

mantra. “I’ve been successful, but it is more important to be significant.”

Success can be a singular accomplishment, produced through the untiring efforts of an individual toward a specific goal. For example, 1994: *Daniel Bent set the record for **fastest ever time in the bog-snorkeling triathlon** in 2 hours, 23 minutes, 24 seconds at the World Bog Snorkeling Championships.* That might be successful, but it isn’t significant.

Some might question the success of Jesus’ coming into this world, after all, it ended with his crucifixion. While I would argue that he was successful because he gave his life as a ransom for many, and that the resurrection and ascension were the end rather than his crucifixion... no one can argue about his significance. We measure time in years from his birth, we celebrate holidays, observe holy days, and a large portion of the world begin and end their days reading about him.

Success or significant, which would you choose? Many significant people never achieve financial success, nor are they ever known outside of their sphere of influence. Jesus even alluded to it in reminding the disciples that everywhere the Gospel is preached the act of Mary anointing him with oil would be remembered. One act, significant for all time.

Grace and peace,  
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Where belonging to God means belonging to each other



## Flying to the Rock

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In a meeting with a prospective client recently, I was attempting to describe my success rate with the particular malady with which they were wrestling. When clients first present for treatment they are often discouraged, desperate, and hopeless. One of the first battles is to demonstrate that things can be better and that I know how to move with them toward that goal.

Unfortunately, when I listen to myself describe the efficacy of the treatment process and my particular experience in helping others, it can come across as cocky and arrogant.

I ran across this quote and thought of how it addresses this issue. I found it meaningful and believe it is my new

**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 15, 2017**

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon  
GATHERING SONG: No. 435—Come Into His Presence  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:28-39 (Chase Mansel)  
SONGS: 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. 839—In His Time  
No. 123—The Steadfast Love of the Lord  
No. 791—On Bended Knee  
PRAYER: Stan Aldrich  
SONG: No. 356—I Believe in Jesus  
COMMUNION: Chris Mansel  
Teddy Gingrich  
Joe Cornwell  
Fred Johnson  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
SONG: No. 578—We Will Glorify  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 903—There is Power in the Blood (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Terry Sallee

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**

Young Parents—If you haven't come to the new parenting class on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm at Carl & Janet's home, it's not too late! Childcare is being provided here at the church building. Parents can drop their kids off at church at 7:00 pm and leave the Feril's at 7:45 pm to pick them up. See Carl or Tom for more details.  
Help is needed each week with the childcare—see Tom if you are available.

**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.



**Ben Sizemore—Oct 20**  
**Carol Gingrich—Oct 20**

Church website: [www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org](http://www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org)

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Kyler Evans**—freshman at Macksville; has had surgery in Denver for injuries from a recent dirt bike accident; more possible surgeries in the future, but supposed to have full recovery. Please keep this young man in your prayers.  
**Stan Aldrich**—as he continues to manage his respiratory issues  
**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  
**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)  
**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

<sup>37</sup> . . . in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,<sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. ROMANS 8:37-39