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families, relationships, and connection. *Finally then my brethren.... Beloved, understand this... My brothers, these things ought not to be so... ..loved him like a brother... 'Greetings Rabbi!' And kissed him. 'Friend', Jesus asked him, 'why have you come?'*

We see so much more clearly, the impact and significance of thoughts, behaviors and actions when they are silhouetted against the backdrop of the trust, love, and expectations of those we love the most.

Brothers who cast Joseph in the pit, then Joseph's forgiveness years later in Egypt. Jonathan's testimony to David that one day David would be first and Jonathan would be second in the kingdom. Samuel's running to Eli as he hears the voice in the darkness. These are all occasions when character, trust, and confidence shine through brightly.

So, in your closest relationships, what is evident about your life? Relationships form over superficial things, common work relationships, interests in sports or recreation, or having children of similar ages. But the meaning, the significance of the relationship is defined in what it says about you.

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 19 , 2018

It is good to be home. Our time away was relaxing and productive. We arrived back home late Sunday afternoon, but were both unfortunately sick with summer colds and sinus infections. Both of us have limited our activities so as not to spread the deep chest cough to others.

My good friend, Bruce Goodwin, taught class last week and I preached for the Northern Hills church in Spearfish, SD. That presented a foundation for a number of Bible talks throughout the week between us. I crave those discussions as Bible students explore the meanings and understandings of Scripture, looking for application in our day-to-day lives. It is especially meaningful with Bruce as we have been having these talks for about 35 years.

Who we are, our values, actions, passions, and inclinations become more pronounced, and clearly manifest themselves through our relationships. It is in the context of relationships that we become real with one another. Our deepest desires, most passionate needs and even the darkest secrets are revealed, rewarded and hopefully regulated by the ones we allow closest to us.

In the context of deep relationship, Scripture teaches that we are to confess our faults, pray, forgive and grow. The Bible is set in the language of

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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 AUGUST 19, 2018

SONG LEADER: Richard Brensing
GATHERING SONG: No. 239—In Moments Like These
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 1:1-6
SONGS: No. 538—My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
No. 679—'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (vs 1, 2, 4)
No. 414—Anywhere with Jesus
No. 794—Unto Thee, O Lord
PRAYER: Chris Mansel
SONG: No. 18—Faithful Love
COMMUNION: Jerry Kinnamon
Joe Cornwell
Ben Sizemore
Orrin Feril
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)
SONG: No. 569—Sweeter Than All
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 902—Nothing But the Blood (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!

Jorja Blakeslee—August 19
Gayle Byer—August 20
Landon Marks—August 23

FOR THE LADIES

LADIES RETREAT—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

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE—Hosted by the Garden City Church of Christ. Save the date, October 13, from 9:30am to 3:30 pm. Guest speakers: Barbara Rains & Tammy Meador.

MISSION NEWS

An update from Ubaldo Cardona in Parral, Chihuahua, is posted. They recently were involved in a Christian Camp where several churches came together; 11 people were baptized there. After they returned from camp to Parral, they had 3 baptisms there and give thanks to God for all the hearts touched. Next week they will have a campaign in the mountains and appreciate our prayers, as this is usually challenging.

THANK YOU

I want to thank those who covered my Sunday responsibilities while I was away: Chris Mansel, Stan Aldrich, Orrin Feril and Tom Turner. I understand Tom filled in during very trying circumstances. I am deeply appreciative of your willingness to fill in. —Carl

PRAYER REQUESTS

Teddy & Carol Gingrich—in a car accident last week; Teddy is home; Carol is in the hospital in Larned in Swing Bed
Tom Turner—kidney stone surgery last week
Harry Feril (Carl's brother in Dallas) - had extensive neck/spine surgery on Friday
Martha Dickson—to have back surgery
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

CIRCLES

Sunday, August 26th, is *Circles Sunday*, which is a fundraiser for Stafford County Circles to be held at the IOOF Lodge from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. There will be music, entertainment, food and company, followed by a program by some of the Circles Leaders and Circles Allies. See information that is posted.

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