

accomplished. How one treats their enemy, or the disenfranchised or the vulnerable is the indication of one's faith.

In the Old Covenant, Israel's treatment of the alien among them was demanded by God. They were expected to leave the corners of their fields unharvested, that the poor and the indigent might have a way of garnering food. Treatment of strangers was a hallmark of their faith.

Keeping one's self unspotted from the world (our moral integrity) is coupled with care for widows and orphans (those vulnerable to abuse) and is described as the essence of pure and undefiled religion. Being as good as the next guy and grudgingly paying taxes because a portion of it goes to welfare is not a fulfillment of this Scripture.

Those who seriously integrate faith in their daily walk are attentive to those who are struggling in life. They don't avert their eyes to avoid others who have empty eyes and aching bellies. They don't simply feel that tossing some culls from their closet in the Goodwill box "has them covered" in regards to caring for the vulnerable.

Serious faith looks for the opportunity to act, each day and every day.

Grace and peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other

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Flying to the Rock

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Taking faith seriously does imply that one lives differently than the bulk of the population. It does not imply a pseudo-piety or specialized language. It is not made manifest by one's outward apparel, or by a sprinkling of religious terms in daily conversation. Taking faith seriously is observable in the manner of interaction that one has with others.

John instructs us that, No one can say that they love God while hating their brother. James reminds us that we cannot bless God on one hand, while cursing those made in the image of God on the other.

Those devoted to God are observable not so much in the manner in which they treat those who are closest to them, for loving those who love in return is easily

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 MARCH 12, 2017

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
GATHERING SONG: No. 15—Step by Step
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 3:8-12 (Jayce Feril)
SONGS: No. 719—Love One Another
No. 448—The Greatest Command
No. 745—Humble Yourself
No. 788—Lord, Take Control Medley
-No. 789—Father
-No. 790—Lord, Take Control
-No. 791—On Bended Knee
PRAYER: Chris Mansel
SONG: No. 325—Boundless Love
COMMUNION: Stan Aldrich
Jerry Kinnamon
Fred Johnson
Orrin Feril
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 716—Sing to Me of Heaven
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



Meagan Feril—March 12
Misty Blakeslee—March 13
Joe Cornwell—March 15
Gary Hornbaker—March 15
Adam Holmes—March 16
Katherine Suiter—March 17

WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD

Women's Conference—April 22—at Hartman Arena in Wichita.
See more information on the website:
<https://womenwalkingwithgod.org>

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the St John High School boy's basketball team, who placed second in State in 2A yesterday.



We extend our sympathy to the family of **Laura Wyatt**, who passed away on Friday, March 10th, at Kenwood Plaza. Visitation will be at Minnis Chapel (St John) on Tuesday, March 14th, from 1pm to 7pm; family will be present from 5pm to 7pm..
Funeral service will be Wednesday, March 15th, at 10:00 am at Minnis Chapel.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Carol Gingrich—had a heart cath last Friday
Virgil Rice (David Rice's father) - suffered a major stroke on Friday; is now hospitalized in Wichita and is receiving comfort care
Arthur, unborn son of Baylee Sizemore's cousin, John—has a hole in his heart; prayers are requested for healing of the hole and the birth of a healthy baby
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; improving
Ty Hewitt (Baylee Sizemore's cousin) - Leukemia
Greg Barlage (Baylee Sizemore's cousin, who lives in Wellesley, MA) Leukemia; chemo & radiation
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

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