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Rather than being intentional about our lives, we unintentionally replace a choice of shaping ourselves spiritually with a decision that replaces a daily devotional feed with Instagram, Twitter or Facebook.

The clamor that took place this last year over Facebook, Fake News, and the foreign influencing of our elections is all confirmation that we are shaped by what we read. The same way that we've worried about young children and too much TV time or internet time. We have to be sensitive to how we shape our own lives.

My point is not to say that we should listen to one media stream or another. It is rather to say that to do anything repeatedly, routinely, is training us about what to focus on and how to see it. We will never fill that void, that hunger that craves relationship with God on social media. People of God desire for his word to shape them, to mold their character into the image of the Christ. Substituting, intentionally or not, different less healthy habits, becomes an inadequate diet for what we crave. We will read more and more of the same thing, never being satisfied, increasingly less prepared for the spiritual battles that we will ultimately face.

I am not dropping my Facebook account, but I am more judicious regarding the amount of time I participate. I am increasingly focused on the information that I place in my mind as my day begins and ends. I know what it is that I value, who it is that I love. These are the influences that I willingly put before me.

*Grace and Peace,  
Carl*

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## His Faithfulness Reaches to the Clouds

St John Church of Christ

February 10, 2019

If you got dressed this morning, beginning by putting your right sock on, you likely put the same sock on first yesterday. As you seat yourself to drive, you will likely run through a habitual routine of preparation. We are creatures of habit.

Habits can be good or bad, some chew their fingernails, while others begin the day with exercise. What most people don't recognize is the importance of establishing good habits, in religion they are called spiritual disciplines.

A morning begun with a season of prayer and meditation, or perhaps reading a good devotional book, can be a habit that shapes the rest of your day and ultimately your life. That time you take with the Bible and a cup of coffee or tea in the morning is training your brain to think in a specific, focused way for the remainder of the day. It is the way we train our hearts and minds.

A caution for those of us who engage in social media, when you begin your day on Twitter or Facebook, we are doing the same thing. We are replacing the age old habit of these spiritual disciplines of prayer or Bible reading with a seemingly benign habit of "checking on the world" by reading whatever pops up on our screen.

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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

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## WORSHIP ORDER FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2019

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker  
GATHERING SONG: No. 15—Step by Step  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:43-48 (Kolton Sizemore)  
SONGS: No. 429—O To Be Like Thee  
No. 578—We Will Glorify  
No. 731—Take Time to Be Holy  
No. 791—On Bended Knee  
PRAYER: Ben Sizemore  
SONG: No. 287—There is a Redeemer  
COMMUNION: Orrin Feril  
Chris Mansel  
Joe Cornwell  
Fred Johnson  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Psalm 108:3-5)  
SONG: No. 678—More About Jesus (vs 1, 4)  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 922—Jesus Paid It All (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.

## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Diane Campbell (niece of Dena Mansel), who passed away on Friday.

## MEN'S RETREAT

The Stafford Church of Christ is hosting a men's retreat on Saturday, March 16th. Guest speaker is Raymond Glendenning.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you did not get one of the new directories, please see Janet to get a copy!

## WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD CONFERENCE

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

Registration fee is \$68.

Save your place now to attend this great event!

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Lace Holmes**—in the hospital in Great Bend with RSV  
**Stan Aldrich**—in Wesley Medical Center in Wichita  
**Becky Arens** (Baylee's aunt) - diagnosed with AML (leukemia) after Thanksgiving  
**Cole Kinnamon**—ankle injury last week; he is to be non weight bearing, in a boot & on crutches until no pain  
**Gayle Byer**—cataract surgery last week in Great Bend  
**Jerry Kinnamon**—sick this last week  
**Tom Crawford** (Marilyn's nephew) - kidney failure; heart problem; liver problem  
**Thomas Crawford** (Marilyn's great nephew) - liver failure  
**Orvalee Aldrich**—ongoing health concerns  
**Alan—Aldrich's neighbor**—health concerns  
**Carol Gingrich**—health concerns  
**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  
**Greg Lewis**—diagnosed with a brain tumor; Stage 4 cancer  
**Jill Morphew** (Janet's sister-in-law in Lubbock)—ovarian cancer  
**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  
**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) - Leisure Homestead