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As I understand Scripture, how one dies is of far less importance than how one lived. I don't believe that any single event out of someone's life defines all that they are.

What I do know from Scripture is the nature and character of our God. God is undeniably on our side. Echoing in the stories of creation's fall, the cleansing of the flood, and the repetitive restoration of Israel, God will go to any lengths to redeem us. What other conclusion can we draw from the story of the cross?

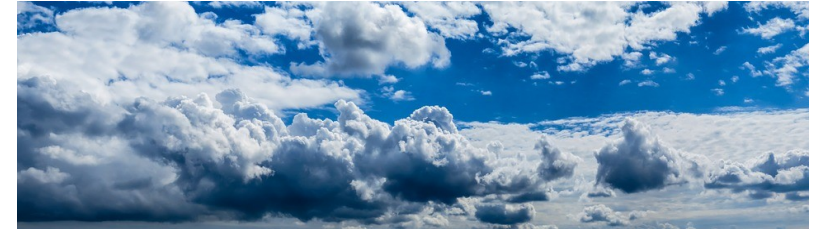
The history of Scripture demonstrates to us how fickle mankind can be. Embracing God on one hand, then a few weeks, months or years later we see mankind forget and walk away. What we see clearly is, if it were up to us, there is no hope.

The reality that we find in reading the Bible is good news... it isn't up to us. God would raise up from the most obscure places a prophet or prophetess to announce or lead a return to God. Deborah, Huldah, David, Isaiah all point people back to God, a God willing to forgive.

That is the God I trust, not the actions of a man. In chaos, trust God.

*Grace and Peace,  
Carl*

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

**St John Church of Christ**

**March 24, 2019**

I got a call from a couple who had just been notified that her father's body had been found at the cemetery, an apparent suicide. Obviously distraught, they were attempting to wrap their minds around the whole situation.

There were the expected questions about why such a choice was made. They were trying to think of the "proper way" to explain the event to their children.

Reeling from the information, there was still the practical implications. How to handle the disposition of the remains. How to conclude someone else's business 1000 miles away.

Finally, the question came... What does this mean about his soul? Can one who commits suicide have any hope of eternal life?

As a minister I've been asked that question too frequently over the last 40+ years. Always it is being asked by those who are in a state of confusion and chaos. Trying to find something to hang onto in a time with everything is swirling around

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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

### WORSHIP ORDER FOR MARCH 24, 2019

ONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon  
GATHERING SONG:  
No. 141—Heavenly Father, We Appreciate You (vs 1)  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 24:1-6 (Teddy Gingrich)  
SONGS: No. 991—This Is My Father's World  
No. 65—Thanksgiving Medley  
-No. 66—Doxology  
-No. 67—For the Beauty of the Earth  
-No. 68—Give Thanks  
No. 23—Our God, He Is Alive  
No. 779—I Love You, Lord  
PRAYER: Tom Turner  
SONG: No. 364—Come, Share the Lord  
COMMUNION: Ben Sizemore  
Richard Brensing  
Chris Mansel  
Joe Cornwell  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Psalm 108:3-5)  
SONG: No. 509—I Will Sing the Wondrous Story  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 940—Only a Step (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Terry Sallee

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### WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship; please come again!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kay Kinnamon—March 25  
Lory Scott—March 25

### WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD CONFERENCE

Friday, April 12 (5p-9p); Saturday April 13 (8a-4p)  
Registration fee is \$68. There is still time to register!



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING

We will have a VBS planning session this afternoon after pot-luck. Please stay and be part of this time—or let Tom know of your ideas and how you might be able to help.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Jerimiah Mayer**—came home from the hospital last Wednesday  
**Maggie Harris** (Lisa's mother) - fell and broke her hip & shoulder last Sunday; had surgery early this week and will need to be 8 weeks non weight bearing; she's in the hospital in Great Bend for now  
**Gary Osenbaugh** (Jesse Mayer's cousin in Turon) - severe head injury last Monday from an air compressor explosion accident; recovering at Wesley Medical Center  
**Cole Kinnamon**—recovering from ankle surgery  
**Gayle Byer**—cataract surgery scheduled to be in April  
**Carol Gingrich**—health concerns  
**Dena Mansel**—health concerns  
**Jill Mophew** (Janet's sister-in-law in Lubbock)—ovarian cancer; on hospice care  
**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  
**Greg Lewis**—diagnosed with a brain tumor; Stage 4 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