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This access is available in the same way, without regard to age, gender, or ethnicity, to everyone on this planet through one Savior, Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sealing each of the redeemed with his Spirit of Holiness, we are secure in our salvation through our ongoing trust in his atoning blood. Empowered by his Spirit, we face the world with a confidence never, before his arrival, experienced by flesh and blood. "Greater is he who is in you than he who is in the world..." We no longer tremble at the darkness nor need we hesitate in adversity.

We move through this world with our eyes fixed on Jesus, the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. While trials and adversities may well have the ferocity and intensity of a refining fire, we know that we pass through to a purity and value that cannot be explained.

Foolishness to the unbeliever, awesome to the new believer, and the touchstone of truth for the confident child of God. Satan has only the power to remove from us physical things, but no power to touch our spirit. God holds that safe in his hand, beyond the reach of the boney fingers of the Devil.

So this day, as you celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, embrace fellow saints, and sing praise to God, remember just why you rejoice. Remember and find peace and grace in the shadow of the Most High God.

*Grace and Peace,  
Carl*

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## **His Faithfulness Reaches to the Clouds**

**St John Church of Christ**

**February 24, 2019**

Grace to you, and peace from our Lord as you read this. May the God of creation refresh in you a spirit of joy and celebration as you reflect with me on the provisions that God has made for us in his son, Christ Jesus.

Our brother provides for us access to the Father, once illustrated by a high priest entering a veiled, foreboding room, dark and mysterious where sacrifice for sins was made each year. Reappearing to an anxious assembly, with a spontaneous rejoicing as he accomplished his task, securing forgiveness for prior sins.

We live in a state of rejoicing, knowing that our high priest has secured a once for all atonement that means we never again worry over the state of our place with God. Jesus, along with all of those whom his blood has covered, stand before God as a redeemed and sanctified people, the people of God. Trusting his sacrifice of long ago, we understand that it is eternal and fully adequate to secure our place before God for all time.

This is indeed the message of good news that has been shared repeatedly to each willing ear since his triumph over death thousands of years ago. Sin no longer must stand between us and God, an access has been accomplished.

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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 Breensing, Teddy Gingrich, Terry Sallee,  
George Shelton, Tom Turner  
**DEACONS:** Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril  
**TREASURER:** Richard Breensing

## WORSHIP ORDER FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2019

SONG LEADER: Richard Breensing  
GATHERING SONG: No. 15—Step by Step  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:15-21 (Dominic Rogers)  
SONGS: No. 464—Because He Lives  
No. 121—Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing  
No. 76—How Great Thou Art  
No. 803—Turn My Heart  
PRAYER: Tom Turner  
SONG: No. 18—Faithful Love  
COMMUNION: Chris Mansel  
Jerry Kinnamon  
Teddy Gingrich  
Fred Johnson  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Psalm 108:3-5)  
SONG: No. 716—Sing to Me of Heaven  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 907—Hark the Gentle Voice (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Terry Sallee

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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!

Beth Wilson—February 28  
Orrin Feril—March 1  
Dylan Huffman—March 1

## 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!

## NEWS FROM CHIHUAHUA

There is a report from Ubaldo Cardona from Parral, Chihuahua that is posted on the bulletin board. He reports they have stopped going to the mountain area to encourage the church that meets there, due to violence and unsafe conditions. They are planning a campaign for April 19 through 21 and request prayers for their efforts and for those with whom they are studying.

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Gayle Sears** (Marla's friend) - now cancer free!  
**Orvalee Aldrich**—fell last week, but okay  
**Joy Sallee**—sick last week  
**Stan Aldrich**—improving  
**Gayle Byer**—cataract surgery rescheduled for March  
**Cole Kinnamon**—recovering from an ankle injury  
**Carol Gingrich**—health concerns  
**Jesse & Justeen Mayer**—high risk pregnancy  
**Dena Mansel**—health concerns  
**Becky Arens** (Baylee's aunt) - diagnosed with AML (leukemia)  
**Tom Crawford** (Marilyn's nephew) - kidney failure; heart problem; liver problem  
**Thomas Crawford** (Marilyn's great nephew) - liver failure  
**Alan—Aldrich's neighbor**—health concerns  
**Beth Wilson**—torn meniscus  
**Brent—Marilyn Thornburg's great grandson**—(10 yrs old) recent surgery  
**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  
**Barbara Schuette** (Marla's sister) - improving  
**Rick Toland** (Marla's cousin in Topeka) - cancer  
**Vince, Teddy's brother-in-law**—heart problems  
**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