

things out to find a solution. I like the stimulation of the intellectual argument, and enjoy too much I fear, “proving that my position is more logical than my opponent’s position.” Being right just seems to be the proper thing to do.

One can be right in the wrong way however. The teachers of the law in Jesus’ day were exacting in their demands of tithing the smallest of spices... dill, mint, and cumin, but neglected the big items of justice, mercy, and faithfulness (Matthew 23:23). Reduction of faith to a system of regulatory principles about worship practices or who can participate in one activity or the other results in the very thing Paul warned against in Colossians 2:20-23.

Scriptures have value because they lead us to faith in Jesus. Arguments about Scripture too often result in movement away from Jesus rather than toward him. Too many churches have divided because “this argument” was better than “that argument”.

Following Jesus is not about who has the most knowledge, comprehends the most Scripture or can quote the smallest detail. Following Jesus is about a broken and contrite heart, loving God for what he has done for you. Remember, these Scriptures testify on his behalf.

*Grace and peace,
Carl*

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other

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One of the struggles, perhaps a temptation that Satan places before God’s children, is the tendency to intellectualize Christianity. In that process of making Christianity something that happens in the head, we miss the point.

John records that Jesus cautioned religious people of his day about their practice, *“³⁹ You study the Scriptures in detail because you think you have the source of eternal life in them. These Scriptures testify on my behalf.”*

I tend to live my life in my head, my nose in a book, pondering the things I read and their implications in my life and the lives of those I want to help. I’ve always loved logic, problems, and working

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 AUGUST 6, 2017

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
GATHERING SONG:
No. 153—Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down
WELCOME: Richard Brensing
SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 12:9-13 (Jayce Feril)
SONGS: No. 719—Love One Another
No. 448-The Greatest Commands
No. 546—Til the Storm Passes By (vs 1, 3)
No. 570—A Beautiful Life
No. 768—Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You
PRAYER: Fred Johnson
SONG: No. 186—Christ, We Do All Adore Thee
COMMUNION: Teddy Gingrich
Chris Mansel
Orrin Feril
Ned Marks
SONG: No. 549—There is Sunshine in My Soul
LESSON: Zeb Carter (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 948—I Am Resolved (vs 1)
PRAYER: Terry Sallee

AV System: Chase Mansel

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WELCOME VISITORS

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



Kari Smith—August 12
Janet Feril—August 12

WELCOME, ZEB!

In keeping with our tradition, as Carl & Janet are in South Dakota at Bible Camp, Zeb Carter has come home to preach today. Please welcome Zeb and his family!

LADIES RETREAT

A Ladies Retreat is being planned at Silver Maple Camp for September 22-23, 2017. The Winfield Church of Christ is hosting this event and Nancy Mitchell Wheat of Waco, TX will be the guest speaker. Their theme is "S.O.S. Sisters of the Savior." See flyer posted for more details.

Church website: www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Stan Aldrich—continuing respiratory issues
Dena Mansel—not feeling well
Baylee Sizemore's cousin, Ty
Jim Sorensen (Tara's brother-in-law) brain cancer
Larry Carter (Gary's friend in Missouri)
Jonathan Batten— cancer
Micaela Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) cancer
Rod & Cris Seidel in Pratt (friends of Richard/Shelly) - cancer
Alex Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee)
Annie Kent (Lupe Hudson's niece) - cancer
Marilyn Sprawka (Don Rugan'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
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - Stafford Leisure Homestead



School starts in the next couple of weeks for the districts in Stafford County—be praying for those who teach and interact with the children each day, as well as the children.