

decided to do some Saturday morning shopping in quaint shops in the area. Ages ranged from 55-85, with little more in common than the genre of music.

Conversations were at times spiritual, other times simply trying to learn about each other. One couple winters in the Big Bend area of south Texas, urging us to come see them, play music with them there.

All of us have relationships, friendships... based on some area of interest, farming, old cars, music, sports, cooking, and thousands of other things. We create the time for them, setting aside other important things to cultivate a precious thing.

I am grateful that I have these ancillary relationships that also incorporate times of prayer and conversations about our walk before God. Some of the language of my new friends, in their walk, is different than my own. When asked to tour their tiny rural church building, to see the new "praise band platform", we walked into an old white framed church house with high lofty ceilings. We looked as the history was explained, then out of the blue our guide said, "Can you imagine how your church would sound in here with their voices ringing in the rafters?"

We smiled, respected differences and connected once more. Our prayers together over the weekend focused on fellowship, joy, rejoicing and the belief that God brings people together for a reason. We encouraged each other, rejoiced in the joys that were shared from each life experience and laid the groundwork to spend more time together. Relationships matter.

*Grace and peace,
Carl*

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Where belonging to God means belonging to each other



Flying to the Rock

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October 29, 2017

People are important, relationships are meaningful, and it takes energy to maintain them. Janet and I planned to spend Friday and Saturday with some friends we met in Oxford at a music festival. It is actually three couples from Wichita, Harlan, and Codell. We prepared the motorhome for a weekend away and left Thursday evening about 6p.

You remember Thursday evening, the wind was blowing from the north about 40 mph. In the motorhome that kind of headwind is miserable, then when we turned west it became a crosswind.

Janet kept saying, "This is crazy." But I insisted, "It will be worth it."

We finally lumbered into their place at Codell about 9p and set up for the evening. The pleasure of our weekend was without measure. We sang and played, laughed and ate, then started over. Some of the ladies

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 29, 2017

SONG LEADER: Stan Alrich
GATHERING SONG: No. 72—Blessed Be the Lord
God Almighty

WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 4:12 (Jayce Feril)
SONGS: No. 450—Give Me the Bible
No. 449—Thy Word
No. 429—Oh, to Be Like Thee
No. 417—Where He Leads I'll Follow
No. 781—Thank You, Lord

PRAYER: Chris Mansel
SONG: No. 460—Washed in the Blood
COMMUNION: Teddy Gingrich
Ben Sizemore
Ned Marks
Joe Cornwell

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 678—More About Jesus (vs 1, 2, 4)
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 902—Nothing But the Blood (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!

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. 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.

Happy Anniversary!
Doug & Barbara Austin—Oct 29

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NEXT WEEKEND



HEBREWS 4:12

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (ESV)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Dominic Rogers—will be in Prairie View until the end of the month; no visitors, please
Sherri Owens
Shari Parr
Natalie Lippoldt—broken ankle
Clint Bonner—diagnosed with cancer—multiple myeloma; going to Mayo Oct 31st; prayers are appreciated
Kyler Evans—freshman at Macksville; recovering from a dirt bike accident; his mother, Kathy Evans, sent word through Robin Waddle that she wants us to know how much their family appreciates our prayers and concern.
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 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])
June Cornwell—Kenwood Plaza
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - Stafford Leisure Homestead

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