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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](http://www.womenwalkingwithgod.org)



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**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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