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ing things to you, you can control how you react.

Christians must remember that we live in a carnal world, with hostile rules, and inequities on every hand. Is the world harsh? Unjust? Unfair? Yes. We live in a world that doesn't play by our rules.

Not only does Jesus teach this principle, he demonstrates it all throughout his ministry. Amid the accusations of the Jewish leadership, Jesus goes about his mission. It is not redefined by pressure from others. There are no excuses given.

So, tomorrow... if someone is unjustly cross with you. If someone misrepresents what you said or did... If you feel bullied, judged, or put upon... Don't retaliate. Don't curse. Don't abuse in return.

Do speak words of grace. Do respond with kindness. Offer a blessing in exchange for the curse.

When you don't control the action, be willing to control the reaction.

*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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Dec 2, 2018

I work with kids for multiple reasons. Many of those I work with are on the lower end of social skills. They tend to overreact to what happens to them. Many of them have been victims of being bullied, often because others like to see their overreactions.

My job is to help people to learn to control themselves instead of trying to control others.

It is a task that has its foundation in Scripture. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the Jews about it. The Jewish people were focused on how the Roman law allowed a Roman soldier to command a Jewish man or boy to carry his pack for one mile. Of course, many Jews would not carry a single foot past that mile. This caused a tremendous amount of resentment among the Jews.

Jesus teaches that when one cannot control the circumstances that happen to them, they can control their response to those circumstances. Commanded to go one mile? Then carry the burden two miles...

Someone slaps you in the face, then turn the other cheek. You can't prevent others from do-

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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 DECEMBER 2, 2018

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
GATHERING SONG: No. 155—Highest Place
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 100 (Kolton Sizemore)
SONGS: No. 65—Thanksgiving Medley
-No. 66—Doxology
-No. 67—For the Beauty of the Earth
-No. 68—Give Thanks
No. 435—Come Into His Presence
No. 770—Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
PRAYER: Tom Turner
SONG: No. 367— The Scars in the Hands of Jesus
COMMUNION: Richard Breising
Clint Kinnamon
Gary Hornbaker
Joe Cornwell
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)
SONG: No. 851—I'll Fly Away
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 922—Jesus Paid It All (vs 1)
PRAYER: Terry Sallee

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WELCOME VISITORS

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS

A parenting class is offered for young parents on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm at Carl & Janet's home. Childcare & a children's Bible Class are offered here at the church building. Parents can drop their kids off at church at 7:00 pm and pick them up at 7:45 pm. Help is needed each week with the childcare/Bible Class.

COMMUNITY EVENT

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

GRADUATION

Kade Kinnamon will be graduating December 8th from KSU. If you would like to send him a card, here is his address:
2215 College Ave., Apt. 180B, Manhattan, KS 66502

NEWS FROM MEXICO

A newsletter from Jorge and Latisha Serrano is posted, reporting on recent events in Oaxaca.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

George Shelton—Dec 7

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Royce & Beth Wilson—Dec 5

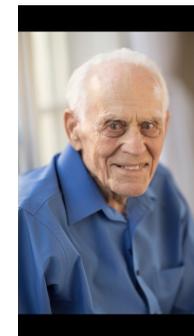
CONGRATULATIONS!

Jake and Laura Breising are happy to announce the birth of their baby girl, Elsie Jane, who was born at 3:20 am this morning. She weighed 9 lbs, 4 oz. Proud grandparents are Richard & Shelly Breising.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jesse & Justeen Mayer—high risk pregnancy; prayers are requested for their baby
Rick Rodness (Vanessa Marks' father) - to have a defibrillator put in on Tuesday at Sioux Falls, SD
Dena Mansel—health concerns
Barbara Schuette (Marla's sister) - in Rehab & improving
Marilyn Huffman (Dylan's sister) - improving
Sara Schneider (Baylee's friend) - 27 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

SYMPATHY



We all mourn the death of **Loyd Ratts** and extend our sympathy to his family. He passed away peacefully at his home on November 28, at the age of 103. A celebration of life service will be held Monday, December 3, at 2:00 pm here at the church building. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Mexico Mission in care of Minnis Chapel.