

*Come to the Garden Alone or How Great Thou Art* have touched the minds and hearts of many generations. So, to be good, a song must tell a story and tug the heart strings.

Psalm 40:3 is one of the places where the concept of believers singing a new song is described.

<sup>3</sup> He placed a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see this and worship. They will trust the LORD.

In Revelation 5:9 the imagery is of God's people surrounding Jesus with this "new song". *Then they sang a new song, "You deserve to take the scroll and open the seals on it, because you were slaughtered. You bought people with your blood to be God's own."*

The task of God's people from every time and covenant throughout history has always been to sing the new song. In a world of hopelessness and loss, we sing something different, more powerful. We don't raise up our voices with the whine and discord of the nations, we sing something entirely unique. While some sing the "What are we going to do?" song, we sing "Songs about the Powerful Work of God".

We don't fuss and fret over political agendas, we sing and rejoice about the salvation we find in God. Our song is unique to the experience of each follower, but all about Jesus.

*Grace and peace,*

*Carl*

*Where belonging to God means belonging to each other*

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## *Flying to the Rock*

*St John Church of Christ*

*May 28, 2017*

Janet and I spent Friday evening and Saturday at an acoustic jam in Oxford, KS. It is many of the same musicians that I meet at the Walnut Valley bluegrass festival in the fall. Think smaller venue, fewer observers.

I am not invited down for my guitar or fiddle playing, I will never have the skill set that many of the musicians have who attend. I get to go because I am a singer. Specifically, one of the longtime members said Friday night, "I like you because you sing story songs that make us want to cry." (For whatever that is worth.)

Songs are designed to tell stories. The more powerful the story, the deeper emotion it can bring forth, the more meaningful the song. Think of old classics like, *I Believe* or *Feelings*. In churches, songs like *Amazing Grace* or *I*

**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 Breensing, Teddy Gingrich, Terry Sallee,  
George Shelton, Tom Turner  
**DEACONS:** Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril  
**TREASURER:** Richard Breensing

### WORSHIP ORDER FOR MAY 28, 2017

SONG LEADER: Richard Breensing  
GATHERING SONG: No. 103—He Has Made Me Glad  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: John 3:16-17 (Kolton Sizemore)  
SONGS: No. 287—There is a Redeemer  
No. 380—Jesus Sacrifice Medley  
—No. 381—Years I Spent in Vanity (vs 1, 4)  
—No. 382—Why Did My Savior Come to Earth (vs 1, 3)  
—No. 383—Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (vs 1, 3)  
No. 538—My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (vs 1, 4)  
No. 797—Lord, We Come Before Thee Now (vs 1, 2)  
PRAYER: Chris Mansel  
SONG: No. 176—Lamb of God  
COMMUNION: Tom Turner  
Gary Hornbaker  
Jerry Kinnamon  
Joe Cornwell  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
SONG: No. 535—The Glory Land Way  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 907—Hark, the Gentle Voice (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Ben Sizemore

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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

IT'S HERE!! This is the week for VBS!  
The theme is "Jesus is My Superhero."  
Starting Tuesday evening from 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm, going through Thursday evening, kids will enjoy Bible stories, activities and snacks. Your help is appreciated in helping manage the children as they experience everything that is planned.

The traditional family picnic will be on Friday, June 2nd, starting at 6:00 pm. You are asked to bring baggies of prepared carrots, cauliflower, broccoli, celery and grape-tomatoes that are ready to serve. Also needed are chips and side salads (i.e., fruit salad, pasta salad, etc) Lory Scott & Cheyenne Holmes are organizing the picnic and can answer any questions you have.

### SHOWER FOR BABY GIRL

You are invited to a baby shower honoring Cheyenne Holmes next Sunday, June 4th, from 2—4 pm here at the church building. This is being hosted by Chelsea, Sarah and Vanessa. Please RSVP to Chelsea at 620-282-0357 by June 1st if you plan to attend. Cheyenne is registered at Buy Buy Baby. Also, if you like, instead of a card bring a book and sign it.

### 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](http://www.silvermaplecamp.com)

There will be no Wednesday evening adult Bible Classes through the summer.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Gayle Byer**—cardiac stents placed last Tuesday at the hospital in Hutchinson  
**Pete Fuller** (Tom's brother-in-law at Stafford) - had quadruple bypass surgery in Wichita on Thursday  
**Larry Carter** (Gary's friend in Missouri) - requests prayers for healing from cancer surgery  
**Joy Monroe** (Marilyn's daughter) - diagnosed with an ulcer  
**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 treatment  
**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 Rukan'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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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
Cheyenne Holmes—May 30  
Terri Koelsch—June 1

