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ment of this world is important. By this I mean that there is a responsibility for stewardship for all of us.

Many of our ranchers, like Terry and Joy, Gary, Joe, Lory, or Darrell are in the process of calving and feeding cattle for future consumption. Gardens are just around the corner for Garland and Fred, as well as others, lawn care as we use our homes for our own benefit and well being. Many are preparing ground and equipment for upcoming spring planting. There are controversies even in our own community concerning stream impairment and irrigation, a focal point for Orrin and many of our area farmers. Tom and Pam are focusing time on bees and their impact on the environment.

All of these varied enterprises are a part of a great commission from God, a task given to all of mankind, but recognized and honored in particular by his disciples. Is it “church work”? Is it as important as how we worship or the things we should be doing or avoiding? I think the answer is yes.

Does that mean that we should regulate or oversee how Tom raises his bees? Not me, but I need to be mindful as Gary farms his ground, that he is being a steward in the kingdom of God of resources that God has entrusted to him.

So, I pray for each of you. I pray for your “God assignments”, your efforts in the world as you make your living and make your life. Be God honoring, God focused, and conscientious.

*Grace and Peace,  
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## His Faithfulness Reaches to the Clouds

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When God spoke to Adam and Eve about their task in the world, he used the phrase, “be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth.” A task for Adam or is it a task for all of mankind?



Perhaps before we isolate this to Adam alone, we should consider the next phrase. “Look, I have given you every seed-bearing plant on the surface of the entire earth and every tree whose fruit contains seed. This will be food for you, for all the wildlife of the earth, for every bird of the sky, and for every creature that crawls on the earth— everything having the breath of life in it— I have given every green plant for food. And so it was.”

In that context it would appear that the original task of ruling and subduing the planet is still the responsibility of the each of us. So in what manner have you focused on your responsibility for the welfare of the planet?

Before you go all “tree hugger” or “Greenpeace” on me, not that either of those is wrong in and of itself... but sensitivity to what God expects of us in our treat-

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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 17, 2019

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon  
GATHERING SONG: No. 71—As the Deer  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 9:6-7 (Orrin Feril)  
SONGS: No. 508—A Wonderful Savior  
No. 589—Leaning on the Everlasting Arms  
No. 406—Just a Closer Walk with Thee  
No. 789—Father  
PRAYER: Teddy Gingrich  
SONG: No. 356—I Believe in Jesus  
COMMUNION: Chris Mansel  
Ben Sizemore  
Gary Hornbaker  
Fred Johnson  
SONGS: (Jayce Feril)  
The B-I-B-L-E  
I've Got the Joy, Joy Down in My Heart  
LESSON: Tom Turner (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 907—Hark the Gentle Voice (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Joe Cornwell

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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.

## MEN'S RETREAT

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Hannah Sallee—Feb 18  
Shirley Shelton—Feb 21

## 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**—home from the hospital; improving  
**Stan Aldrich**—home from the hospital  
**Becky Arens** (Baylee's aunt) - diagnosed with AML (leukemia)  
**Cole Kinnamon**—recovering from an ankle injury  
**Gayle Byer**—cataract surgery rescheduled for March  
**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) scheduled for surgery last week  
**Greg Lewis**—diagnosed with a brain tumor; Stage 4 cancer  
**Jill Mophew** (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