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I read the paper. I know that we live in a violent and troubled world. I know that drugs are a major problem and that alcohol abuse destroys the lives of many. I understand that people cheat, lie, steal, and plunder. I know it happens.

But my friends, those who I surround myself with, who impact my world... they are cut from a different cloth. I learn from them, am inspired by them, and am grateful for them. I look forward to more time with them, knowing they push me to be a better man.

Sometimes I am pushed by the things that they say, the stories they tell. Other times it is their example of kindness, generosity, and gracious spirits. If there is a raised voice, it is raised in laughter. If there is a quiet time, it often is touched with prayer.

I am a man blessed, blessed by God and blessed by good friends in my life. A safe place, a joyful place, a place to belong.

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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It is an interesting life when people have this type of attitude. Each morning on rising, within our jamming group, someone had coffee ready. Immediately food preparation began; eggs, bacon, sausage, peppers, onions... the grills were putting out the food. By the time everyone else was up, the food was hot and ready. Supper was a similar experience with burgers, pork chops, brats, or shrimp, cole slaw, potato salad, pickled okra and hot peppers, salads, and so on. Eager to share, wanting to be the one to have something for others to enjoy. Many participated, others simply ate without supplying much, but no one kept score.

As I sat out before others rose for the day, I could not help but offer thanks to God for the kindness that he has shown me through friends with such attitudes.

Before you think that I only experience such things at music festivals, let me quickly explain further. My friends, where ever I have them, are very much like this. I find myself surrounded by generous people, many as though they are in a race to outdo one another.

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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 16, 2018

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
GATHERING SONG: No. 435—Come Into His Presence
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 2:1-11 (Orrin Feril)
SONGS: No. 448—The Greatest Commands
No. 171—Above All Else
No. 221—Jesus, Name Above All Names
No. 764—Teach Me Lord to Wait
PRAYER: Stan Aldrich
SONG: No. 354—I Gave My Life for Thee
COMMUNION: Richard Brensing
Teddy Gingrich
Clint Kinnamon
Joe Cornwell
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)
SONG: No. 867—To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 926—What Will You Do With Jesus (vs 1)
PRAYER: Fred Johnson

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WELCOME VISITORS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Stan Aldrich—September 17
Marla Lyons—September 18

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

We are working on an updated directory, so please let Janet know of any change in your information and also know that digital pictures are needed of your family.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Joy Monroe (Marilyn's daughter) - emergency surgery last week
Chuck Ivy (Marilyn's nephew) - had to evacuate last week due to being in direct line of the hurricane
Gladys Hornbaker—in Leisure Homestead in Stafford
Carol Gingrich—home from the hospital now
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) - recent 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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