our interests are the same, our experiences are not.

This next month we have a plan to begin to bring our younger families together. While we recognize for each of the individual families, their relationship to God is important... collectively they don't have a lot of common experiences. We want to build that.

Starting in October there will be a gathering of young families, from church and the community at our house on Wednesday night. It will initially focus on marriage and parenting as God's people. While the children have classes at the church building, we want to build relationships that foster interaction and support.

We want to help form relationships that will support the faith of our families and allow them to function in both a Godly and productive manner.

We hope that you will encourage others to be involved.

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

September 10, 2017

Building community is based on shared interests and experiences. Janet and I spent last weekend with friends in Oxford. This is where we meet to play music together before the main gathering in Winfield at the Bluegrass festival. Last year we met numerous times with the same six families and camped together, jamming each night, sharing meals throughout the day and repairing things that go wrong together.

This group has really only been folks that we have known in the past year, but each time we've met, hugs are exchanged, we ask about health, family, and work situations. We feel connection and a part of each others' lives.

Now about 12-15 thousand people go to Winfield. We don't have that kind of connection with the others because, while SUNDAY:Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
Worship Service—10:45 amWEDNESDAY:Adult Bible Study—7:30 pm
Youth Group—7:30 pm (@ Carl's)ELDERS:Richard Brensing, Teddy Gingrich, Terry Sallee,
George Shelton, Tom TurnerDEACONS:Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin FerilTREASURER:Richard Brensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

SONG LEADER: Richard Brensing GATHERING SONG: No. 435-Come Into His Presence WELCOME: Tom Turner SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 11:16-21 (Steve P) SONGS: No. 449—Thy Word No. 450—Give me the Bible No. 555—Seek Ye First No. 690—Consecration Medley -No. 691-Make Me New -No. 692-Change My Heart, O God -No. 693—Heart of a Servant -No. 694—Servant Song No. 764—Teach Me Lord to Wait PRAYER: Orrin Feril SONG: No. 313—The Old Rugged Cross COMMUNION: Stan Aldrich Teddy Gingrich Chris Mansel Joe Cornwell SONG: No. 781—Thank You Lord LESSON: Tom Turner (Children's Bible Hour) SONG: No. 907—Hark the Gentle Voice (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!

EVENTS FOR THE LADIES

The fall Ladies Retreat at Silver Maple Camp will be 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." There is still time to register!

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS

Beginning Wednesday, <u>October 4th</u>, there will be a new young couple's/parent's class at Carl & Janet's home at 7:00 pm. Childcare will be provided here at the church building. Parents can drop their kids off at church at 7:00 pm and the class at the Feril's will end at 7:45 pm, in time to pick up kids and get them home before it gets too late.

65th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

You are invited to help **John & Sandy Brock** celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Friday, October 6th, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the following address: 2704 Derenda Drive, Hutchinson, KS. John was one of the elders at the Stafford Church of Christ for many years, before retiring and moving to Hutchinson.

AREA WIDE WORSHIP

We are invited to an area wide worship on Sunday, October 22, from 5:00—6:30 pm at the Valley Center High School Auditorium. Child-care will be provided. Guest speaker will be Mitch Wilburn, Worship leader will be James Simmons, both from the Park Plaza Church of Christ. Non-perishable food donations will also be collected that evening for Carpenter Place.

Church website: www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Landon Neidig (Teddy & Carol's great-grandson) - continues to do well after his recent heart surgery Jonathan Stiggens (nephew of Gayle Byers' friend, Karla)

he is 29 yrs old, has cystic fibrosis & has been in the hospital in Kansas City

Jonathan Batten– home & not undergoing further treatment Dena Mansel

Baylee Sizemore's cousin, Ty

Jim Sorensen (Tara's brother-in-law) brain cancer Larry Carter (Gary's friend in Missouri) 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

Jorge (Coco) and Latisha Serrano in Oaxaca, Mexico recent prayer requests include Latisha being able to gain her midwife certification, their adjustment as their son, Aaron, is now in Texas going to college, and also that their plans to move soon will go well. The earthquake last week caused minor damage for them, but affected several in their area.

Organizational Meeting for those who will be able to teach or help with the new Wednesday night children's class that will be starting in October. Meet at Tom & Pam's home on <u>Wed, Sep 13th at 7:00 pm</u>; meal provided. See Tom for more information.