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situation. Without a way to get back to even, to make up for your transgression, you can be as kind as you like, be as religious as you can be, and even live in a sacrificial manner, but that old debt still remains. Harder, faster, unflinching, your very best... not enough.

After we have done all that is required of us, we have only done what was required of us... there is no catch up or pay back.

It is our blessing that we serve a God who is anxious to forgive. He is defined by a Hebrew word, hesed, חֶסֶד

The word means, lovingkindness. God's love for us comes from within him. It is the result of who he is, how he is. He doesn't love us because we are good enough, right enough, or worthy enough. It is a good thing because, in our heart of hearts, we know we are none of those things.

God's grace-filled treatment of us arises from who he is, not who we are. He acts in a manner consistent with his nature.

In truth, we know what we do is little more than the artwork of small children that we hang on the refrigerator. It has meaning because it is done in love, and offered with hope... but it will never hang in an art gallery more significant than the fridge, suspended by magnets.

So, fulfill your vows before God, but remember... at your best, you are refrigerator art.

Grace and Peace,

Carl

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His Faithfulness Reaches to the Clouds

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April 7, 2019

Yesterday was one of those days. I was up at the regular time, home from breakfast on time, but there was more to do to get ready than I anticipated.

Mason Gunter helps me with mowing around my place. He likes the work, I enjoy the company. This was to be the first mowing of the season and there were the "first time" things that needed to be done. I backed the garden tractor out of the shop, raised it with the hoist to change out the blades. That part went well. The new drive belt I ordered was the wrong size. Then Mason arrived and it was time to get the weed eater in shape. Then, as he started weed eating, we needed to pick up small limbs from under the trees, and haul branches to the tree site. Did I mention I had an appointment to pick up the taxes at 2p? We worked hard, but it just wasn't to be. The back yard would have to wait.

Sometimes you are just behind. Run as hard as you can, try as unflinching as is possible, but there are times that your best isn't enough. It never will be.

When sin enters your world, you are in the same

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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 APRIL 7, 2019

ONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
GATHERING SONG: No. 15—Step by Step
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 3:16-18 (Jesse Mayer)
SONGS: No. 286—Wonderful Story of Love
No. 922—Jesus Paid It All
No. 742—When Upon Life's Billows
No. 709—How Sweet, How Heavenly
- Reading—
No. 817—See His Glory
PRAYER: Ben Sizemore
SONG: No. 324—Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?
COMMUNION: Jerry Kinnamon
Orrin Feril
Teddy Gingrich
Joe Cornwell
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Psalm 108:3-5)
SONG: No. 543—Wonderful Words of Life
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 940—Only a Step (vs 1)
PRAYER: Richard Brensing

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WELCOME VISITORS

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

GOSPEL SINGING

We are invited to a singing today at 5:00 pm, at the Isabel Church of Christ. They plan to sing and have scripture readings from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm, then have sandwiches and dessert together.

CIRCLES MEETING

We are to serve the meal at the Circles meeting on Monday, April 8th (tomorrow). Please talk with Pam if you can help serve or if you have any questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- The date has been set for VBS—we will be doing a new one-day format on **Saturday, June 1st**. Plans are to start at 1:00 pm and end after dinner and a family carnival.
- Mark your calendar—your help will be needed!
- Between now and then, Wednesday evenings will be used to prepare for this special event. Please come at 7:00 pm each week and be part of the preparations.

Darrell Bauer—April 7
Hunter Marks—April 9
Dominic Rogers—April 12
Jayce Feril—April 13



WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD CONFERENCE

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

April 9th is the last day to register online
Registration will be available at the door

PRAYER REQUESTS

Maggie Harris (Lisa's mother) - recovering 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 for April 23
Carol Gingrich—health concerns
Dena Mansel—health concerns
Jill Mophew (Janet's sister-in-law in Lubbock)—cancer
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
Greg Lewis—brain tumor; Stage 4 cancer
Caylee Welch—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

GUEST SPEAKER

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