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someday, not one of these days, not way off in the future... we aren't living life for "eventually" we are living, planning, and thriving in this world.

It doesn't mean that we won't struggle, but now we recognize that we struggle with a purpose. We may lament the shortcomings that surround us, physical restrictions, lower energy levels or declining health, but those things no longer hold us back. They are a part of the "night that is far spent", the time when Satan appeared to be winning.

We announce his defeat, we revel with Jesus as we proclaim the resurrection. It isn't some far off in the sky thing that we long for, we instead see that we perched on the cusp of victory.

So we throw off the old, put on the new and move forward with conviction. Our eyes, our focus is what is before us, the new day. With Paul, we are over looking back, we see the new day at hand.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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The Day Is At Hand

St John Church of Christ January 7, 2018

Using the Modern English Version (MEV), Paul makes this statement to the people of his day, "Furthermore, knowing the time, now is the moment to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore, let us take off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." (Romans 13:11-12 MEV)

I find that inspiring to read. Paul says, "Its time people!" Time for us to really recognize where we are and what we are about. It is time to see the battle is won, forget the filth of the earth, the hopelessness of the old ways... the potential for tomorrow is here. The new heaven and the new earth are on the brink of appearing, and we are closer than we have ever been. Don't waste any more time, don't buy in to any more distractions. Focus on the prize, get your mind where it needs to be.

Time for us to throw off the garments that shackle us to the old ways and see the day for what it is. Salvation is at hand! Not

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SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
Worship Service—10:45 am
WEDNESDAY: Varies by Time of Year (*refer to Bulletin News*)
ELDERS: Richard Brensing, Teddy Gingrich, Terry Sallee,
George Shelton, Tom Turner
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril
TREASURER: Richard Brensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR JANUARY 7, 2018

SONG LEADER: Gary Hombaker
GATHERING SONG: No. 435—Come Into His Presence
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 90:12 (Chase Mansel)
SONGS: No. 15—Step by Step
No. 544—Without Him
No. 410—He Leadeth Me
No. 470—Victory In Jesus
No. 778—Be With Me, Lord (vs 1, 4)
PRAYER: Richard Brensing
SONG: No. 464—Because He Lives
COMMUNION: Tom Turner
Ben Sizemore
Joe Cornwell
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: Chris 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. 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. Help is needed each week with the childcare at the church building.

WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD

The Women Walking with God conference hosted by the North-side congregation in Wichita will be April 13-14, 2018. If you register before January 31st, the rate is reduced at \$63.00. Go to the website for more information:

www.womenwalkingwithgod.org



¹¹ Furthermore, knowing the time, now is the moment to awake from sleep. For now our salvation is nearer than when we believed. ¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us take off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Romans 13:11-12

PRAYER REQUESTS

Gayle Sears (Marla's friend) new diagnosis of breast cancer
Elmer Schuette (Marla's brother-in-law) shoulder fracture; no surgery was required; he is doing well, receiving physical therapy
Orvalee Aldrich—health issues
Beckett Miller (Tom's nephew's son) seizures
Pam's friend's wife, a teacher from Hutchinson Community College, has MS
Katherine Suiter—cancer
George Shelton—eyesight issues
Crystal Easley (Terry & Linda Welch's daughter) - Stage 4 cancer
Sherri Owens
Clint Bonner—multiple myeloma
David Ivy (Marilyn's brother, in Washington) - Emphysema
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

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