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not contain the truth of it. Can you imagine trying to explain to the Apostle Paul how a cell phone works? He would not have had anything to use to comprehend it.

In the same way, God can't present the realities of a spiritual realm like heaven to those of us who live our lives with our feet planted in the here and now. We just don't have the complexities to comprehend it.

What we know is that there is a promised place. A place where we exist with God in the context of relationship. It is a place that is so superior to anything that we've ever experienced that words fail us. But it is a real place, as real as God. It is a place of joy, happiness and harmony. It is a place that the pettiness of this life fades away. It is a place that prior hardships pale in comparison to.

Will our favorite dog be there? Will we know each other? Will we look the same, be recognizable? Will we live in mansions, wear robes and crowns or eat fine foods?

My guess is that all of those are the wrong questions. It will be good. God will be there. We will just be glad to have finally arrived.

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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What happens to us when our lives are over? In reality, very little is plainly laid out in Scripture. We have assurances that the God followers are present with him in a better place, a place described as heaven, or as Peter puts it, the new heavens and the new earth.

Peter describes this place in the language of a smith, using fire to burn off the corruptible waste and refining the pure metal with fire to produce the perfected result.

Evil will be burned off, all of the poor substitutes, the imitations that people have pursued to bring contentment and joy will be replaced in this purging process with an existence in the presence of God.

How, exactly, that will look is described in imagery, but no doubt a metaphor for things that our minds cannot comprehend.

Streets of gold, gates of pearl, or a city four square remind us of the splendor, the grandeur of it all. Somehow I think that the reality of it will cause all of these images to pale in comparison.

God uses the images because our minds can-

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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 NOVEMBER 18, 2018

SONG LEADER: Stan Aldrich
GATHERING SONG: No. 68—Give Thanks
WELCOME: Chris Mansel
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 86:11-12 (Jayce Feril)
SONGS: No. 72—Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty
No. 76—How Great Thou Art
No. 227—On Zion's Glorious Summit
No. 398—Surely the Presence of the Lord
PRAYER: Chris Mansel
SONG: No. 332—Lead Me to Calvary
COMMUNION: Orrin Feril
Fred Johnson
Joe Cornwell
Jerry Kinnamon
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)
SONG: No. 480—Blessed Assurance
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 903—There is Power in the Blood (vs 1)
PRAYER: Teddy Gingrich

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship; please come again!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS

There will be no parenting class this Wednesday evening, or Bible classes at church—due to several families traveling or preparing for the Thanksgiving holiday.

COMMUNITY EVENT

Stocking Stuffers of Central Kansas will have their 7th annual soup luncheon on Sunday, December 2nd, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the IOOF Lodge in St John. Hannah Sallee and Rachel Fisher are the contacts for this project.

WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD CONFERENCE

Friday, April 13 (5p-9p); Saturday April 14 (8a-4p)

Preregistration Nov 1—Jan 31 = \$63

Registration Feb 1—Apr 13 = \$68

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Barbara Schuette (Marla's sister) - now in Rehab in Dodge City and improving; the family appreciates our prayers
Sara Tutak—Ben's cousin in Great Bend
Marilyn Huffman (Dylan's sister) - recently injured in a vehicle accident in Tulsa
Sara Schneider (Baylee's friend) - 25 weeks pregnant with twins & has been placed on bed rest
Rick Toland (Marla's cousin in Topeka) - 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Lupe Hudson—Nov 21
Pam Turner—Nov 21
Lexi Morgan—Nov 24