

impressions of entering a bank that had “refrigerated air” which was unheard of to me. Perhaps how bright the Texas sun was, then how dark the stores seemed with the “venetian blinds” on the windows, keeping the sun at bay. Or my favorite memory was the grandeur of “live oak” trees with their majestic canopy dwarfing the mesquite trees that were so much more common.

As I read the differing accounts in Scripture of the life of Jesus I am reminded of these different lenses. The story, entirely true and inspired of God, was related for differing purposes. Luke writes to inform his friend about Jesus, but his physician’s eye for detail relates things that others omit, like the man with the withered “right” hand. He uses terminology that was medical for binding or under girding a ship. Matthew, writing to Christians with a Jewish background, uses the most Old Testament references. Mark checks his information from “eye witnesses” since he was a younger late comer, not having traveled with Jesus. John, writing after the death of many of the apostles, reveals the names of those who did things that might have put them in jeopardy with officials were they still alive.

What is written, with differing nuances and focal points, changed the course of history. Each retelling becomes sweeter.

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 12, 2017

I speak to one of my aunts about once per week, usually as I take Jayce to his fiddle lesson. He overhears the stories of my youth as my aunt and I reflect back on that time when I was very young. My earliest memories are of a little goat/cattle ranch outside of Sidney, TX. It was there I was allowed to spread my wings and explore all manner of life.

The stories, as my aunt and I relate them, differ in small details. Part of that may be due to the passage of time, part perhaps due to the different perspectives between a preschool child and his much older and sophisticated high school aged aunt.

As I’ve retold the stories, refreshing them in my mind, it is often done to illustrate a point, a lesson learned early in life. Sometimes, not much more than the

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, Terry Sallee,
George Shelton, Tom Turner
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril
TREASURER: Richard Brensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2017

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
GATHERING SONG: No. 103—He Has Made Me Glad
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (Kolton)
SONGS: No. 448—The Greatest Commands
No. 76—How Great Thou Art (vs 1, 3)
No. 121—Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing (vs 1, 3)
No. 797—Lord, We Come Before Thee Now
PRAYER: Chris Mansel
SONG: No. 324—Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?
COMMUNION: Tom Turner
Ben Sizemore
Fred Johnson
Ned Marks
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 959—Just a Little Talk with Jesus
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 907—Hark, the Gentle Voice (vs 1)
PRAYER: Joe Cornwell

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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.

WEDNESDAY GATHERINGS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Phillip Koelsch—Feb 17
Hannah Sallee—Feb 18
Loyd Ratts—Feb 18 (102 yrs old!)

WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD

Ladies—Registration is open for the upcoming Women Walking with God conference on April 22 in Wichita. The cost is \$68 per person and includes lunch.

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>

CHANGES

Last week we acknowledged additional responsibilities for **Tom Turner** as an elder, and **Chris Mansel & Orrin Feril** as deacons for our church family. It was also announced that **Loyd Ratts** has retired as an elder, after serving for many years. **Jon & Vicky Mansel** are transitioning to live in Manhattan, KS and so Jon is no longer serving as a deacon. We express our appreciation to both Loyd and Jon for their years of service. Your support and prayers are appreciated for all of these men.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Micaela Garcia (Alex's mother; neighbor of Stan & Orvaley) diagnosed last week with breast cancer and requests our prayers

Brent Monroe (Marilyn's great grandson) - being treated for a serious infection

Marilyn Thornburg's grandson, Timothy—health concerns

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 & Orvaley) - 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 Rujan'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

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