

and widows and all who for any reason are in distress.

I saw this quote cited by my friend John Mark Hicks and reflected on just how long people of God have been gathering on Sundays to remember the recollections of the apostles and prophets, to encourage an imitation of Jesus through virtuous living, and observing an imitation of the Last Supper in obedience to the desire of Jesus.

As you can observe, through a lens into the description of an early Christian assembly, the components are an effort to base life upon the lifestyle of Jesus as communicated by the apostles and prophets. There is the challenge to implement the words that we hear into a present day walk in honor and integrity before our community. The prayers before God are supported by the participation of all who are present. The observance of the Lord's Supper (eucharist) is important enough that all share when together and it is taken to be shared with any who are absent. Finally, as the need and means are available, monies are collected to address the concerns of the most vulnerable.

How is this description of an early Christian assembly different from what you experience today?

It is encouraging to me to recognize the power of the life of Jesus, from a time so far removed from us, continues to shape and direct his people over all these generations.

God bless you today as you share in these same events and may we join hands across time to honor God in this world and the world to come.

*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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November 12, 2017

Justin Martyr in about 155 AD, wrote the following in an attempt to describe to the emperor what happened in early Christian assemblies. He went on to be martyred for his faith in 165 AD. *On Sunday we have a common assembly of all our members, whether they live in the city or in the outlying districts. The recollections of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as there is time. When the reader has finished, the president of the assembly speaks to us; he urges everyone to imitate the examples of virtue we have heard in the readings. Then we all stand up together and pray. On the conclusion of our prayer, bread and wine and water are brought forward. The president offers prayers and gives thanks to the best of his ability, and the people give their assent by saying, "Amen." The eucharist is distributed, everyone present communicates, and the deacons take it to those who are absent. The wealthy, if they wish, may make a contribution, and they themselves decide the amount. The collection is placed in the custody of the president, who uses it to help the orphans*

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 NOVEMBER 12, 2017

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
GATHERING SONG: No. 435—Come Into His Presence
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 12:1-3 (Clint Kinnamon)
SONGS: No. 594—Live for Jesus
No. 876—Where He Leads Me I Will Follow
No. 555—Seek Ye First
No. 560—Living by Faith
No. 810—Listen to Our Hearts
PRAYER: Garland Mansel
SONG: No. 349—Ten Thousand Angels
(Sing all 4 verses, then chorus)
COMMUNION: Tom Turner
Chris Mansel
Orrin Feril
Richard Brensing
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 853—When We All Get to Heaven (vs 1, 3)
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 948—I Am Resolved (vs 1)
PRAYER: Gary Hornbaker

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—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.

MEAL FOR 'CIRCLES' MEETINGS

Our congregation will be providing an evening meal for one of the upcoming "Circles" meetings—scheduled in December. On Monday, December 18th, we will provide and serve a meal at 6:00 pm at the Methodist church. This will be for about 30-35 people. Pam is organizing this effort and more information will be provided as time gets closer. So, mark your calendar and be prepared to help with food preparation or to come help serve the meal!

Happy Birthday!
Marilyn Thornburg—Nov 13
Terry Sallee—Nov 15

Church website: www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

George Shelton—eyesight issues
Orvaley Aldrich—on medication to regulate a heart arrhythmia
Dominic Rogers—will be in Prairie View until the end of November; no visitors, please, but you can send a card to this address:
Turning Point at Prairie View
1901 E 1st
PO Box 467
Newton, KS 67114
(You must include "Church of Christ" in your return address)
Dennis Burbank (husband of Gayle's friend, Karla) - serious issues with blood clots in both legs
Brad Miller—recent stroke
Sherri Owens
Shari Parr
Natalie Lippoldt—broken ankle
Clint Bonner—diagnosed with multiple myeloma
Kyler Evans—freshman at Macksville; recovering from a dirt bike accident
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