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along the roads traveling from place to place.

Their ministries did not conflict, more one building on the other. John found no occasion for jealousy, it was natural that one who lays a foundation would expect a carpenter to build upon it.

Not so with some of his disciples. Having followed him, learned from him, and had hope inspired through him, they did not desire the decline. When they heard of the success of Jesus, it sparked concern in them.

As the Apostle John describes it in his gospel, John the Baptist normalizes it, placing it in the context of the overall plan of God. Each has a task from God and finds satisfaction with that task. *I must decrease that he might increase.*

Influence, power, following, however we might describe it, there is no clinging to it. There is no positioning or contriving a way to hold on to what has been theirs historically. As the mantle is transferred from one set of shoulders to the next, God's will is played out before us. There is something special about it, nothing seen very often in this life.

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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*I must decrease that he might increase.* That was the way John the Baptist described his vision of his task. After a successful time of ministry, where entire communities and regions came out to hear his proclaiming the coming Christ and the fulfillment of God's promises, his time was coming to a close.

For those who followed him, trusted him, and looked up to him, this was incomprehensible. They knew the deprivations that he had endured in life, the limitations of ease provided from the wilderness. Dressing in camel hair clothing, eating locust and wild honey, John is described as one who lived on the diet of the nomadic desert people of Arabia.

He stands in sharp contrast to Jesus, not eating bread nor drinking wine, His was an ascetic life, avoiding crowds, on the fringe of the din and roar of the cities. Jesus, instead, has a more traditional interaction with people, in villages and cities and

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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

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## WORSHIP ORDER FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

SONG LEADER: Ben Meador  
GATHERING SONG: No. 103—He Has Made Me Glad  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 1:1-3 (Dominic Rogers)  
SONGS: No. 867—To Canaan's Land (vs 1, 2, 4)  
No. 117—God Is the Fountain Whence  
No. 15—Step by Step  
No. 23—Our God, He is Alive (vs 1, 2, 4)  
No. 410—He Leadeth Me  
PRAYER: Tom Turner  
SONG: No. 287—There is a Redeemer  
COMMUNION: Chris Mansel  
Richard Brensing  
Fred Johnson  
Ben Sizemore  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)  
SONG: No. 429—Oh, To Be Like Thee (vs 1, 2)  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 2—We Praise Thee, O God (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!

Jakobe Gunter—October 3  
Don Hornbaker—October 4

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Ben & Baylee Sizemore—October 5

## FOR THE LADIES

**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.

## FOR THE MEN

The annual Men's Retreat will be at Silver Maple Camp on October 14-16.

## AREA WIDE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are invited to an area wide singing at the Pratt Church of Christ on Sunday, October 14th, at 5:00 pm. A soup/chili supper will follow.

Also make note of an area wide worship service at the Hughes Metroplex in Wichita on October 21 at 5:00 pm. See flyer posted for more information.

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

Be sure to pick up a new calendar for October today and make note of special dates coming up.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Orvalee Aldrich**—health concerns  
**Karla Tillery** (Gayle Byer's friend) - health concerns  
**Gladys Hornbaker**—in Leisure Homestead in Stafford; improving  
**Carol Gingrich**—recuperating at home  
**Apprell Foster** (Royce & Beth Wilson's daughter) - 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

## UPDATED DIRECTORY

We want to have a new directory available soon, so please be sure you have verified your contact information with Janet and update your picture, if needed — sometime in the next week.

**Church website:** [www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org](http://www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org)