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ment will work for puppies, soldiers, guns, or saving the environment. Posting a photo of something cute, pathetic or inspirational will only make it better.

Such things aren't about thinking, they are about gathering support. It indicates that we are a part of some community, a part of the larger group. Suggesting a different thought, an alternative view will result to lots of condemnation, ostracization, or serves as a rallying point for a large number to state their agreement with the original point of view.

Community (political parties, church dogmas, social agendas) provide security in exchange for thought, and the member of the community who dares to step out of line, thinking differently, sacrifices that security. The result is usually that the contrarian is pushed to the side, or cast out of the group. Like chickens in a hen house, the group begins to peck at one until the target is consumed.

The history of the Restoration movement is one of evolving and changing as new understandings and ideas are examined, adopted or rejected. Free thought and exchange of ideas is rare and to be highly prized. I value having such freedom.

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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Reading a new book, [How to Think: A Survival Guide for a World at Odds](#), by Alan Jacobs. I have found it interesting, challenging, and sometimes frustrating. He draws from some of my favorite philosophers, along with his own contemporary insights. Jacobs says that he is a Christian, his book is written from a more academic standpoint than a devotional one.

T.S. Eliot wrote, "When we do not know, or when we do not know enough, we tend always to substitute emotions for thoughts." One would not have to spend much time in the coffee shop, or the virtual coffee shop of Facebook to recognize that.

An appeal to emotion, to the passions of a person, is always a more popular position than to appeal to reason. If we can inflame others, our posts will be popular, securing the support of some and incurring the wrath of others. "Liking this post indicates you agree, sharing the post will insure God's blessing." Or, like if you love "_____", share if you are unashamed to _____." That kind of state-

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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 Breising, Teddy Gingrich, Terry Sallee,
George Shelton, Tom Turner
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril
TREASURER: Richard Breising

WORSHIP ORDER FOR OCTOBER 14, 2018

SONG LEADER: Richard Breising
GATHERING SONG: No. 23—Our God, He Is Alive (vs 1)
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 10:9-15 (Chris Mansel)
SONGS: No. 63—I Will Call Upon the Lord
No. 356—I Believe in Jesus
No. 251—The Lord Thy God
No. 266—Majesty
No. 778—Be With Me, Lord
PRAYER: Fred Johnson
SONG: No. 464—Because He Lives
COMMUNION: Stan Aldrich
Orrin Feril
Joe Cornwell
Jerry Kinnamon
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)
SONG: No. 613—Hold to God's Unchanging Hand
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 922—Jesus Paid It All (vs 1)
PRAYER: Carl Feril

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WELCOME VISITORS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Carol Gingrich—October 20
Ben Sizemore—October 20

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 this evening, 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.

THANK YOU

“Thank you all so much for your prayers and well wishes during my recent medical emergency. Thank you also for being a great support for my mom (Marilyn) through this time! May God bless you all! Joy Monroe”

“Thank you so much for your prayers and concern when Joy had surgery. She's doing well and may get to go back to work in 2 weeks. In Christian Love, Marilyn Thornburg”

UPDATED DIRECTORY

Only a few more families need to update their information and provide a new picture so we can print a new directory! Please see Janet today if you need a new picture.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Orvalee Aldrich—health concerns
Karla Tillery (Gayle Byer's friend) - health concerns
Gladys Hornbaker—health concerns
Aprell Foster (Royce & Beth Wilson's daughter) - 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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