

carnal habits that oppose his will come to light. I owe you patience in the journey. I've come to my understandings about God's will as revealed in his word over a period of 40 years as a disciple. What I understand to be his will, I teach publicly. However, if it took me "40 years" to understand and apply it, I would be foolish to think that others will have "immediate transformation". So I pray for you, encourage, and wait in anticipation of God working in your life.

I owe you respect. I might be the "paid student," but I am certainly not the only one on this journey. I have to be respectful of your study, your experiences with God, and your journey of faith as well. I can, if I am attentive and humble, learn how God works and reveals his will in your study as well. If I disrespect, or denigrate your conclusions about the will of God, shame on me.

Most importantly, in my mind at least, I owe it to you to keep you before the throne of God. I pray for you frequently, fervently, and consistently. Sometimes I know just what to pray for, because I've observed something, or you've asked me to pray. Other times I have you in prayer simply praising God for you and asking he work in your life. I believe the power rests with God, not me and not you. I believe that he works through a process of sanctification, where he changes you into the image of Jesus that uses me, but is not dependent on me. So, I spend large amounts of time talking with God about it.

I owe you God's love, his concern, his mercies, and his peace. I must be an agent of that. When I fail, I dishonor him, and beg your forgiveness.

Grace and Peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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What do I owe you? In discussing understandings of ministry with other preachers, this question came up. I think it is an important one.

Obviously, I owe you truth. I am given the opportunity by the local church to have volumes of time for study and focus on the will of God. I share that information in classes, sermons, and private discussions. However, you and I both know that this truth runs through my filters. That means that sometimes what I teach, thinking it is God's truth, may be tainted with some of my own frailty.

Consequently, I owe you integrity. I have to hold myself, and to be held by others, to a standard of wholeness. There should not be a disconnection between my efforts as a student of God's will and my efforts to implement those understandings in daily living. There are times I do well at this, other times I haven't done as well as God expects. That being true, I owe you a tender heart. That means that I have to be in an ongoing state of change. Being God's disciple is not a static, stationary position. It is constantly evolving and changing as my understanding of the will of God and my breaking free of

SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
Worship Service—10:45 am
Afternoon Service—1:15 pm
WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study—7:30 pm
Youth Group—7:30 pm (@ Carl's)
ELDERS: Richard Breensing, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,
Terry Sallee, George Shelton
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel
TREASURER: Richard Breensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR APRIL 17, 2016

SONG LEADER:
GATHERING SONG: No. 77—Glorify Thy Name
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 86:9-13 (Stan Aldrich)
SONGS: No. 76—How Great Thou Art
 No. 1—Praise Medley
 No. 2—We Praise Thee, O God (vs 1, 2)
 No. 3—Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (vs 1, 2)
 No. 4—To God Be the Glory (vs 1, 3)
 No. 827—Sweet Hour of Prayer
PRAYER: Richard Breensing
SONG: No. 287—There is a Redeemer
COMMUNION: Chris Mansel
 Fred Johnson
 Joe Cornwell
 Teddy Gingrich
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 957—This World Is Not My Home
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 945—Kneel at the Cross (vs 1)
PRAYER: Jon Mansel

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship and hope that you will come again! Please stay for our potluck lunch today.

BABY SHOWERS

A diaper shower is planned for **Vanessa Rogers** for this coming Saturday, **April 23rd**, at 3:00 pm here. She and Zach Marks are expecting a girl! See the invitation posted. (Onesies and other small items would also be appreciated!)



Also on Saturday, **April 23rd**, a baby shower is scheduled for **Gage Riggs and Vanessa** at 2:00 pm at the Abundant Harvest Church of the Nazarene in Pratt. See invitation posted. They are expecting a boy and are registered at Babies-R-Us. RSVPs are appreciated. **If you would like to contribute to a group gift, please see Janet TODAY.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Fred Johnson April 17

Jeff Scott April 18

GOSPEL SINGING

An invitation is posted to attend a singing hosted by the Isabel Church of Christ on Sunday, May 1st, at 5pm. A light meal will be provided afterward.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Olen Munz**, who passed away last Wednesday at Pratt Regional Living Center. Funeral service will be at 1:30 pm on Saturday, April 23, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Gary Hornbaker—now in rehab at this address:
Via Christi Hospital—St Teresa
14800 W St Teresa (Room 2206)
Wichita, KS 67235

Dan Hampton—scheduled for heart valve surgery at Wesley on April 20; fell at home this past week; currently at Kenwood Plaza

Clint Kinnamon—scheduled for knee surgery in Salina on April 20

Brenda Staub—radiation treatment scheduled to start Monday, April 25, for thyroid cancer; now has shingles, but shouldn't delay her cancer treatment

Betty Chlumsky's brother—failing health

Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - cancer has returned

Alex Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) - brain tumor
Brent Monroe (Joy Monroe's grandson; Marilyn's great-grandson) recent surgery

Marci Klug (Joe & Lisa's daughter)—high risk pregnancy

Sharon Goode Ames—lung cancer

Ty Hewitt (Baylee Sizemore's cousin) - acute leukemia

Clay Rodgers (infant son of friends of Ben & Baylee) rare birth defect

Pati Waters Risley—stroke

Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments

John Laudick (Marla's brother-in-law)

Jonathan Batten - cancer

Theo Birkett (Tara's mother)

Eldon Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - health concerns

Jim Soukup (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])

Myron Breensing (Richard's father) - Leisure Homestead

Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) - Leisure Homestead

Laura Wyatt—Kenwood Plaza

Vic & Phyllis Staub - Kenwood Plaza

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