

voice of Mary Magdalene as she reported to Peter that the body of Jesus had been stolen from the tomb. Then the transformation in the voice as Mary begs the “gardener” to tell her where the body was that she might move it, before Jesus speaks her name.

I remember well when I “heard” the voice of Nathan proclaim to David, “You are the one!” and the transition in David’s voice as he moves from anger at the heartless rich man to the conviction that his sin was known by God.

The conversations of Scripture must move from the flat unemotional words on a page to passion-filled descriptions between people discovering, appreciating and trusting the intervention of God in their crisis. As these holy discourses have been preserved for all of us, we learn to reverently listen in to incorporate them into our own circumstances.

Such things transform our prayers as we are shaped by the prayers and thanksgivings in Scripture to begin to pray in similar ways, with similar expectations of God acting in our own lives.

Eventually, the crisis we face in modern times, or the joy we feel in the moment, is filtered through these holy words to have an old familiar ring. We can look with fresh eyes at the ancient text and have confidence that the Spirit of God still speaks to our needs today.

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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Words are powerful, be they gentle like the soothing sound of a mother’s soft cooing to a newborn, or a harsh rebuke that pulls us up short and redirects our steps. Words communicate the messages that we need to navigate through life.

I easily read tens of thousands of words per year. Some of them well planned, artfully crafted, while others are technical, cumbersome language that I wade through hoping to gain some information.

The magic happens when words move from a mix of vowels and consonants to voices that communicate the story. The despair in the words of Jesus as he anguished on the hilltop overlooking Jerusalem and pleaded that it change its course. The puzzled, fearful despair in the

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 26, 2017

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
GATHERING SONG: No. 71—As the Deer
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 6:10-18 (Steve Potter)
SONGS: No. 736—To Christ Be True
No. 647—Soldiers of Christ, Arise (vs 1, 3)
(Please stand for this song and the next)
No. 648—Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (vs 1, 4)
No. 976—I Shall Not Be Moved
No. 839—In His Time
PRAYER: Richard Brensing
SONG: No. 361—Nailed to the Cross
COMMUNION: Stan Aldrich
Chris Mansel
Ned Marks
Fred Johnson
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 678—More About Jesus (vs 1, 4)
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 924—Just As I Am (vs 1)
PRAYER: Garland Mansel

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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 FUND RAISER

There will be a fund raiser for Silver Maple Camp at the Northside Church of Christ on Saturday morning, April 8th. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 11:00 am. See Tom if you would like more information.



Registration is now open online for SMC summer youth sessions:

- First Session—July 9-15; Ages 9-13
- Second Session—July 16-22; Ages 13-18
- Third Session—July 23-29; Ages 9-18
- Day Camp—July 11 & 12; Ages 6-8

See more information at: www.silvermaplecamp.com

WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD

Women's Conference—April 22—at Hartman Arena in Wichita.

See more information on the website:

<https://womenwalkingwithgod.org>

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CELEBRATION



Plan now to be here on Sunday, May 7th, to help our high school seniors celebrate their upcoming graduation. We will be honoring **Cole Kinnamon** and **Destiny Mathwich** in the afternoon, immediately after our potluck lunch.

Church website: www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Carol Gingrich—health concerns
Arthur, unborn son of Baylee Sizemore's cousin, John—
diagnosed with a hole in his heart
Jonathan Batten—ongoing cancer treatment
Micaela Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) breast cancer
Ty Hewitt (Baylee Sizemore's cousin) - Leukemia
Greg Barlage (Baylee Sizemore's cousin) - Leukemia
Marilyn's grandson, Timothy—health concerns
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - cancer
Rod & Cris Seidel in Pratt (friends of Richard/Shelly) - cancer
Alex Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) - 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) – Stafford Leisure Home
June Cornwell—Kenwood Plaza
Vic Staub—Kenwood Plaza
Phyllis Staub—on Hospice Care at Kenwood Plaza



"Thanks so much for providing the funeral dinner for our very large family. It was a blessing to be warmed by such good soup and the sandwiches afterward!

It was also wonderful to have a place where all 100 of us could be together to share our memories of our mom! Thank you for your thoughtfulness, love, prayers, and support of our family during the many years as well as this difficult time!

Signed: The families of Laura Wyatt"