

"I don't want to say the wrong thing. I'm at a loss to know what to say at all." I certainly understand. We would like our words to "fix things" but some things are "unfixable" short of the new heaven and new earth.

"What can we, as a church, do?" I suggested being there to listen, to pray, to hug, and to cry. Some might be better suited to cut the grass, wash the cars, or shine shoes. A covered dish, someone to label food, record the ones who stop by, and to answer the phone.

Often in this life, we cannot "unring the bell", it can't be as though it never happened. The story of Scripture is what happens on the other side of crisis. Jesus stopped a funeral procession and returned the dead son to a grieving widow. He, with the power of his presence, healed a woman who had been bleeding for years while doctors were unable to help.

For us, not having the power to reset the story, we simply try to be present in the crisis. We come alongside those who feel the ravages of physical pains and heartbreaking loss. We can't remove the event, but we can be willing to care.

When people had struggles, hearing Jesus was coming brought hope. We want to be him.

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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April 30, 2017

The call came, "We have a problem and I could use some input."

It isn't unusual for me to get a call to walk alongside those who are struggling. I like it, volunteer for it, and feel privileged when I can serve in this way. At times it is a church leader, sometimes a family, other times someone who knows someone I've spoken with before. Lately, I've been speaking with the children of parents who spoke with me when they were small children.

I spoke with a church leader who was ministering to a family in crisis. Their preteen child had accidentally been killed in a household accident. The unexpected nature of the event was devastating, the family, church and community were all reeling in grief.

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 30, 2017

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
GATHERING SONG:
No. 123—The Steadfast Love of the Lord
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 2:5-8 (Kolton)
SONGS: No. 354—I Gave My Life for Thee
No. 349—Ten Thousand Angels
No. 186—Christ, We Do All Adore Thee
No. 766—Open Our Eyes, Lord
PRAYER: Chris Mansel
SONG: No. 290—Shine, Jesus, Shine
COMMUNION: Stan Aldrich
Ben Sizemore
Orrin Feril
Fred Johnson
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 734—I'll Meet You in the Morning
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 948—I Am Resolved (vs 1)
PRAYER: Joe Cornwell

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship and hope that you will come again!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS will be May 30 through June 1, with a family picnic on June 2. The theme will be focused on Bible Heroes and plans are well underway for this event. This afternoon after lunch, we will have a work session. Please stay and be a part of this if you can.

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



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CELEBRATION



Next Sunday, May 7th, we will help our high school seniors celebrate their upcoming graduation. We will be honoring **Cole Kinnamon** and **Destiny Johnson** in the afternoon, immediately after our potluck lunch.

MAY EVENTS

Be sure and pick up a May calendar today—it is going to be a busy month!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Gary Hornbaker—recovering from a medical procedure on his back
Larry Sallee (Terry's brother) - in the hospital being treated for aggressive cancer; prognosis is serious
Danny Hecker—Celeste reports that he is having seizures and mini-strokes
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—cancer treatment; doing well
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

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