

"He had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in [humanity] and to inhabiting God's creation.

Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that [people] of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first-fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul."

Grace and peace from God the Father, through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit.

Grace and peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other

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June 4, 2017

The manner in which God impacts us, the way we describe it, is interesting. Our appreciation and experience of the grace of God in our lives is something the people of God have attempted through song and writing to communicate from the very beginning. I enjoy reading these efforts from antiquity as much as I do contemporary writings.

My friend, John Mark Hicks, recently shared something written in the 2nd century by Irenaeus. These were his thoughts as he reflected on Pentecost and the power of the Spirit in the lives of God's people. I love the imagery.

On this day when historically the church has remembered Pentecost, the words of Irenaeus of southern France, who succeeded a martyred bishop and then was martyred himself in 202, remind us of the significance of Pentecost.

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 JUNE 4, 2017

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
GATHERING SONG: No. 23—Our God, He Is Alive (vs 1)
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 103:8-18 (Stan Aldrich)
SONGS: No. 120—God's Love Medley
—No. 121—Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing (vs 1, 3)
—No. 122—The Love of God (vs 1, 3)
—No. 123—The Steadfast Love of the Lord
No. 129—Amazing Grace
No. 789—Father
PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon
SONG: No. 325—Boundless Love
COMMUNION: Teddy Gingrich
Fred Johnson
Orrin Feril
Ben Sizemore
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 509—I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 909—There's a Fountain Free (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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

What a great week of VBS! A big "thank you" to all who helped in any way. There was an average of a little more than 30 kids each evening—and a lot of adults who made this event a success!

SUMMER BASH

The next kid's event is planned for Wednesday, June 21, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Ask Tom what you can do to help!

SHOWER FOR BABY GIRL

The baby shower honoring Cheyenne Holmes is here this afternoon, from 2—4 pm.

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

BLACK HILLS BIBLE CAMP

This year the dates for BHBC are Aug 6—12. Several from our area have attended in years past and have really enjoyed the experience. If you are interested, get more information on the website: www.blackhillsbiblecamp.org

Carl and Janet plan to attend again this year and welcome you to come along!

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jim Sorensen (Tara's brother-in-law) brain cancer
Pete Fuller (Tom's brother-in-law at Stafford) - recently had quadruple bypass surgery; is now home
Larry Carter (Gary's friend in Missouri) - requests prayers for healing from cancer surgery
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; due to be born in July
Jonathan Batten—cancer treatment; doing well
Micaela Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) cancer
Ty Hewitt (Baylee Sizemore's cousin) - Leukemia in remission
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)
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!

Mason Sallee—June 6
Jerry Kinnamon—June 8
Marisa Mansel—June 10

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Clint & Tara Kinnamon—June 9