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mingling with all of the other appeals for help, straining trying to hear where Jesus was so they could project their cries in the proper direction, it would not have been simple.

After the crowd dispersed as Jesus entered a house, disappearing from sight, the blind men stumble onto the door.

Many lessons can be drawn from this story, and I've considered some of them here before. Today I want to contemplate another question, perhaps one of the most important ones.

Is it possible that the reason that we don't bring more before God in prayer is because we don't believe that he can do anything? The blind men, with a sense of urgency and determination, doggedly followed Jesus until they caught up. There was something that they believed only he could change. They wanted it.

What have you taken before God with such passion? This is no "Now I lay me down to sleep" kind of conversation. These are the words that arise from despair and hopelessness. Your prayers, do you believe?

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 February 4, 2018

There is a story told of Jesus, perhaps you remember Matthew's retelling of it? Jesus had stopped a flow of blood in a woman who had been suffering for 15 years, along with raising a young girl from the dead. As he continued on his way two blind men struggled along with the group that followed after him. They cried out for mercy, as Jesus found his lodging.

After Jesus stopped at a house, these blind men caught up to him. They continued to prevail upon him to change their circumstances. The text says that Jesus asked them a question, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

When they affirmed their belief he complied with their request and they had their sight restored. (Matthew 9:27-31)

Can you imagine the fumbling, stumbling journey of two blind men being carried along with a crowd following Jesus? Being pressed on every hand, pushed, shoved, tripped and stumbling, the path to Jesus could not have been easy. Their voices

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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 FEBRUARY 4, 2018

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
GATHERING SONG: No. 103—He Has Made Me Glad
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (Stan Aldrich)
SONGS: No. 679—Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
No. 601—My God and I
No. 788—Lord, Take Control Medley
No. 789—Father
No. 790—Lord, Take Control
No. 791—On Bended Knee
PRAYER: Richard Brensing
SONG: No. 350—When My Love to Christ Grows Weak
(vs 1, 2, 4, 5)
COMMUNION: Tom Turner
Chris Mansel
Orrin Feril
Joe Cornwell
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)
SONG: No. 452—Standing on the Promises (vs 1, 2, 4)
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 922—Jesus Paid It All (vs 1)
PRAYER: Teddy Gingrich

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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—you are invited 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 at Hartman Arena.

Good News! A notice went out this week that the early bird registration fee of \$63 is being extended until February 15th! Go to the website for more information:
www.womenwalkingwithgod.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Garland Mansel—Feb 6
Jon Mansel—Feb 10

SYMPATHY

Lawrence Dudrey (Gladys Hornbaker's brother) passed away on January 27th in Emporia, KS. The funeral is planned for Saturday, Feb 10th at 11:00 am at the Christian Church in Hartford, KS.

Church website: www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Carl Dudrey (Gladys' brother) - in the hospital at Stafford
Marilyn Thornburg—recuperating from a recent surgery
Orvalee Aldrich—will have another heart procedure soon
George Shelton—eyesight issues
Gayle Sears (Marla's friend) breast cancer
Katherine Suiter—cancer
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
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

Various forms of the flu have affected many in our church family and those in the community; be aware of any needs you might be able to with

Memory Work for 2018—**Romans 13:11-12**