

reconciliation with God found in Jesus. As Christianity gained a foothold in different communities, corrective instruction about life together as God's people was given to the Church in the Epistles. Often, apostles would send these messages to, or through, evangelists who stayed in the Christian communities for prolonged periods of time.

A method of caring for God's people was also a continuation of an earlier Jewish tradition by recognizing those who could shepherd the group. Using different descriptions which highlighted different aspects of the task, elders (older and trusted) and pastors (care and feeding) were instructed to shepherd (guard and protect) the flock (church) of God. These men were to be appointed by these local ministers or evangelists for the wellbeing of God's family who lived in a specific city or region.

Spiritually mature men, shepherds were characterized by the qualities mentioned in two different, overlapping lists preserved for us in the writings to Timothy and Titus. While the lists differ in some details, the concept is very clear; shepherds were to be mature men who demonstrated their faithful care to others through the way they treated their families and the way they lived around others.

*Grace and peace,*

*Carl*

*Where belonging to God means belonging to each other*

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## *Flying to the Rock*

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**February 5, 2017**

In the beginning days of Christianity we trace through Scripture the transition from a group primarily composed of Jewish followers of Jesus to a group mixed of races throughout the known world. Central to their understanding of God was what we describe as the Old Testament, which they now understood through the teachings of Jesus. Some of the earliest Christian writings, inspired by God, were some of the Gospels, a telling of the story of the life of Jesus.

Due to the origins of Christianity being from Jewish Scripture, the lifestyle of the earliest Christians mimicked a Hebrew style. The Rabbis of Judaism became a model for the apostles and earliest evangelists of Christianity as they moved from location to location proclaiming the message of a new hope through

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

## WORSHIP ORDER FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2017

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker  
GATHERING SONG: No. 155—Highest Place  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 15 (Steve Potter)  
SONGS: No. 517—Heaven Came Down  
No. 4—To God Be the Glory (vs 1, 3)  
No. 291—The Great Physician  
No. 764—Teach Me Lord to Wait  
PRAYER: Garland Mansel  
SONG: No. 287—There Is a Redeemer  
COMMUNION: Jerry Kinnamon  
Chris Mansel  
Orrin Feril  
Clint Kinnamon  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril  
SONG: No. 864—Where the Gates Swing Outward Never  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 948—I Am Resolved (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Terry Sallee

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## WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship and invite you to come again! Please stay for our potluck lunch.

## WEDNESDAY GATHERINGS

- Adult Bible Class here at 7:30 pm
- Youth Group at 7:30 pm at Carl's house

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Garland Mansel—Feb 6

## WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD

Ladies—It is time to register for the upcoming Women Walking with God conference if you want to get the early-bird price of \$63. The deadline has been extended for the discount to February 15th. After that, the price goes up to \$68.

Reimbursement for the conference fee and one night motel room is available for any of our ladies—please contact Richard. See more information on the website: <https://womenwalkingwithgod.org>

## A SPECIAL TIME

During services today, our elders will acknowledge additional responsibilities for the following men as they serve the church family here at St John:

- Tom Turner—shepherd
- Chris Mansel—deacon
- Orrin Feril—deacon

Your support and prayers are needed and appreciated as they serve in these roles.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Brent Monroe** (Marilyn's great grandson) - being treated for a serious infection  
**Marilyn Thornburg's grandson, Timothy**—now home from the hospital, but not feeling well  
**Betty Chlumsky's son, Mike**—recent pneumonia  
**Glennys Sallabedra** (Tom's mother) - cancer; taking chemo & radiation  
**Rod & Cris Seidel in Pratt** (friends of Richard & Shelly) - as Cris is treated for her cancer  
**Jonathan Batten**—ongoing cancer treatment  
**Greg Barlage** (Baylee Sizemore's cousin, who lives in Wellesley, MA) diagnosed with Leukemia  
**Alex Garcia** (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) - improving health  
**Ty Hewitt** (Baylee Sizemore's cousin) - leukemia  
**Annie Kent** (Lupe Hudson's niece) - cancer  
**David Ivy** (Marilyn's brother) and his wife, Kathy  
**Marilyn Sprawka** (Don Rukan's sister) - cancer  
**Jenny Walker** (Carol's sister)  
**Sharon Goode Ames**—lung cancer  
**Roger Dick**—ongoing cancer treatments  
**Theo Birkett** (Tara's mother)  
**Jim Soukup** (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])  
**Bonnie Guthrie** (Kay's mother) – on Hospice Care at Leisure Homestead in Stafford  
**Myron Brensing** (Richard's father) – Leisure Homestead in Stafford  
**June Cornwell**—Kenwood Plaza  
**Vic Staub**—Kenwood Plaza  
**Phyllis Staub**—on Hospice Care at Kenwood Plaza  
**Laura Wyatt**—on Hospice Care at Kenwood Plaza

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