

move forward without a team of shepherds. All of those churches have made efforts to re-establish an eldership, but to this point have been unable to do so.

As a result, we've been praying and searching the Scriptures to see how to help. When a church recognizes their shepherds and calls them forth, they are setting an important vision for the church in that area. Men who are asked to lead must be willing to lead, and they must have both the vision to see the needs of the local church, along with the ability to challenge the church for greater spiritual growth. No other entity in this world has greater impact on the future of a church than the attitudes, vision, and compassion of their elders. In keeping with God's design and supported by His Spirit, they feed, protect, and direct those whom God places in their care. The tone for the church of the future is set with the selection of those who serve.

As a result, the evangelist or minister who instructs and guides the church in this process must take great care in challenging the local church to seek those who are spiritual, compassionate, and wise. Those who are entrusted with this charge accept a grave responsibility.

Our elders and my long term ministry here, along with Pratt's knowledge that I have been focusing my studies to support church leadership in our future plans, prompted their asking me to walk with them through this process and our elders encouraged my helping them.

May God bless your efforts before Him this day.

*Grace and peace,
Carl*

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St John Church of Christ

November 26, 2017

God's blessings on you this day as you read this. While I am preaching and teaching in Pratt, Tom and Terry will be covering my class and sermon today. I appreciate their skills in presenting important messages from God's word.

Some may wonder why a church would have an "outsider" come in to help them attempt to establish shepherds, and perhaps why me. Tom and I, along with Pam and Janet obviously, have had many conversations about church leadership and vision over our 30 plus years together and in particular since we formed our ministry team here in St John. We recognize that the establishment of shepherds to guide a church of God is both God ordained and necessary. We've witnessed the elderships in the four closest churches of Christ in our area all dissolve during the last 30 years and those churches

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 26, 2017

SONG LEADER: Stan Aldrich
GATHERING SONG: No. 83—God is So Good
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 100 (Gary Hornbaker)
SONGS: No. 65—Thanksgiving Medley
-No. 66—Doxology
-No. 67—For the Beauty of the Earth
-No. 68—Give Thanks
No. 71—As the Deer
No. 76—How Great Thou Art
No. 781—Thank You, Lord
PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon
SONG: No. 354—I Gave My Life For Thee
COMMUNION: Richard Brensing
Chris Mansel
Teddy Gingrich
Ben Sizemore
SONG: No. 678—More About Jesus
LESSON: Tom Turner (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 924—Just As I Am (vs 1)
PRAYER: Fred Johnson

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 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. Help is needed each week with the childcare. See Carl or Tom for more details.

MEAL FOR 'CIRCLES' MEETINGS

Our congregation will be providing an evening meal for one of the upcoming "Circles" meetings, 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!

Joy Sallee—Dec 1

Happy Anniversary!

Craig & Kari Smith—Nov 27

Joe & Lisa Cornwell—Nov 28

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

Elmer Schuette (Marla's brother-in-law) fell and broke his left shoulder in 2 places; he is in his early 80's; he will have to wait 3 weeks before a decision is made to do surgery

George Shelton—eyesight issues

Orvalee Aldrich—on medication to regulate a heart arrhythmia

Dominic Rogers—will be in Prairie View until the end of December; 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

Clint Bonner—diagnosed with multiple myeloma

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