

Continued from front page. . .

setting, what happens if the person is ragged, smelly, or disheveled? Does your mind run to condemnation, avoidance or fear? Do you move toward a different doorway, or try to change aisles? Do you have the same patience if you are behind them in the check out lane while they count out loose change as for the woman fumbling through her expensive purse looking for her debit card?

God spends lots of time in Scripture, pressing the idea that those who are different should have the same access to fair treatment as those who look like us. Accents, language, skin tone, clothing style, and social advantage should never enter into our thoughts when considering how to treat someone.

James reinforces this concept in the New Testament, "Pure and undefiled religion before God is to remember the widows and the fatherless and to keep one's self unspotted from the world."

Honestly, it is easier to speak about than to do consistently.

Grace and peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

St John Church of Christ
609 N Pearl
St John, KS 67576
620-549-6146

The Day Is At Hand

St John Church of Christ August 26 , 2018

You must not pervert the justice of the foreigner or of the fatherless, nor take a widow's cloak as a pledge. Deut. 24:17

Just reading that, I doubt that anyone would object. It sounds ethical, morally responsible, like a way that good people should function.

It is more than that, far more than that. It is a peek into the heart of God. A quick glimpse into the very nature of the Lord God Almighty.

It is an abomination before God to have two standards of justice, one for the good guys, another for the vulnerable. Neither money, connections, family nor appearance is to cause the standard of what is just and fair to be changed from one person to the other. So says God.

It sounds logical, reasonable, and fair to the ear, but putting it into practice is a far more difficult process.

Walk through a public area, a large store or down a city street, a perfect stranger smiles and nods their head and you will likely respond with a smile. In that same

Continued on back page . . .

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 26, 2018

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
GATHERING SONG: No. 435—Come Into His Presence
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 127:1 (Jayce Feril)
SONGS: No. 538—My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
No. 544—Without Him
No. 679—Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
No. 546—Til the Storm Passes By
No. 779—I Love You, Lord
PRAYER: Stan Aldrich
SONG: No. 176—Lamb of God
COMMUNION: Tom Turner
Ben Sizemore
Joe Cornwell
Fred Johnson
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)
SONG: No. 539—Higher Ground
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 924—Just As I Am (vs 1)
PRAYER: Carl Feril

(CCLI #2440129)

WELCOME VISITORS

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Stan & Orvalee Aldrich—August 27
Trent & Hannah Sallee—August 29

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: Barb Rains & Tammy Meador.

SCHOOL

Teachers and kids are back in school throughout Stafford County and families are getting into a routine. Remember families in your prayers as the school year gets under way.



Church website: www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Vanessa Marks' father—in Aberdeen, South Dakota; heart failure and fluid in his lungs
Orrin & Meagan Feril & kids—in a fender-bender accident yesterday in South Hutch; we are thankful for no injuries even though their car was damaged
Teddy & Carol Gingrich—recovering from a car accident; Carol is in the hospital in Larned in Swing Bed; she now has an infection in her leg and is being treated for that
Harry Feril (Carl's brother in Dallas) - recent extensive neck/spine surgery a week ago; recuperating at home
Martha Dickson—recent 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

Today 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.