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Christlikeness is a learned behavior that requires both the removal of some habits and the acquisition of other habits. However, if one stops here, there is a huge void of character. Fundamentally, what Jesus demonstrated to us was a love of God. He prayed, not because it was required, but because he desired to speak with the Father. He did good things, not to be popular, but to demonstrate the nature of God. He avoided participation in sin, not for his reputation, but because he loved pleasing the Father.

Like followers of Christ, Hershhal has a lot to learn. He needs to know the things that makes a dog a house dog. He has to learn some routines of a disciplined life. But Hershhal will fail in a tragic level if he learns all of these routines, but never learns to love his new owner. It isn't enough to be well behaved, one must engage the world in a loving and appropriate manner.

Christians who do the right things, but don't love and engage those around them, never really are very helpful.

*Grace and peace,*

*Carl*

*Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.*

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# The Day Is At Hand

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We have routines, schedules that we tend to follow, as we move through life. We recently found a dog for Janet's aunt in Oklahoma. We will keep it about a month to insure that it is ready to transition to the home of a woman who has never had an inside dog, but desires a companion.

Hershhal is the dog's name. He doesn't know it yet, but that is what he is stuck with. We are trying to discover his routines. When does he need to eat, how long before he needs to go out? How long does he need to stay out?

Because the aunt is deaf, we are trying to teach Hershhal new routines, to bark when someone comes to the door, or when the phone rings. He has to learn to sit, to lay down, and basically pay attention. All new routines.

Hershhal came with some natural things, his own biological clock, but has to learn some new things to be effective and helpful.

It is that way for all of us. Many people start out nice enough. They don't pillage, rape and murder like marauding Vikings. That, however, is not enough to make them people of God.

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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 25, 2018**

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon  
GATHERING SONG: No. 155—Highest Place  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 29:11-13 (Kolton Sizemore)  
SONGS: No. 555—Seek Ye First  
No. 461—Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betide  
No. 464—Because He Lives  
No. 764—Teach Me Lord To Wait  
PRAYER: Tom Turner  
SONG: No. 287—There Is a Redeemer  
COMMUNION: Richard Brensing  
Orrin Feril  
Ben Sizemore  
Joe Cornwell  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)  
SONG: No. 528—I Know That My Redeemer Lives  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 945—Kneel at the Cross (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**

The parenting class at Carl & Janet's home will continue through March 7th—at 7:00 pm each Wednesday. Childcare will be provided here at the church building. (Help is needed each week with the childcare.)

**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. The theme this year is "Trust His Path."  
Website: [www.womenwalkingwithgod.org](http://www.womenwalkingwithgod.org)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Orrin Feril—March 1

**MARCH CALENDARS**

Pick up a March activity/special date calendar today!

**Plan ahead for Daylight Saving Time!**



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Gladys Hornbaker**—home from Stafford hospital  
**Eddie Baker** (Gayle Byer's friend) - health issues  
**Orvalee Aldrich**  
**Carl Dudrey** (Gladys' brother) - transferred to Pratt last week  
**George Shelton**—eyesight issues  
**Diane Campbell**—broken leg; MS; requests our prayers  
**Jim Walton** (Stafford) - throat cancer; appreciates our prayers  
**Gayle Sears** (Marla's friend) breast cancer; was to have surgery last week  
**Katherine Suiter**—cancer  
**Crystal Easley** (Terry & Linda Welch's daughter) - Stage 4 cancer  
**Sherri Owens**  
**Clint Bonner**—multiple myeloma  
**David Ivy** (Marilyn's brother) - 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

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

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