

flexing his mighty shoulders and legs to push the pillars down, killing the enemies of God from Philistia.

I find imagining Jesus in the Garden, betrayed by a kiss easy. Shuffled between Annas and Caiaphas, then the Jewish Sanhedrin before standing before Pilate, Herod, and finally Pilate again all bring images to my mind.

The crucifixion brings images so gruesome it is difficult to think through, but imagining the stone rolled back and the disciples slowly coming to realize the implication can do nothing more than bring a smile to my face.

What I can't wrap my head around, the place my mind can't fathom, is the interval between the sealing of the tomb and the morning of the resurrection. The bewilderment, the magnitude of the loss, the unbelievable turn of the events leaves me speechless.

I appreciate the descriptions of Scripture as the heavens and the earth react to the death of the Son of God. How could light not fade from the sky and the bowels of the earth not erupt with anguish in the earthquake? But, for me to center my thoughts on the way the eternal order of the earth, an undying God, experiencing death for each of us... How can it be? Some things are so real, imagination is too limited to explore them.

Grace and peace,

Carl

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Flying to the Rock

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I have a vivid imagination. When I read any story, the images come alive in my mind as I picture the events that I read about.

Sometimes the mental pictures move beyond what I am reading to take on elaborate scenes of their own. Over the years it has helped with my appreciation of historical events, like “watching in my mind’s eye” as Custer’s 7th cavalry retreated up the hill to make their final stand at the Little Big Horn. Or the small dank cell where Crazy Horse balked at entering before being stabbed with a bayonet and slumping to the ground at Fort Robinson, NE.

I find it equally as easy to imagine Samson blindly reaching for the support pillars of the temple of Dagon before

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 APRIL 16, 2017

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
GATHERING SONG:
No. 387—Tell Me the Story of Jesus (vs 1)
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:32-39 (Garland M.)
SONGS: No. 382—Why Did My Savior Come to Earth
No. 176—Lamb of God
No. 313—The Old Rugged Cross (vs 1, 2, 3)
No. 962—Were You There? (vs 1, 2, 3, 4)
No. 344—Low in the Grave He Lay
(sing all verses, then the chorus)
PRAYER: Richard Brensing
SONG: No. 383—Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
COMMUNION: Tom Turner
Chris Mansel
Stan Aldrich
Teddy Gingrich
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 989—Soon and Very Soon
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 902—Nothing But the Blood (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!

SILVER MAPLE CAMP

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.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Phyllis Staub who passed away on April 11th. Her funeral was Saturday.

NEW BABY!

Congratulations to Shane and Amy Albritton on the birth of a baby boy, **Emmett Michael**, born April 10th. He weighed 7 lbs, 2 oz. Proud big brother is Cason; grandparents are Richard & Shelly; great-grandparents are George & Shirley!

SAVE THE DATE—FOR VBS!

May 30th through June 1st, with a picnic on Friday, June 2nd.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Deb Thornburg (Marilyn's daughter-in-law, married to Tim, in Billings, MT) - unexplained weight loss
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - as she continues to cope with complications from her cancer treatments
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) cancer
Ty Hewitt (Baylee Sizemore's cousin) - Leukemia
Greg Barlage (Baylee Sizemore's cousin) - Leukemia
Marilyn's grandson, Timothy—health concerns
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

NO POT LUCK LUNCH today since several families will be out of town or having company for Easter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Fred Johnson—April 17

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