

week, I had the opportunity to make a purchase or two.

As winter was approaching, at one breakfast I mentioned to these friends that I would be buying some coats or hoodies for kids that looked like they needed them. One of the guys looked at me shocked and said, "You mean there are kids going to school without coats because they don't have them?"

One of these friends asked about where the money came from for that kind of thing. I laughed and said from my pocket. He said he wanted to help, then another chimed in that he wanted to be a part of it. Finally one of them said he didn't think any kid in the county ought to go to school cold, so we pooled some money. A substantial sum of money, and we bought coats and hoodies for every child in Stafford county schools that appeared to need one.

Sometimes I've mentioned it at church or needs like it and people just step up. We want to know about needs and have the chance to help. Now, at the first sign of frost, these breakfast friends ask if they can help with coats again. I don't bring it up, they do.

Shootings happen, along with terrible natural events, horrible political situations, and market roller coasters. I can't do anything about those situations beyond whine and wring my hands. But, I can impact local people, families, and situations. I can act where a situation needs to turn around. I can encourage others to be just a bit more like Jesus by seeing needs and addressing them. We don't do lepers, but we do coats.

*Grace and peace,
Carl*

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There are plenty of cynics in this world. Sometimes, while eating breakfast with friends, the conversations can turn pretty dark. Mass shootings, political upheaval, market down turns, or local drug busts have taken our morning conversations into areas of frustration and despair. It is easy to be sucked into the vortex of gloom and hopelessness. Things that are easy are not usually very productive.

A few years ago, while sitting with some additional friends, I was asked about something I had done with an unidentified child at a school. I don't remember the specific event, it would have been buying some clothing, shoes, or perhaps some glasses. These are things that I don't usually talk about, but it is routinely done by a few teachers or school personnel. Since I was working at the school a day or morning a

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 19, 2017

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
GATHERING SONG: No. 63—I Will Call Upon the Lord
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 18:1-3 (Landon Marks)
SONGS: No. 239—In Moments Like These
No. 359—I Love the Lord
No. 15—Step by Step
No. 18—Faithful Love
No. 800—What a Friend We Have in Jesus
PRAYER: Orrin Feril
SONG: No. 325—Boundless Love
COMMUNION: Fred Johnson
Jerry Kinnamon
Teddy Gingrich
Joe Cornwell
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONGS: (lead by Jayce and Gary)
No. 1014—Jesus Loves Me (vs 1)
No. 1015—Jesus Loves the Little Children
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 915—Trust and Obey (vs 1)
PRAYER: Chris Mansel

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

There will be no activities this week due to Thanksgiving. Enjoy the holidays with your family and friends!

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, so visit with her if you would like to help. Mark your calendar!

Happy Birthday!
Lupe Gunter—Nov 21
Pam Turner—Nov 21

WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD

The Women Walking with God conference hosted by the Northside congregation in Wichita will be April 13-14, 2018. If you register before January 31st, the rate is reduced at \$63.00. The theme this year will be "Trust His Path" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Church website: www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

George Shelton—eyesight issues
Orvalee 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)
Crystal Easley (Terry & Linda Welch's daughter) - Stage 4 cancer
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