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the lens of a single story teller. Each account achieving the purpose of God to the intended audience.

I marvel that inspiration has such ability. Scripture is never reduced to a dry retelling of the facts, but has a vibrancy and vigor that brings excitement to the reader.

In the last sermon, using Numbers 14, I point out that Moses is exalting the merciful nature of God. In his retelling of the story of Israel's rejection of God's leadership and their desire to return to Egypt, while holding stones to stone Aaron, Joshua, Caleb and the teller ... God forgives. There is no mention of Israel repenting, but that wasn't the point of the story. Moses is letting us know that God, *merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeps mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and sin ...* this God, who defines himself as merciful, can be counted on for his mercy in the most heinous of situations, even with rocks in their hands.

Now, does the Bible tell us to repent? Of course. Does the Bible indicate that we should confess our sins? Yes, again. But for the purpose of this story, Moses wants you to see that what God has said about himself is absolutely true. You can trust it, place hope in it, and be completely assured. That is Good News.

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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August 5, 2018

I love the Bible, for a great number of reasons. The story of God's revelation of himself to men and women across recorded history is both thrilling and awe-inspiring. That the creator of all things would choose to not only reveal himself through numerous interventions in mankind's history is gracious enough. Add to that the fact that he has also inspired specific individuals to accurately record these events in a record that we prize as the Bible, this changes the world.

Those who lost connection with God over time, still feeling the longings for him, have attempted to fashion objects that they could elevate to the status of a "god." Paul says in Romans that they exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

God did not leave man in the dark, but sent Jesus, the light of the world to finally be God among us. We know this, because as our childhood song reminds us, "The Bible Tells Me So."

I love also the artistry of the Bible. History, poetry, prose, prophecy... The Bible gives it all to us. Sometimes the story will be taken from the viewpoint of a nation, other times the story is told in the lives of a smaller group of people, and of course at times, it is described through

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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 AUGUST 5, 2018

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
GATHERING SONG: No. 155—Highest Place
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 67 (John Hite)
SONGS: Honor Medley
577—We Bow Down
578—We Will Glorify (vs 1,2,4)
579—Praise The Name of Jesus
No. 435—Come Into His Presence
No. 4—To God Be The Glory
No. 803—Turn My Heart
PRAYER: Richard Breising
SONG: No. 464—Because He Lives
COMMUNION: Teddy Gingrich
Ben Sizemore
Fred Johnson
Chris Mansel
SONGS: The BIBLE (Jayce Feril)
This Little Light of Mine (Jayce Feril)
The Lord's Army (Kolton Sizemore)
LESSON: Stan Aldrich (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 915—Trust and Obey (1st Verse)
PRAYER: Garland Mansel

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WELCOME VISITORS

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

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Early Childhood Screenings will take place here on Thursday, August 9th.

BABY SHOWER

For: Destiny Huffman
Where: St John Church of Christ
Date: Saturday, August 18, 2018
Time: 7:00 pm
Theme: Teddy Bears



Come celebrate the expected arrival of baby boy Shae Michael Huffman! Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by August 11th to Tami Byer or Destiny (620-352-0674). Destiny is registered at Walmart. (This is for both men and women!)

LADIES RETREAT

Ladies—mark your calendar for the fall Ladies Retreat at Silver Maple Camp September 21-22. The theme is “The Lord is My Shepherd.” Cost is \$50. Information and registration is available at www.silvermaplecamp.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Shirley Shelton—recent eye procedure
Lloyd McCandless—doing better
Gayle Byer—recuperating from knee surgery
Jim Sorensen (Tara's brother-in-law) brain cancer
Rick Toland (Marla's cousin in Topeka) - chemo for Stage 4 bladder cancer
Vince, Teddy's brother-in-law—heart problems
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
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - in Leisure Homestead in Stafford

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