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He desires relationship with us, going to any and every imaginable extreme to accomplish that goal. The pivotal point of Scripture being the story of Jesus, standing in for us and taking our place on a cross. The evidence of our reconciliation being the resurrection on the third day.

That earth shaking revelation becomes the core message proclaimed to every nation under heaven. In Jesus, there is life. In Jesus, there is hope. In Jesus, we live and move and have our very being.

What is the gospel? Very simple really... God loves you and is on your side always. The narrative can be tracked through every story in the Hebrew Bible. It is the core message of the four gospels and the letters that follow them.

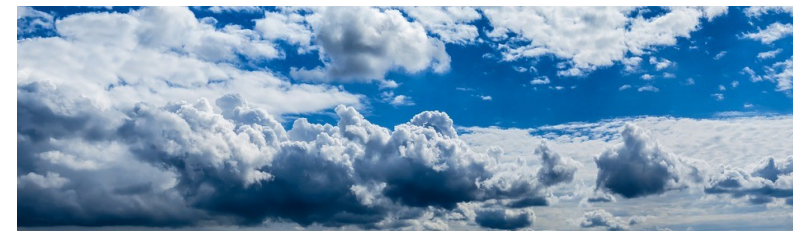
Push aside the minutia, the little details of Jewish laws around clothing, foods, and religious expression. Push it aside to see the God of Scripture going to every extreme to bring us hope.

We can, likewise, set aside the details and asides that have caused division and distortion of the message from the New Testament. Don't let other things move your eye from the message. God loves you, wants you, and provides for you.

This is the good news.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

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His Faithfulness Reaches to the Clouds

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March 31, 2019

What is the Gospel? That was a question that I was asked this week. I thought about it for a time, then I knew my answer.

For a long time, if asked that question, I might have responded with a person's response to the gospel, a message about believing, improving, acknowledging and being immersed. No doubt true that we must react to the message, but more fundamental is the question of what the Gospel actually is.

When we consider what people had believed about deities in the past, it is easy to see how suspicion and distrust became a part of it. Satan's initial ploy in the Biblical narrative is that God limited mankind because he feared man becoming like him.

Later information about God was distorted, then abandoned for fanciful notions of tricky deities playing games on each other and mankind. The result was an idea that deity could not be trusted, sometimes acting in our behalf and other times enjoying our despair.

The good news of Scripture is that God is now, has always been, and always will be, on our side.

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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 MARCH 31, 2019

ONG LEADER: Richard Breensing
GATHERING SONG: No. 155—Highest Place
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Titus 3:4-7 (Jayce Feril)
SONGS: No. 517—Heaven Came Down
No. 514—Redeemed
No. 524—I Know Whom I Have Believed
No. 803—Turn My Heart
PRAYER: Chris Mansel
SONG: No. 366—By Christ Redeemed
COMMUNION: Stan Aldrich
Jerry Kinnamon
Orrin Feril
Fred Johnson
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Psalm 108:3-5)
SONG: No. 864—Where the Gates Swing Outward Never
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 922—Jesus Paid It All (vs 1)
PRAYER: Carl Feril

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WELCOME VISITORS

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

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

The Early Childhood Screening will take place this Thursday, April 5th, here at the church building.

GOSPEL SINGING

We are invited to a singing on Sunday, April 7th, at 5:00 pm, at the Isabel Church of Christ on South Main in Isabel, KS. The flyer says they plan to sing and have scripture readings from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm, then have sandwiches and dessert together. John Hamm is the contact person for this evening.



WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD CONFERENCE

Friday, April 12 (5p-9p); Saturday April 13 (8a-4p)

Registration fee is \$68

April 5th is the last day to register and get a lunch included.

April 9th is the last day to register online.

Registration will be available at the door.

GUEST SPEAKER

On Sunday, May 5th, John McKeel will be our guest speaker.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Maggie Harris (Lisa's mother) - as she recovers from a broken hip & shoulder at a long term care facility in Larned
Gary Osenbaugh (Jesse Mayer's cousin in Turon) - recent severe head injury
Gary Osenbaugh (Chet & Tyrone's uncle) - recently diagnosed with cancer; the family has asked for prayers
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; in assisted living
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