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in the synagogue to discuss Scripture with 14 rabbis...” Often the significant events in his life happened on the way to other things. It was the opportunities that came up while pursuing his other plans that make up our Bibles. *As he was approaching... Crossing over the sea, a storm arose....*

The healing of the woman with the issue of blood occurred while going to heal Jairus’ daughter. As Jesus left the mountain, returning to town at the Sermon on the Mount, a leper approached him and received healing. Unplanned, but significant. It was an aside, not a designed event. These things happen because he was working from a designed script.

When John, in prison, sends disciples to see Jesus, his reply reveals the script. *“The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.”*

It is going according to the plan, that was the message of Jesus. It wasn’t happening as he spoke, but that was his life story.

So, press on. Keep doing what God has called you to do. Don’t worry if today seems dull or mundane. When the moment arises, if you are doing your job, the good things happen.

*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 9, 2018

Janet and I are like many working couples. We say our goodbyes before 7a and greet each other again around 11-12 hours later. It is pretty typical to ask how the day went, any intriguing happenings or things that went awry. Once in a while the report is “nothing”.

“Nothing” doesn’t mean we sat in a vegetative state staring at the walls all day. Usually it means that we are in the midst of projects, not bringing anything to completion, but putting in the time with research, reading, or in accumulating and compiling information into usable forms. So “nothing” doesn’t mean void or empty.

Reflecting on this recently I thought about the life of Jesus. We read about events from his life. The time he met lepers on the road, or the time he met a woman at the well on the outskirts of town. In neither of these situations, and most of the others that are recorded for us, was Jesus seeking out the person that is described in the Scriptures. They were just “who was there”.

Asking Jesus about his day would not have resulted in “I healed 26.32 people today. I met

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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

## WORSHIP ORDER FOR DECEMBER 9, 2018

SONG LEADER: Richard Brensing  
GATHERING SONG: No. 15—Step by Step  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: John 10:11-12 (Jayce Feril)  
SONGS: No. 451—Assurance Medley  
-No. 452—Standing on the Promises (vs 1, 2 )  
-No. 453—Love Lifted Me (vs 1, 2)  
-No. 454—Rock of Ages (vs 1)  
No. 290—Shine, Jesus, Shine  
No. 803—Turn My Heart  
PRAYER: Orrin Feril  
SONG: No. 186—Christ, We Do All Adore Thee  
COMMUNION: Stan Aldrich  
Chris Mansel  
Ben Sizemore  
Jerry Kinnamon  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)  
SONG: No. 853—When We All Get to Heaven  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 902—Nothing But 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

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 when class is over. Help is needed each week with the childcare/Bible Class.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Kade Kinnamon graduated from KSU yesterday!

## STAFFORD COUNTY CIRCLES

Youth Core, the sponsor of Stafford Co Circles, is finding different ways to help raise funds. One way to help is when you do online shopping. If you shop through Amazon, they donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

You must go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and sign in to [smileamazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Search and select a ministry of your choice from the list of eligible organizations. (You can change your selection at any time.) If you choose to support Stafford County Circles, then select Youth Core Ministries, Inc.

(Did you know that Silver Maple Camp, Inc is also an eligible organization for your donation!)

**Church website:** [www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org](http://www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Karla Tillery** (Gayle's friend) - in ICU at Hutch Regional  
**Maggie Harris** (Lisa's mother) - fell last week and fractured her wrist and pelvis; currently in rehab care in Lawrence  
**Rick Rodness** (Vanessa Marks' father) - his defibrillator procedure went well last week  
**Jesse & Justeen Mayer**—high risk pregnancy; prayers are requested for their baby  
**Dena Mansel**—health concerns  
**Barbara Schuette** (Marla's sister) - improving  
**Marilyn Huffman** (Dylan's sister) - improving  
**Sara Schneider** (Baylee's friend) - 28 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

## NEW CALLING TREE

A revised calling tree is now available on the table in the foyer. Please pick up a copy so you will have current phone numbers and information when it is necessary to call everyone for special events or weather cancellations.