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To publicly clarify, the shepherds and I have met and prayed together regarding this transition. For the past two years I've been encouraging them to begin planning for Janet and I to retire and leave the work here. Both of us are prepared to make that transition when a new minister is located. No date is set, no final day determined. We do know that it will happen sometime in this next year.

Some have asked, why? The only answer that I know how to give is, There is a season for everything under heaven. We have been planning a new work, one that we can do in retirement. Something that utilizes the skills that we've developed over the past 45 years of being a preacher and preacher's wife. Janet and I have always been co-workers. Each of us brings something different to the mix.

We are planning a type of traveling ministry. A portion of it will be in leadership development and training. Part of it will be in respite care for ministers and their families. Combining sabbaticals, leadership support and development, as well as being available for bereavement care. In situations where, due to a death in the family, ministers are often placed in a position that they cannot serve others while they are hurting. We hope to step in and fill their shoes for a short time while they grieve.

God will show the way.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

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His Faithfulness Reaches to the Clouds

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May 12, 2019

It is great to be home. We've been tired this week, having enjoyed early mornings and late nights while visiting family in Tennessee. I won't bore you with stories of the Kentucky Derby here. I'd rather do that in person.

Due to a microphone problem, John's sermon last week did not come across through the website, but all reports were that it was very worthwhile.

I am very encouraged that such a large part of the congregation took advantage of the opportunities to meet him and his wife. It is important to be involved with this crucial next step for the church here in St John.

Janet and I are restricting our comments about any potential candidates, because we will not be a part of the congregation at that point. Trust that we both have been praying that God will raise up one who can help in the leadership and development of this church. I've tried to spend 20-30 minutes per day in the past two years on this subject. God knows my desires for this church to thrive into the future. In the same way that I built on George's foundation of teaching and preaching, another will build on mine. The only goal is the future success of whomever God uses to glorify himself in this place.

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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 MAY 12, 2019

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
GATHERING SONG: No. 103—He Has Made Me Glad
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3:12-14 (Jayce Feril)
SONGS: No. 166—He's My King
No. 681—More Holiness Give Me
No. 702—Fellowship Medley
-No. 703—I Love You with the Love of the Lord
-No. 704—Bind Us Together
-No. 705—A Common Love
No. 803—Turn My Heart
PRAYER: Fred Johnson
SONG: No. 287—There Is a Redeemer
COMMUNION: Orrin Feril
Gary Hornbaker
Stan Aldrich
Joe Cornwell
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Psalm 108:3-5)
SONG: No. 874—Walking Alone at Eve
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 940—Only a Step (vs 1)
PRAYER: Teddy Gingrich

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WELCOME VISITORS

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

NO POTLUCK LUNCH TODAY

Since today is Mother's Day, we are not having potluck lunch here. We hope you enjoy time with your family today.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- The theme this year will be "Level Up with God's Power"; in a new two-day format.
- Saturday, June 1st:** Start at 1:00 pm, ending after supper and a family carnival.
- Sunday, June 2nd:** Starting at 10:00 am there will be a special worship service wrapping up VBS, followed by a meal.
- Between now and then, Wednesday evenings (7:00 pm) will be used to prepare for this special event.
- Orrin & Meagan Feril are the leadership team; please visit with them about how you can be included.
- ITEM NEEDED: Plastic 2-liter bottles.**



TONY DIAZ MEMORIAL

You are invited to join family & friends of Tony Diaz for an informal evening of sharing memories, on May 25th, starting at 5:00 pm. A wiener roast is planned at 6:00 pm. This will be at Larry & Linda Hamm's house in Pratt. See flyer that is posted for more details.

SENIOR RECOGNITION

Please help "stuff a duffle bag" for Chase Mansel, as a way to recognize and congratulate him on graduating from St John High School. Please bring any item you like to help stuff the duffle bag—and bring it no later than Sunday, May 26th. See Joy Sallee if you have any questions. Congratulations, Chase!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Marilyn Thornburg—health concerns
Gayle Byer—next cataract surgery scheduled for May 14
Ted Garcia (Lupe's brother) - recovering from leg injury & surgery
Gary—Aldrich's neighbor—cancer
Maggie Harris (Lisa's mother)-healing from a broken hip & shoulder
Gary Osenbaugh (Jesse Mayer's cousin in Turon) - head injury
Gary Osenbaugh (Chet & Tyrone's uncle) - cancer
Dena Mansel—health concerns
Jill Morphew (Janet's sister-in-law in Lubbock)—cancer
Becky Arens (Baylee's aunt) - diagnosed with AML (leukemia)
Tom Crawford (Marilyn's nephew) - kidney/heart/liver problems
Thomas Crawford (Marilyn's great nephew) - liver failure
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

GRADUATIONS

Chase Mansel—St John High School Graduation scheduled for Saturday, May 18 at 4:00 pm
Steve Potter—Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Sigma Cum Laude) from Barclay College, May 5th
Aaron Serrano (Coco & Tish's son) - Associate of Applied Science in Automotive Technology & Basic/Advanced Skills Certificates from South Plains College in Levelland, Texas, May 10th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Harper Marks—May 15 Richard Brensing—May 15

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Dylan & Destiny Huffman—May 12