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want to attempt to strengthen his faith as he faces new challenges on his first extended time away from home. We rejoiced to watch him baptize one of his campers while passing faith onto others.

How does your interaction with others accomplish the same goals? Perhaps someone holds onto a card of encouragement you sent for 30 years because it came at just the right time. You may never know, but the key is that you do something. A phone call, email, letter, or dinner can bring hope and life to others in difficult times, or they can be a reminder in the future that we are loved.

I see the expressions of support among you. A high five to a young man who finishes reading Scripture, or a verbal "good job" after services builds support and strength. Kneeling down to review artwork after a Bible class as a little one recounts a Bible story is a part of the foundation stones that are being laid. Showing interest to others is never unimportant. Treasured encouragements are the strengths upon which we rely in trying times.

Keep doing the things you do that are like Jesus. It brings hope to us all.

*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 August 12, 2018

I trust your week went well. I know that our week was special as we renewed old, longstanding relationships and met new friends. It is a special time when friends designate a whole week to work on their relationship with God and others.

Last night, as we sat out by a waning fire, we spoke of such things. Some you would know, the Todd Alpers', David Murphy's, Steve Tucker's, and Janet and I. We reviewed how we came to know each other, how our faith journey intermixes, and what we've seen God do in our lives.

Such conversations are holy, sacred times between Christians. We have relationships that revolve around and are renewed at camp, but are also cultivated at other times. We represent different congregations from throughout the area, and while some struggle, they take strength from the encouragement of other Christians.

One thing that was related during our time together was that Jennifer Alpers came across a note of encouragement that Janet had written her in her early college days. Jennifer was in our Stafford youth group in the early eighties. Now we spend time with her son, Luke, a sophomore at K State. We

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

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## WORSHIP ORDER FOR AUGUST 12, 2018

SONG LEADER: Stan Aldrich  
GATHERING SONG: No. 435—Come Into His Presence  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 6:19-21 (Kolton Sizemore)  
SONGS: No. 602—Nobody Fills My Heart Like Jesus  
No. 251—The Lord Thy God  
No. 692—Change My Heart, O God  
No. 881—Mansion Over the Hilltop  
PRAYER: Fred Johnson  
SONG: No. 332—Lead Me to Calvary (vs 1, 2)  
COMMUNION: Richard Breensing  
Chris Mansel  
Teddy Gingrich  
Orrin Feril  
SONG: No. 853—When We All Get to Heaven  
LESSON: Tom Turner (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 926—What Will You Do With Jesus (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Ben Sizemore

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## WELCOME VISITORS

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

## CONGRATULATIONS!

We rejoice with Trey & Amber Turner on the birth of a baby boy, **Taxten Cobb**, born on Friday, August 10th at 8:00 am. He weighed 8 lbs, 2 oz, and was 19 1/2 inches long. He is welcomed home by big brother, Treysen. Congratulations to grandparents, Tom & Pam, and great-grandparents, Don & Gladys.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kari Smith—August 12  
Janet Feril—August 12  
Jerricko Gunter—August 17

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Zach & Vanessa Marks—August 13

## 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. 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](http://www.silvermaplecamp.org)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Teddy & Carol Gingrich**—in a car accident yesterday  
**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

**Martha Dickson**—facing her third back surgery soon, which will be more involved than the previous surgeries. She will be in the hospital in Cape Town, South Africa for 7 days, then in a back brace for 3 months. Many of you know Roger and Martha, who have been devoted to mission work in South Africa for many years. (Roger grew up in Stafford)

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Jimmie Sorensen**, Tara Kinnamon’s brother-in-law, who passed away August 4th after a five-year battle with brain cancer. His funeral was last Friday in Hutchinson.

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