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and excitement that lay ahead, “I do’s” are exchanged, embraces are photographed and licenses are signed as another milestone is reached.

Sometimes the milestones are anniversaries, of birthdays, weddings, retirements, or deaths. Each in its own way becomes a marker on life’s journey.

Spiritually we see these markers in perhaps a different manner. A first prayer being formed at bedtime or a meal. Faith acknowledged as new birth is begun. An embracing of ancient traditions of communion, both with God and his people across time and in one’s immediate surroundings.

In all the acknowledgements of milestones, at least two components exist. The first is reflective in nature, while one stands at this point, behind them are individual after individual who shared the journey and offered support. The second is anticipatory, peering into a future, unsure of what lies ahead but longing to embrace it. A bit of fear mitigated by life experiences that have laid the groundwork for success.

Standing on the foundation of the past, leaning into the anticipation of the future, lives change. Not just the graduating class, the couple or new Christian, but the lives of all of those who have contributed their part to the journey.

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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May 13, 2018

As many are acknowledging milestones in their lives at this time of the year, I’ve been reflecting on some of them.

There are those who are experiencing milestones in their educational progression. Some are experiencing a first transition as kindergarten ends and they announce that they are ready to step off into the next 12 years of schooling. They can recite their letters, count to 100 or beyond and color in the lines. All things that are groundwork for the next great endeavor.

Others are completing high school, looking back with a nostalgic eye at friendships made, team work skills refined and a focus toward the future beginning to narrow. College, trade school, the work force - each begin to become weightier words as reality bears down.

For some, college ends with letters like AA, BA, MA, PhD being formed on diplomas that will decorate office walls after the tassels turn and the celebrations fade.

Not all milestones are academic, but still reflect determination and commitment. Some are forming families, acknowledging before friends and families a determination to join together to face life’s journey. Acknowledgment of history together, anticipation of pleasures

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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 Breising, Teddy Gingrich, Terry Sallee,
George Shelton, Tom Turner
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril
TREASURER: Richard Breising

WORSHIP ORDER FOR MAY 13, 2018

SONG LEADER: Richard Breising
GATHERING SONG: No. 71—As the Deer
WELCOME: Orrin Feril
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 33:4-5 (Jayce Feril)
SONGS: No. 679—Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (vs 1, 2, 4)
No. 451—Assurance Medley
-No. 452—Standing on the Promises (vs 1, 2)
-No. 453—Love Lifted Me (vs 1, 2)
-No. 454—Rock of Ages (vs 1)
No. 290—Shine, Jesus, Shine
No. 789—Father
PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon
SONG: No. 359—I Love the Lord
COMMUNION: Chris Mansel
Ben Sizemore
Joe Cornwell
Fred Johnson
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)
SONG: No. 753—Farther Along
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 915—Trust and Obey (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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The time is near for Vacation Bible School! Preparations continue to be made on Wednesday evenings. The theme is "I Work for God" and Legos will be used throughout the lessons and activities. The dates for VBS are May 29-31, with a Family Picnic on Friday, June 1st.

But, first, remember we will have a float in the Jubilee parade on May 26th at 1:30 pm—kids are needed to ride on the float.



CONGRATULATIONS!



We congratulate Dylan Huffman and Destiny Johnson, who were married in a private ceremony yesterday in the park!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Harper Marks—May 15
Richard Breising—May 15



PRAYER REQUESTS

David Sizemore (Ben & Hannah's dad) - in ICU at Wesley after getting an infection after a hip replacement last Monday
Kaylee Welch Brown (Debbie Welch's daughter) - in Rehab in Dallas
Lowell Dell (Cindy Kinnamon's brother) - brain injury; slowly improving
Ashton Line—(student at Ingalls) - doing some better
Gayle Sears (Marla's friend) breast cancer; chemo
Kim Staub—Parkinson's
Diane Campbell—MS
Jim Walton (Stafford) - throat cancer
Katherine Suiter—cancer
Crystal Easley (Terry & Linda Welch's daughter) - cancer
David Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - Emphysema
Jim Sorensen (Tara's brother-in-law) brain cancer
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

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ST JOHN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Saturday, May 19 @ 4:00 pm

