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Yes, grace brings perspective. Our world view is altered once we become content and confident in our place in the kingdom of God. Things, that at one time dominated our thoughts, become trivial and petty when compared to the grandeur of life with God.

Coupled with grace from God, I always pray peace upon you. The awareness of peace from God through Jesus is the most quieting thing in all of creation. No warfare, bickering, or strife exists between the redeemed and God. We function in a place of relationship and connection, rather than alienation and rejection.

With God as our father, Jesus as our brother, and the Spirit of God as our sustainer, we properly recognize that “greater is he who is within you than he who is in the world.”

As those who walk in the light, before the God of this world, we live a life without fear. Gone are our insecurities about the consequences of our sin. We are among those of whom it is said, there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.

So walk this day my friends, in grace and peace. In this find assurance.

*Grace and Peace,  
Carl*

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

**St John Church of Christ**

**April 14, 2019**

Grace to you, and peace from God our Father through the Lord Jesus Christ. No greater greeting could I bring to you than this. My wish for you is that you find grace before God.

Grace brings life to us, a joy inexpressible. From a time of darkness, trying to hide from God in the shadows of our own selfishness, we are transported into his presence where our sin is gone and we are elevated to the status of beloved of God.

Now we are able to approach him with the innocence and confidence of a child before their loving parent. Our requests are made with confidence that, if it be for our best, any request will be granted. Each of us, heirs of God, joint heirs in the kingdom of God, trust that we will be used in a purpose far higher than what we might imagine. Content in our position in the kingdom, confident in the love of a father expressed through the highest of sacrifices, we walk before him surrounded by blessing and purpose.

It is through this lens that we, alongside Paul, can say, “I consider the sufferings of this present age to be unworthy to be compared to the glory that is to come.”

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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 APRIL 14, 2019

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon  
GATHERING SONG: No. 56—Lord, We Praise You  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 9:23-26 (Kolton Sizemore)  
SONGS: No. 484—You Are My All in All  
No. 555—Seek Ye First  
No. 690—Consecration Medley  
-No. 691—Make Me New  
-No. 692—Change My Heart, O God  
-No. 693—Heart of a Servant  
-No. 694—Servant Song  
No. 764—Teach Me Lord to Wait  
PRAYER: Ben Sizemore  
SONG: No. 382—Why Did My Savior Come to Earth  
COMMUNION: Chris Mansel  
Fred Johnson  
Richard Brensing  
Orrin Feril  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Psalm 108:3-5)  
SONG: No. 736—To Christ Be True  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 947—Jesus is Tenderly Calling (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Teddy Gingrich

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## WELCOME VISITORS

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

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- The theme this year will be “Level Up with God’s Power”; we will be trying a new two-day format.
- **Saturday, June 1st:** Start at 1:00 pm, ending after supper and a family carnival.
- **Sunday, June 2nd:** Special worship service and meal.
- Orrin & Meagan Feril are the leadership team; please visit with them about how you can be included.
- 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.

**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Ron Clark (Hudson) who passed away on Friday. Arrangements are pending.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Clint Kinnamon—April 15  
Ned Marks—April 15  
Fred Johnson—April 17

## GUEST SPEAKER

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

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

*(Please give updates on your family & friends to Janet so this list can be current)*

**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) - head injury  
**Gary Osenbaugh** (Chet & Tyrone’s uncle) - 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