

through extraordinary eyes. The beatitudes shape our thinking, blessings for those who are “poor in spirit”, “mourning”, “peace-makers”, “persecuted”, each of which challenges logic. We are called not to some external revolution that seeks to overthrow the established government, but to walk among those in darkness offering ourselves as light and salt.

The language of turning the other cheek, going the extra mile, or returning a blessing for a curse, goes against instincts, culling out the non-committed and casual disciple and leaving to follow Jesus those who have carefully weighed the costs and determined that the only response to such a call is full and complete. We walk beside those who view the world with new eyes, and see themselves in a new manner as well. Success is not measured by things that are gained, but by sacrifices that are offered.

We follow not some speaker who mentions things from theoretical precepts, but one who lived a life of selflessness and sacrifice. We’ve seen the final road for one who lives this way, it includes a cross. We embrace the legacy, understanding that such a price is never too great, in fact it is something to be expected.

There is a great difference between a disciple and a casual church member. Embrace your calling.

Grace and peace,

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other

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Flying to the Rock

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August 13, 2017

I am writing this a week in advance. I want to be sure that Orrin has the article so he can put together the bulletin for today. Last week I spoke at Northern Hills Church of Christ, and if things go as planned, Janet and I hope to be in Burlington, CO on the way home to worship with David and Pam Murphy today. With God’s grace protecting us, we plan to be home later this evening. One of the things that has been a part of my personal study has been a focus on how counter cultural the message of Jesus is. A casual reading of the Sermon on the Mount sees a message that is ripe with “non-typical” language. For us to be living examples of God’s children we are called upon to see the world

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 13, 2017

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker

GATHERING SONG:

No. 587—Sing and Be Happy (vs 1, 3)

WELCOME: Orrin Feril

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 5:1-11 (Dominic Rogers)

SONGS: No. 23—Our God, He Is Alive (vs 1-4, chorus)

No. 76—How Great Thou Art (vs 1-4, chorus)

No. 398—Surely The Presence Of The Lord

No. 817—See His Glory (1st ending only)

No. 398—Surely The Presence Of The Lord

PRAYER: Stan Aldrich

SONG: No. 186—Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

No. 315—When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

COMMUNION: Jerry Kinnamon

Fred Johnson

Teddy Gingrich

Orrin Feril

SONG: No. 853—When We All Get To Heaven

LESSON: Zeb Carter (*Children's Bible Hour*)

SONG: No. 903—There Is Power In The Blood (vs 1)

PRAYER: Ned Marks

AV System: Orrin Feril

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WELCOME VISITORS

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

Happy Birthday!

Jorja Blakeslee—August 19

Happy Anniversary!

Zach & Vanessa Marks—August 13

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

The website has archived bulletins and sermons available for download. Check it out and let Orrin know what you think!

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.