silvermaplecamp.org.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Stan Aldrich—hospitalized last week; now home & improving
Jill Morpew (Janet's sister-in-law in Pueblo, Colorado) - scheduled for surgery tomorrow in Colorado Springs for a large abdominal tumor
Michael Mitchell (Betty Chlumsky's son) - as he continues to recover from recent spine surgery
Gladys Hornbaker—treatment for a mass in her lung
Alex Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) - successful surgery for a brain cyst
Annie Kent (Lupe Hudson's niece) - cancer
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother)
Eldon Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - in hospice care, and his wife, Sheryl
David Ivy (Marilyn's brother) and his wife, Kathy
Marilyn Sprawka (Don Rukan's sister) - cancer
Jenny Walker (Carol's sister)
Sharon Goode Ames—lung cancer
Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments
John Laudick (Marla's brother-in-law)
Jonathan Batten – cancer
Theo Birkett (Tara's mother)
Jim Soukup (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) – now on Hospice Care at Leisure Homestead in Stafford
Myron Breensing (Richard's father) – Leisure Homestead
Laura Wyatt—Kenwood Plaza
Vic & Phyllis Staub – Kenwood Plaza

SAVE THE DATE: **Men's Retreat @ Silver Maple Camp** is set for October 24-25.

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