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It is important to remember, the natural response to the recognition of such love is to love in return. It is during this reciprocal love, moving back and forth between us and God, that the most meaningful portion of our relationship exists. Our devotions, worship, praise become sweeter, more intense and spiritually significant.

We become, as Scripture describes, “like a deer panting for water, our souls longing for Him.” We have the confidence of the Psalmist of Psalm 125, knowing “as the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people.” Knowing our sin is removed from us, “as far as the east is from the west”, we are confident in His presence, exuding joy, pleasure and intimacy. We trust, not ourselves fickle as we may be, but the steadfast love of God, ever present, unending in nature and overflowing to his people.

I pray the above paragraph describes your state this day. I pray your experience as you commune with God today is one that draws you deeper into the relationship that supersedes any other that you will ever experience.

*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**

**Oct 21 , 2018**

I spent time with a group of ministers this week as we studied what is referred to as the Five Megillot, the books of Ruth, Song of Songs, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, and Esther. All books that are short books of Scripture, lumped together in the Jewish Bible.

These books are read at specific times of the year, on specific occasions in the Jewish community. What impressed me in the rereading of the books was how they emphasize God’s care and concern for his people. We are not left to muddle through on our own, rather we are a part of a great movement of God to accomplish his purpose.

Under girding this movement of God is the core lesson, God loves us with both an intensity and intimacy that cannot be dismissed. The Bible is a record of God moving mountains, obstacle after obstacle, to restore us to him. We, as a people, become slack, drift into sinful foolishness, and God acts to restore us. Not because we are improving, or doing better, but because his love compels his action.

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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 21, 2018

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker  
GATHERING SONG: No. 435—Come Into His Presence  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
Information on Roger Dickson's Work  
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 37:3-4 (Landon Marks)  
SONGS: No. 525—He Knows Just What I Need  
No. 915—Trust and Obey (vs 1, 2, 5)  
No. 523—I Know the Lord Will Find a Way for Me  
No. 781—Thank You, Lord  
PRAYER: Richard Brensing  
SONG: No. 325—Boundless Love  
COMMUNION: Chris Mansel  
Orrin Feril  
Jerry Kinnamon  
Fred Johnson  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)  
SONGS: (Jayce Feril)  
The B-I-B-L-E  
This Little Light of Mine  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 922—Jesus Paid It All (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Garland Mansel

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## WELCOME VISITORS

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tara Kinnamon—October 22  
Shelly Brensing—October 24  
Carl Feril—October 25

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Teddy & Carol Gingrich—October 22

## AREA WIDE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

An area wide worship service will be at the Hughes Metroplex in Wichita this evening at 5:00 pm. See flyer posted for more information.

## NEWS FROM MEXICO

A new newsletter is posted from Ubaldo Cardona, from Parral, Chihuahua. There are also a few pictures. Take a minute to read what great things are happening there.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS

Young Parents—beginning November 7th, please make plans to come to the parenting class on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm at Carl & Janet's home. Childcare is being provided here at the church building. Parents can drop their kids off at church at 7:00 pm and leave the Feril's at 7:45 pm to pick them up. See Carl or Tom for more details.

Help is needed each week with the childcare—see Tom if you are available.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Royce Wilson**—gallbladder surgery  
**Dylan & Destiny Huffman**—as the due date of the birth of their baby is quickly approaching  
**Cole Kinnamon**—stress fracture, foot  
**Stan Aldrich**—health concerns  
**Orvalee Aldrich**—health concerns  
**Karla Tillery** (Gayle Byer's friend) - health concerns  
**Gladys Hornbaker**—health concerns; improved  
**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

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.

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