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is a bit shorter. When I pray, I am often seeking immediate release. I want the things I pray about to be quickly addressed so my next set of prayers might be presented before God.

I learn from the stories of old that both kind of prayers are appropriate. The Psalms have many prayers that seem immediate in their expectations. But, I am challenged to pray for more far reaching prayers. Things about the kingdom of God rather than simply focusing on the serfdom of Carl.

It enlarges my vision to think of the kingdom of God. I begin to acknowledge that my part in that kingdom is being a part of a larger collective. "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done. On earth as it is in heaven." is a participation in something larger than myself and with a need that is of greater importance than my cold, or the timeliness of rain, or the particular urgencies of my moment in time.

In the Lord's Prayer, we are moved from gratitude for daily bread to the grandeur of the Kingdom of God. Both are of value and we should not allow the growlings of our stomach to supersede the groanings of the Kingdom.

God bless you this week and until you stand before our Father.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

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His Faithfulness Reaches to the Clouds

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Our reading of Scripture is an important part of our spiritual formation. That we read how God has interacted with men and women across time is a faith building process for us. The accounts of God's interaction with faithful people helps us to begin to recognize that his involvement in our lives might have that same flavor. His faithfulness to generations of people, descendants of earlier people of faith, serves as instruction in our own time.

One observation that we might make is that in many circumstances, people prayed broad prayers over a long duration before God chose to act. One example would be the children of Israel praying for deliverance from Egyptian bondage for over 400 years before God sent Moses. Those in Babylonian captivity prayed 70 years before Cyrus was raised up. Simeon and Anna in the temple rejoice to see Jesus, one having been told he would come before he died. While the text does not tell us how long that they prayed about it, Anna is 84 and had been looking for his coming.

Our faith is strengthened because we recognize that God hears our prayers, as he heard their prayers. The distinction is that often our patience

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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 JANUARY 13, 2019

SONG LEADER: Richard Breising
GATHERING SONG: No. 4—To God Be the Glory (vs 1)
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 5:6-10 (Dominic Rogers)
SONGS: No. 523—I Know the Lord Will Find a Way for Me
No. 745—Humble Yourself
No. 470—Victory in Jesus
No. 803—Turn My Heart
PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon
SONG: No. 342—We Saw Thee Not
COMMUNION: Tom Turner
Orrin Feril
Stan Aldrich
Teddy Gingrich
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Psalm 108:3-5)
SONG: No. 736—To Christ Be True
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 948—I Am Resolved (vs 1)
PRAYER: Fred Johnson

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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 being offered 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.

NEW MEMORY WORK FOR 2019

The new memory work for 2019 is from Psalm 108:3-5. Carl is using the Christian Standard Bible this year.

BABY SHOWER

Please mark your calendar for a baby shower for Jesse & Justeen Mayer on Sunday, January 27th at 1:30 pm here at the church building. They are expecting a baby boy March 27th and have already picked his name: Jerimiah Allan They are registered at Walmart and also on Amazon.



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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

TERRY & JOY SALLEE—JAN 14

Church website: www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Beth Wilson—torn meniscus; using a wheelchair as she waits for surgery the end of the month
Brent—Marilyn Thornburg's great grandson—(10 yrs old) to have surgery Feb 13th
Easton Neidig (Teddy & Carol's great-grandson) - recovering from a broken wrist
Kay Kinnamon—recuperating from recent shoulder replacement surgery
Greg Lewis—diagnosed with a brain tumor; Stage 4 cancer
Jill Morphew (Janet's sister-in-law in Lubbock, TX)—ovarian cancer—on hospice care
Caylee Welch—prayers are requested for her to be successful going through drug rehabilitation
Jesse & Justeen Mayer—high risk pregnancy; prayers are requested for their baby
Dena Mansel—health concerns
Barbara Schuette (Marla's sister) - improving
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
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