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the challenge for each of us. “Let our people also learn to continue doing good works to meet urgent needs, that they might not be unproductive.”

It might help us to take the focus off of our task being “going to heaven”, and shift toward bringing the kingdom of God into the lives of those around us. Effective kingdom living is not sitting back talking about platitudes and attitudes, it is being in the trenches of life with those who struggle and bringing good to them.

Make no mistake, doing good, doing the right thing in the face of evil does not result in smiles and being patted on the back. Resisting evil and instilling good, results in rebellion in others, rejection by some, and avoidance with others. You will be misunderstood, misrepresented, and underappreciated. Scheming, slander and jeering might all be things that you face. Your motives will be questioned, you will be labeled as gullible, misguided and naive.

Do good anyway. It is the high calling of God, and if you stick to it, some will begin to see that you look like Jesus.

*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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July 1, 2018

I like to help people. I like to help those who are struggling with their walk in the Christ. I like to help those who are entangled in sin. I like to help those who are trapped by what they see as normal and need to be exposed to other ways of doing things. Helping others has become a natural form of interaction for me.

Jesus is described as one who went about doing good, healing those who were oppressed by the devil. That is a pretty good pattern to follow. I may not be able to heal physical illness, but if I can do good and thwart the devil a bit, I will have made an impact.

I'd like to think that somewhere, off in a spiritual realm, that the devil and his minions are having a conversation from time to time about how I, working alongside and at the direction of Jesus, am a real irritation to them. If I am going to vex someone, I'd like to think it could be the devil.

Doing good is fundamental to the Christian walk. Paul reminds us not to grow weary in doing good in Galatians 6 and 2 Thessalonians 3. If we are going to put our backs into something, let it be in doing good.

Romans 2:7 reminds us that by patiently doing good, we become recipients of eternal life. While in Titus 3, he gives what could well be

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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

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### WORSHIP ORDER FOR JULY 1, 2018

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon  
GATHERING SONG: No. 103—He Has Made Me Glad  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 139:13-18 (Chase Mansel)  
SONGS: No. 4—To God Be the Glory  
No. 742—When Upon Life's Billows  
No. 781—Thank You, Lord!  
No. 797—Lord, We Come Before Thee Now  
PRAYER: Tom Turner  
SONG: No. 342—We Saw Thee Not  
COMMUNION: Richard Breising  
Chris Mansel  
Orrin Feril  
Ben Sizemore  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)  
SONG: No. 753—Farther Along  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 922—Jesus Paid It All (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Stan Aldrich

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### WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship and hope that you will come again!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Shannon Bauer—July 1**  
**Lace Holmes—July 6**  
**Lisa Cornwell—July 6**  
**Baylee Sizemore—July 7**

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

**Orrin & Meagan Feril—July 2**



### Dates for Silver Maple Camp:

- First Session: July 8-14 (Ages 9-13)
  - Director: Steve Sears
- Second Session: July 15-21 (Ages 13-18)
  - Director: Bruce Dimick
- Third Session: July 22-28 (Ages 9-18)
  - Director: Mark Haas
- Day Camp: July 10 or July 11 (Ages 7-9)
  - Director: Bonnie Ward

More information on the website: [www.silvermaplecamp.com](http://www.silvermaplecamp.com)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Darrell Willinger**—scheduled for a heart cath this week  
**Gayle Byer**—having rehab for a recent knee surgery  
**Dena Mansel**—feeling better  
**Jim Sorensen** (Tara's brother-in-law) brain cancer  
**Stan Aldrich**—health concerns  
**Rick Toland** (Marla's cousin in Topeka) - chemo for Stage 4 bladder cancer  
**Vince, Teddy's brother-in-law**—heart problems  
**Glennys Sallabedra** (Tom's mother) - in Leisure Homestead in Stafford  
**David Sizemore** (Ben & Hannah's dad) - recovering from surgery  
**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  
**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

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