

sweet – they sounded just right as I slowly ate 5 of them.

Janet thought the idea ludicrous. She explained that was a wrong choice and I would soon be sick again.

Gladly her prophecy was inaccurate and those blackberries were the beginning of my road to recovery.

As I lay thinking this morning about that exchange, I noticed how easy it is for us, from our own experience, to assume our way would be right for everyone else. We trust our own experience and want others to benefit from it.

What draws us closer to God? Some experience that through a highly sophisticated study technique, learning the original languages of Scripture and reading in that manner. For others it is reading their personal Bible in conjunction with good devotional books or study guide. Others might prefer solitude and meditation to enrich their appreciation for what God has told us through Scripture.

I've known others who enrich their journey through the arts, with great paintings and architecture of ancient churches.

Frozen blackberries or saltines, it doesn't matter. Your pursuit of God will be personal as well.

Grace and peace,

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Where belonging to God means belonging to each other

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February 26, 2017

As you perhaps know by now, yesterday afternoon and evening were unpleasant at my house. About 3p I could tell something was off and by 3:30p the flu had me cornered.

I contacted Terry and Tom to cover for me today right before things got bad, and I am grateful for their stepping into my responsibilities.

When one is sick, food is the last thing on their mind. About midnight I could tell I was perhaps a bit better and mentioned to Janet I was ready to test my stomach. "Eat whatever sounds good to you." For Janet, that is code for, "Try some saltines and a bit of Seven-Up."

I got up and collected some frozen blackberries I put up earlier this fall. Icey,

SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
Worship Service—10:45 am
WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study—7:30 pm
Youth Group—7:30 pm (@ Carl's)
ELDERS: Richard Brensing, Teddy Gingrich, Terry Sallee,
George Shelton, Tom Turner
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril
TREASURER: Richard Brensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2017

SONG LEADER: Richard Brensing
GATHERING SONG: No. 71—As the Deer
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 29:11-13 (Stan Aldrich)
SONGS: No. 555—Seek Ye First
No. 525—He Knows Just What I Need
No. 679—Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (vs 1, 4)
No. 800—What a Friend We Have in Jesus
PRAYER: Tom Turner
SONG: No. 464—Because He Lives
COMMUNION: Fred Johnson
Chris Mansel
Orrin Feril
Teddy Gingrich
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 976—I Shall Not Be Moved (vs 1, 2, 4)
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 907—Hark, the Gentle Voice (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.

WEDNESDAY GATHERINGS

- Adult Bible Class at 7:30 pm
- Youth Group at 7:30 pm at Carl's house

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Orrin Feril—March 1

WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD

Ladies—Be sure and register for the upcoming Women Walking with God conference on April 22 in Wichita. Reimbursement for the conference fee and one night motel room is available for any of our ladies—please contact Richard. See more information on the website: <https://womenwalkingwithgod.org>

HONORS FOR KARI

The Legacy Award presented by The Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development honors the life and legacy of individuals who have made an indelible mark on the fabric of the Great Bend community. Recently this Award was presented to Kari Smith, Executive Vice President of Stores for Buckle, Inc. "For nearly 40 years, Kari has led the Buckle to great accomplishments through her Side by Side Leadership and her appetite for Legendary Service. Her greatest contribution and why she was selected for this award, is her outstanding mentoring of numerous Great Bend young people." Congratulations, Kari!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ty Hewitt (Baylee Sizemore's cousin) - Leukemia; waiting for a stem cell transplant in Houston via MD Anderson. Prayers are requested that this will be soon and that his body will be receptive to the treatment
Greg Barlage (Baylee Sizemore's cousin, who lives in Wellesley, MA) Leukemia; has received a stem cell transplant; now going through chemo & radiation
Jonathan Batten—ongoing cancer treatment; undergoing stem cell transplant
Micaela Garcia (Alex's mother; neighbor of Stan & Orvaley) aggressive breast cancer
Brent Monroe (Marilyn's great grandson) - infection
Marilyn Thornburg's grandson, Timothy—health concerns
Betty Chlumsky's son, Mike—recent pneumonia
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - cancer
Rod & Cris Seidel in Pratt (friends of Richard & Shelly) - as Cris is treated for her cancer
Alex Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvaley) - improving health
Annie Kent (Lupe Hudson's niece) - cancer
David Ivy (Marilyn's brother) and his wife, Kathy
Marilyn Sprawka (Don Rugan's sister) - cancer
Jenny Walker (Carol's sister)
Sharon Goode Ames—lung cancer
Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments
Theo Birkett (Tara's mother)
Jim Soukup (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) – on Hospice Care at Leisure Homestead in Stafford
June Cornwell—Kenwood Plaza
Vic Staub—Kenwood Plaza
Phyllis Staub—on Hospice Care at Kenwood Plaza
Laura Wyatt—on Hospice Care at Kenwood Plaza

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