the orders taken, when I asked her about the significance of a diamond shaped tattoo on her lower bicep.

"It means I was 17 and stupid. It was free so I went for it." She was laughing as she explained. We joined in her laughter and I mentioned that many people have marks on them from immature choices in the teen years, scars and hurts of bad decisions.

Meagan then mentioned that she did have a rose tattooed on her side that was done in memory of her friend who died in high school. I could see it was special to her to mention her friend.

As we finished our meal and ministry chat about 2a and I settled our bill, there was one last conversation with Meagan.

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other

"Meagan, I want you to know that I am glad to know you. That you wear a mark to acknowledge how important your friend was to you, a testimony of love, I really respect that. I am a Christian. My Jesus wears marks, in his hands and feet that are evidence of the same thing. I want you to know that you remind me of Jesus in that way. I encourage you to keep doing things that are like him. It makes all of us better people."

I planted, now if the next Christian waters, then God can give the increase.

Grace and peace, Carl

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It was about 11:30p when I invited two young ministers to share a meal at a local Denny's. We sat down with a cup of coffee and menus to discuss the opportunities and responsibilities of ministry. I enjoy such occasions.

Our waitress was an early 20s lady who was obviously nervous. This was her first time alone on the night shift, so if she "pushed the wrong button on the cash register there was no one to call." We laughed, assured her that we would be understanding and learned her name was Meagan.

With only three other tables with customers, Meagan had plenty of time to stop by and engage us in conversation. Our coffee cups were full,

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 OCTOBER 1, 2017

SONG LEADER: Richard Brensing

GATHERING SONG: No. 15- Step By Step

WELCOME: Orrin Feril

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 148:1-13 (Kolton Sizemore)

SONGS: No. 74—Praise the Lord No. 77—Glorify Thy Name

No. 3—Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

No. 66—Doxology

No. 63—I Will Call Upon the Lord

PRAYER: Ben Sizemore

SONG: No. 18—Faithful Love COMMUNION: Jerry Kinnamon

Clint Kinnamon Fred Johnson Teddy Gingrich

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril

SONG: No. 881—Mansion Over the Hilltop LESSON: Carl Feril *(Children's Bible Hour)* SONG: No. 922—Jesus Paid It All (vs 1)

PRAYER: Joe Cornwell

AV System: Chase Mansel (CCLI #2440129)

WELCOME VISITORS

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS

Beginning Wednesday, October 4th, 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 <u>John & Sandy Brock</u> 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.

FOR THE LADIES

The Garden City Church of Christ is hosting a Christian Women's Conference on Saturday, October 7, 2017. This is a free event, but you are asked to register by Oct 2nd. See flyer posted.

AREA WIDE SINGING

The Pratt Church of Christ invites you to an area wide singing on Sunday, October 8. Singing will begin at 6:00 pm. A soup/chili supper will begin at 7:30 pm. See flyer posted

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. Childcare will be provided. Non-perishable food donations will also be collected that evening for Carpenter Place. See flyer posted.

Church website: www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Vic Staub—Back at home at Wade & Tonya's, after being in the hospital last week; now on Hospice Care; Family says visitors are allowed, but Vic is not responsive.

Stan Aldrich—as he undergoes testing in Denver for his respiratory issues

Marilyn Thornburg—scheduled for surgery in Great Bend on Tuesday, October 3rd

David Ivy (Marilyn's brother, in Washington) - Emphysema, on oxygen and has difficulty breathing

Dena Mansel—not feeling well

Landon Neidig (Teddy & Carol's great-grandson) - recent heart surgery

Jonathan Stiggens (nephew of Gayle Byers' friend, Karla) he is 29 yrs old, has cystic fibrosis

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

Happy Birthday!
Jakobe Gunter—Oct 4
Don Hornbaker—Oct 5

Happy Anniversary!
Ben & Baylee Sizemore—Oct 6