

Continued from front page . . .

deeming contains a connotation that we are purchasing the time. We are looking at how we spend our time and putting a value on it.

With our new frame of reference, some of the old things just don't have the value they once did. A day spent without reflection on the new values of a growing and vibrant spiritual life is a day that is cheapened. It is a day lived, but not a day lived for God.

Such decisions alter old relationships, as we not only see differently, but we are seen differently. Things that once were "special" or "exhilarating" become wasted time or impractical. The stories or jokes that were readily shared are seen as coarse, crude or vulgar because they demean, degrade, or belittle others made in God's image.

Things that at one time didn't matter, now matter a lot, because we see life through a new lens. Gone are the times that racial, sexist, or misogynistic language can be tolerated, because we view all in their true state of being made in the image of God.

Risqué is replaced with respect. Falsehood falls to a new view of truth. Curses are replaced with blessings. Our language reflects a new way of thinking as we bring our whole being under the sovereign rule of the Christ.

Yes, the old stuff just won't fit with the new stuff. They are worlds apart.

Grace and Peace,

Carl

St John Church of Christ
609 N Pearl
St John, KS 67576
620-549-6146



His Faithfulness Reaches to the Clouds

St John Church of Christ

January 20, 2019

One of the garage door openers died this past week. As I ordered a new one, I wondered about what parts might interchange. Would the old track work, perhaps only having to change the head and saving some effort? It didn't take long to recognize that none of the old parts would work on the new equipment.

The box said 2 hours, but they were being overly optimistic. About 3 hours later the opener was functional, and an hour after that the remotes were working. Perhaps an hour later the whole mess was cleaned up and the tools were put away.

What does this have to do with our spiritual lives? I think there is a principle that we need to learn from it. When new things are required, there is always a realization that the past things just won't be the same.

An increased focus on spiritual things causes us to see old things with a new perspective. The entertainments, recreations, and passions of the past are not of the same value as they used to be. The idea of redeeming the time, causes us to walk with a wiser vision, distinguishing between that which is valuable and that which is a distraction. Re-

Continued on back page . . .

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 JANUARY 20, 2019

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
GATHERING SONG: No. 56—Lord, We Praise You
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 7:12 (Jayce Feril)
SONGS: No. 448—The Greatest Commands
No. 719—Love One Another
No. 702—Fellowship Medley
-No. 703—I Love You With the Love of the Lord
-No. 704—Bind Us Together
-No. 705—A Common Love
No. 837—I Need Thee Every Hour (vs 1)
PRAYER: Chris Mansel
SONG: No. 356—I Believe in Jesus
COMMUNION: Fred Johnson
Jerry Kinnamon
Teddy Gingrich
Orrin Feril
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Psalm 108:3-5)
SONG: No. 957—This World is Not My Home
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 902—Nothing But the Blood (vs 1)
PRAYER: Terry Sallee

(CCLI #2440129)

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

Church website: www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Stan Aldrich—to have more medical tests
Orvalee Aldrich—ongoing health concerns
Alan—Aldrich's neighbor—health concerns
Carol Gingrich—as she continues to deal with health concerns from their auto accident last August
Jesse & Justeen Mayer—high risk pregnancy
Beth Wilson—torn meniscus
Brent—Marilyn Thornburg's great grandson—(10 yrs old) to have surgery Feb 13th in Dallas
Easton Neidig (Teddy & Carol's great-grandson) - recovering from a broken wrist
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—as she goes through drug rehabilitation
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