

mean that you are incapable of trusting in God. This text points to appropriate behavior during those times. In anxiety we toss and turn for a solution, for escape from the weight of the problems at hand. We think that if we just had the right answer, all of our difficulty along with the concern would melt away.

Unfortunately, that faulty thinking causes us to turn inward, thinking the solution resides within us. Paul offers a different focal point.

Prayers and requests that move before God shift our attention from a world that is directed by our own good choices and perfect planning to a more realistic focus.

As he told the church in the letter of Colossians, lift your eyes to things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Our hope, dreams, and ultimate peace arises from a source outside of ourselves. It is this heaven given peace that will move beyond anything that we can describe. It will begin to regulate our thoughts and emotions, helping us as we face the enemies that surround us. Temptations lose their power before one who is God centered. The forces of darkness are exposed as powerless when we walk side by side with Jesus in this world.

Does it mean that you will never have concerns again? No, this life is full of concerns. Jesus spent more than one night in isolated places in prayer. What it means is that you know the source of strength, and knowingly place yourself in his keeping. It is this that offers peace, nothing else will.

*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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***<sup>6</sup>Never worry about anything. But in every situation let God know what you need in prayers and requests while giving thanks.<sup>7</sup>Then God's peace, which goes beyond anything we can imagine, will guard your thoughts and emotions through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7***

Does this mean that it is a sin to worry or be anxious about things? Are we violating God's will when we toss and turn in the night, concerned about the events of the future? No, not at all.

Remember that Jesus wrestled with fears and concerns all night long before his betrayal. As he prayed in the Garden, his anguish was such that his night was sleepless as the disciples slept while on watch.

If you have those nights, lying next to a partner who appears to sleep effortlessly while your brain will not shut off, it does not

**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 Breising, Teddy Gingrich, Terry Sallee,  
George Shelton, Tom Turner  
**DEACONS:** Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril  
**TREASURER:** Richard Breising

## WORSHIP ORDER FOR OCTOBER 22, 2017

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker  
GATHERING SONG: No. 72—Blessed Be the Lord  
God Almighty  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-14  
SONGS: No. 71—As the Deer  
No. 77—Glorify Thy Name  
No. 83—God is So Good  
No. 4—To God Be the Glory  
No. 797—Lord, We Come Before Thee Now (vs 1, 4)  
PRAYER: Richard Breising  
SONG: No. 344—Low in the Grave He Lay  
COMMUNION: Tom Turner  
Teddy Gingrich  
Orrin Feril  
Fred Johnson  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
SONG: No. 613—Hold to God's Unchanging Hand  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 947—Jesus is Tenderly Calling (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Joe Cornwell

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!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS

Young Parents—please make plans to come to the parenting class on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm at Carl & Janet's home. Child-care 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 today 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.

## WEDDING INVITATION

Steve and Anissa Potter would like to invite you to celebrate the marriage of their son, Gage Riggs to Vanessa Aguirre on Saturday, October 28th in Pratt at the Gazebo in 6th Street Park (at the south end of Haskell street) at 5:00 pm. Reception immediately following at the Pratt Church of Christ.

Happy Birthday!

Tara Kinnamon—Oct 22

Shelly Breising—Oct 24

Carl Feril—Oct 25

Happy Anniversary!

Teddy & Carol Gingrich—Oct 22

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Natalie Lippoldt**—as she recovers from a broken ankle; she will be unable to work for several weeks  
**Jerry Kinnamon**—recent back injury  
**Clint Bonner**—diagnosed with cancer—multiple myeloma; going to Mayo Oct 31st; prayers are appreciated  
**Micaela Garcia** (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) after treatments, now declared cancer free!  
**Alex Garcia** (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) - has a clean bill of health & is back to school  
**Kyler Evans**—freshman at Macksville; recent surgery in Denver for injuries from a dirt bike accident; please keep this young man in your prayers.  
**David Ivy** (Marilyn's brother, in Washington) - Emphysema, on oxygen and has difficulty breathing  
**Jim Sorensen** (Tara's brother-in-law) brain cancer  
**Larry Carter** (Gary's friend in Missouri)  
**Marilyn Sprawka** (Don Rukan'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])  
**June Cornwell**—Kenwood Plaza  
**Glennys Sallabedra** (Tom's mother) - Stafford Leisure Homestead

## SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to the family of Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) who passed away last Wednesday in Stafford. Her funeral is planned for Tuesday, Oct 24th, at 10:30 am at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Bonnie had requested that memorials be made to Stafford USD 349 Educational Endowment Fund.

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