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to keep ourselves on track. Sometimes in these things we can become unwittingly stuck.

During Jesus' day, there were those who tithed mint, dill and cumin seeds, giving every tenth one to God (a bit stuck in the details) but neglected the weightier provisions of the Law: justice, mercy, and faith. It isn't that they shouldn't have shared their tithes, but when our obedience doesn't arise out of our sense of justice, mercy and faith, it has become misplaced or stuck.

Today, we can become focused on Biblical things, like observing the Lord's Supper, or studying the Scriptures, but if we do these things without being aware of the connection to God, we are stuck. Paul cautions the Corinthians in their observance of the Supper to "discern the body". They could not share the body and blood of Jesus if they were unaware that they were not sharing fairly with the body of Christians around them.

We are not to neglect the designs of God for our lives, however if we become stuck in our activities without remembering the "whys", we fail to honor God.

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 September 9, 2018

We spent a couple of nights in our motor-home in Oxford, KS last week. It rained a lot, but we spent time with good friends and enjoyed it.

While we were gone, the batteries in the thermostat in the house corroded. The thermostat stuck on... doing what thermostats do when they engage the heating/air conditioning system. We walked into the house at 67 degrees. Repairing the thermostat, we put things away and recognized that the house wasn't really warming up any since I didn't turn the heater on. So I watched my ball game under a blanket.

Like the thermostat, we have certain things that we are designed to do. Christians are saved by grace, through faith,... created in Christ Jesus for good works that God designed for us to walk in. I would assume, that like me, you make a conscious effort to embrace this calling of God for good things.

We talk with others about the blessings of God, we attempt to discern good from evil, embracing good while shunning evil. We use both internal and external disciplines

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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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

SONG LEADER: Richard Brensing
GATHERING SONG: No. 15—Step by Step
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 1:15-20 (Zach Marks)
SONGS: No. 288—Fairest Lord Jesus
No. 287—There Is a Redeemer
No. 286—Wonderful Story
No. 474—Thank You, Lord
No. 781—Thank You, Lord!

PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon
SONG: No. 18—Faithful Love
COMMUNION: Orrin Feril
Chris Mansel
Ned Marks
Fred Johnson

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)
SONG: No. 864—Where the Gates Swing Outward Never
(v 1, 3)

LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 948—I Am Resolved (vs 1)
PRAYER: Terry Sallee

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WELCOME VISITORS

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Matt Gunter—September 14

COOK OUT

You and your family are invited to the annual cook out at Chet & Marla Lyons' on Saturday, September 29th at noon. You can bring a side dish and lawn chair, if you would like. The main dish, drinks, plates and silverware will be provided. In case of rain, everything will be set up inside the shop. Hope you can be there!



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.

UPDATED DIRECTORY

Due to several requests for an updated directory, one is in the making! Please let Janet know of any updated information and also know that digital pictures are needed of your family.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Gladys Hornbaker—moved to Leisure Homestead in Stafford last Thursday; she will be there for several weeks

Carol Gingrich—home from the hospital now

Larry Bailey (Meagan's father) - as he recovers from a dislocated elbow

Aprell Foster (Royce & Beth Wilson's daughter) - back surgery

Vanessa Marks' father—in Aberdeen, South Dakota; heart failure and fluid in his lungs

Harry Feril (Carl's brother in Dallas) - recuperating at home from a neck/spine surgery

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

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LOST

Please contact Carl if you know the location of the telescoping pole that is used for changing light bulbs in the auditorium.