

we let go. He was launched about 4.5 feet forward, but he wasn't much over 4 foot tall. Severely dislocating his ankle, the mission ended in failure. I was blamed for the injury without ever having received credit for saving his life. Steve is no astronaut.

Who are you? It is an important question and not one that you should answer by giving your name.

"Who are you" is not answered by names, where you went to school, who you grew up with, or sending a DNA sample to some AncestryDNA company.

Who you are is defined by your thinking and actions, the choices you make. Now, don't fall into the trap of making idealized claims in places where you have no real world experience. You aren't a writer just because you jotted a few notes for an unwritten novel. You can't claim to be a painter because you have a half finished "paint by numbers" velvet clown painting in the closet.

Who you are is defined in calm and in crisis based on your thinking and actions. God's people do things God's way when it is easy and when it is difficult.

A few trips to Sunday school doesn't make you any more qualified to be a Christian than Steve's astronaut experience resulted in a call from NASA.

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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May 7, 2017

Growing up in the 60's we all wanted to be astronauts, but we've not really been to the moon. Many of you know the story of my trying to "launch" my brother Steve into orbit by tying two car inner tubes to a couple of elm trees and a couple of us pulling him back to the porch "launch platform." As he clutched his knees, we began the countdown that would propel him between the trees, over the dirt road, soaring over the 3 strand barbed wire fence to land safely in the freshly plowed field. We had thought this through, discussed it at length, and decided that he being smaller than the rest of us gave him the aerodynamic advantage over us all.

Just as we counted down to zero, having moved past the point of no return, I took a step that landed on his foot. Unfortunately, I was standing on it when

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 MAY 7, 2017

SONG LEADER: Richard Brensing
GATHERING SONG: No. 239—In Moments Like These
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 1:13-24 (Steve Potter)
SONGS: No. 578—We Will Glorify
No. 429—Oh, To Be Like Thee
No. 266—Majesty
No. 791—On Bended Knee
PRAYER: Tom Turner
SONG: No. 290—Shine, Jesus, Shine
COMMUNION: Chris Mansel
Orrin Feril
Ben Sizemore
Jerry Kinnamon
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 587—Sing and Be Happy
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 907—Hark, the Gentle Voice (vs 1)
PRAYER: Fred Johnson

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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 is: **"Jesus is My Superhero"** and lessons will be focused on Bible Heroes.

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



Today we will help our high school seniors celebrate their upcoming graduation. We will be honoring **Cole Kinnamon** and **Destiny Johnson** immediately after our potluck lunch.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Trent Sallee—May 8

NO POTLUCK LUNCH NEXT WEEK

Since next Sunday is **Mother's Day**, we will not plan to have potluck lunch together that day. So, spend time with your mother, adopt a mom for the day, or enjoy reminiscing about time spent with your mother in year's past!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Joy Monroe (Marilyn's daughter) - went home from the hospital last Monday; has an ulcer
Larry Carter (Gary's friend in Missouri) - surgery to remove cancer from face
Danny Hecker—having seizures and mini-strokes
Deb Thornburg (Marilyn's daughter-in-law, married to Tim, in Billings, MT) - unexplained weight loss
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
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

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Larry Sallee**, who passed away last Friday at Hospice House in Hutchinson. His funeral is planned for Tuesday, May 9th, at 2:00 pm at the Eastwood Church of Christ in Hutchinson, Kansas.

