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tant to Him as you are.”

This was to counter the more carnal part of my mind that was thinking, “Avoid. Roll your eyes. Look away. Get out of here. Tell them that you don’t want to talk.”

It was helpful, they seemed to enjoy the conversation. I kept thinking, “What would Jesus do in this situation?” It is presumptuous to assume that Jesus would be as irritated as I might be over things that don’t hold my interest. That is the point after all, I am not trying to regulate others, I am working to discipline myself.

Everything isn’t about philosophy, religion, music, or football in everyone else’s world. It doesn’t need to be. I don’t need to attempt to be the center of a conversation. I can engage about their world, their interests, and their activities.

In Scripture I think my favorite interaction of Jesus was with the woman at the well. It was spontaneous, friendly, and spoke to her needs and her interests. That has to become my goal, to be more like that.

It is a constant battle, being me but trying to become like him.

*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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Have you ever wondered if God perhaps sits over your shoulder, listening to your conversations? There are those occasions when, during intensely spiritual conversations, I have been aware of a change in the air. As though the exchange between two Christians is so special, spiritual, that I am convinced that the presence of God is in the midst of it.

Thinking about God being present with us should help us modify the way we interact with others. It might prompt certain conversations and regulate others.

I recently interacted with someone, not my favorite person. They came into the restaurant where I was eating and began to talk. We don’t have a lot in common, we travel in different circles. What their areas of interest might be, I don’t find that intriguing. All during the conversation I was rehearsing little reminders in my head. “Be nice.... Watch your facial expression.... Remember they are made in God’s image, as impor-

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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 OCTOBER 7, 2018

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon  
GATHERING SONG: No. 103—He Has Made Me Glad  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 1:3-7 (Chase Mansel)  
SONGS: No. 538—My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (vs 1, 2, 4)  
No. 461—Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betide  
No. 469—Faith Is the Victory  
No. 300—Praise Him! Praise Him!  
No. 768—Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You  
PRAYER: Orrin Feril  
SONG: No. 346—He Lives (vs 1, 3)  
COMMUNION: Stan Aldrich  
Teddy Gingrich  
Chris Mansel  
Fred Johnson  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)  
SONG: No. 851—I'll Fly Away  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 907—Hark the Gentle Voice (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Ben Sizemore

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## WELCOME VISITORS

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Paige Mansel—October 8  
Chris Mansel—October 10  
Teddy Gingrich—October 12  
Barbara Austin—October 13

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Adam & Cheyenne Holmes—October 10

## FOR THE LADIES

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**—Hosted by the Garden City Church of Christ—is this coming Saturday, 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.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Orvalee Aldrich**—health concerns  
**Karla Tillery** (Gayle Byer's friend) - still in Hutchinson Regional  
**Gladys Hornbaker**—health concerns  
**Carol Gingrich**—as she continues to recuperate  
**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

A new directory is being finalized — see Janet to be sure your contact information is correct and update your picture, if needed.

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