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God, his kingdom and our place in it. For a number in our church, I'm the only minister they have known. For others, I've just been the preacher for longer than most of the guys they've known.

I've tried to show you what I understand God to be like through my teaching and my behavior. Both Janet and I have attempted to model grace and mercy to any we come in contact with. I've wanted to be sacrificial in my interaction with others. I say none of this to try to exalt myself, but to convey my purpose, my goals.

My limited mind can only comprehend a small understanding of the majestic character of God. I believe what I've taught to be in keeping with what I've learned. I do believe and have prayed that God will raise up someone else who could, with the same commitment, share his vision of God, from his perspective.

For two years I've spent countless hours praying for the discernment of our shepherds in the selection of that man. They have selected John McKeel, I trust God has raised him up.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

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His Faithfulness Reaches to the Clouds

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[June 9, 2019](#)

As was announced last week, Janet and I are retiring. Her last day at Hutchinson Regional Medical Center is this Friday, June 14th. As Janet and I have planned for two years, I will retire one month later, which makes my last Sunday here July 14th. I will preach at Eastwood on July 21st and enjoy a retirement gathering with that church, where I have served as their therapist for the past 28 years.

Our retirement date was something the shepherds and I have talked about for the past two years. We have flexibility, so agreed to retire when a new minister was secured, or no later than May of 2020. Janet and I will be taking a season of Sabbatical for the next 6 months, spending time praying and trying to learn how we can be helpful to churches around the country for the next few years.

Why would we retire? Well, there are a number of reasons. Our 36 years in Kansas, the last 26 being here, have been formative for us. We have both grown in our understanding of

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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 JUNE 9, 2019

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
GATHERING SONG: No. 76—How Great Thou Art (vs 1)
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Daniel 2:20 (Kolton Sizemore)
SONGS: No. 4—To God Be the Glory
No. 77—Glorify Thy Name
No. 103—He Has Made Me Glad
No. 96—I Stand in Awe (audience stand)
No. 791—On Bended Knee
PRAYER: Tom Turner
SONG: No. 176—Lamb of God
COMMUNION: Teddy Gingrich
Fred Johnson
Chris Mansel
Ben Sizemore
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Psalm 108:3-5)
(audience to read along)
SONG: No. 539—Higher Ground (vs 1, 4)
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 948—I Am Resolved (vs 1)
PRAYER: Carl Feril

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are so glad you have joined us in worship today; please stay and share lunch right after worship services! We invite you to come back anytime!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with VBS this year, and to Orrin & Meagan for their leadership. What a great event for our community children!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Marisa Mansel—June 10

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Clint & Tara Kinnamon—June 9

SILVER MAPLE CAMP

Silver Maple Camp summer youth sessions begin July 7th! See Tom or Richard if you are interested in attending. The website is: www.silvermaplecamp.org.

The fall Ladies Retreat at Silver Maple Camp is planned for September 20-21—mark your calendar! Theme is “Fruit Bearing for Jesus”; this is being hosted by the Salina Church of Christ.

RETIREMENT

Carl and Janet have announced their joint retirements and Carl's last Sunday to preach at St John will be July 14th. A retirement reception is planned for the same day at the Annex in St John from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Richard Breensing—foot injury last week; has to be in a boot for a week
Pam Turner—pacemaker last Monday; doing well
Gladys Hornbaker—in Swing Bed at Stafford Hospital
Darlene Stimatze (Amber Turner's mother) - knee replacement in Great Bend last Tuesday; doing well
Caylee Welch—recent attempted suicide; in Texas
Jill Morphew (Janet's sister-in-law in Lubbock)—in last stages of cancer; now in hospice care
Orvalee Aldrich—health concerns
Ted Garcia (Lupe's brother) - recovering from leg injury/surgery
Gary—Aldrich's neighbor—cancer
Maggie Harris (Lisa's mother)-now home
Gary Osenbaugh (Jesse Mayer's cousin in Turon) - head injury
Gary Osenbaugh (Chet & Tyrone's uncle) - cancer
Dena Mansel—health concerns
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
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

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