

willingness to approach him in times of struggle. Ignoring that Scripture describes God as having immutable standards and expectations can result in a carefree, wanton attitude toward responsibilities and the commands of God.

A friend from camp recently mentioned that they had a difficult decision to make, asking me to be prayerful about it. The friend said that they would be looking for a sign from God about the choice they were going to make. My caution was, "Remember, when trying to determine a course of action based on the interpretation of life events, there is a danger that your unspoken desire filters your discernment, making the choice yours and not God's."

Our foundation for how we see God must be primarily influenced by the Scriptures. Taken in the context of the kind of evil God was correcting, how God responds is informative to us in our contemporary lives. The underlying assumptions we make about his nature or character, grossly distorts what we understand about what he says about himself.

Just look at the hullabaloo in recent days about statues, special interest groups, and reactionaries to see how prejudice on any side results in hideous reactivity.

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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I was recently asked by a court system to write a report about the volatility of a certain client, accessing the risk to both the family and the community. Periodically, this is something that I am asked to do.

The challenge is, that once someone is identified as being a "certain way", then that label follows them, making it difficult to come out of that particular shadow. For me, I have to be on my guard, lest I become suspicious of every interaction and see it through that filtered lens.

Seeing God in a particular manner can impact our interaction with him as well. If we see God as being angry, needing to be appeased, it restricts our desire and

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 20, 2017

SONG LEADER: Richard Brensing

GATHERING SONG:

No. 72—Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty

WELCOME: Tom Turner

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (Chase)

SONGS: No. 517—Heaven Came Down

No. 538—My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
(vs 1, 2)

No. 539—Higher Ground (vs 1, 4)

No. 764—Teach Me Lord to Wait

PRAYER: Gary Hornbaker

SONG: No. 176—Lamb of God

COMMUNION: Tom Turner

Chris Mansel

Orrin Feril

Ben Sizemore

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril

SONG: No. 570—A Beautiful Life (vs 1, 2, 4)

LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)

SONG: No. 907—Hark the Gentle Voice (vs 1)

PRAYER: Stan Aldrich

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!



Gayle Byer—August 20
Landon Marks—August 23

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

You are invited to help Stan & Orvalee Aldrich celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, September 2, 2017 at the Garfield Community Center in Garfield, KS. The come-and-go reception will be from 2-5 pm.

EVENTS FOR THE LADIES

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." Copies of the flyer/registration are available. If you wait to register after August 26th, the cost goes up \$5.

Also mark the date for a Christian Women's Conference at the Garden City Church of Christ on Saturday, October 7, 2017. Speakers will be Tammy Meador and Barb Rains. Christian humorist Lisa Smartt will also be featured.

Church website: www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Stan Aldrich

Dena Mansel

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 started in Stafford & Macksville last week and will begin in St John this week—be praying for all the adults and children.