

seldom heard is a powerful opportunity. Paul, while in prison with an opportunity to speak of God in a hostile environment, requests prayers and offers advice to the Christians he writes in Colossians 4.

Be wise in the way you act toward those who are outside the Christian faith. Make the most of your opportunities. Everything you say should be kind and well thought out so what you know how to answer everyone.

Wise words for all of us. We have to give consideration to how we address difficult topics. We need to restudy how Jesus dealt with potentially conflictual encounters during his ministry. The woman at the well in John 4 acknowledges that Jesus was breaking some cultural taboos in speaking with her. When being “set up” in John 8 by those who brought the “woman taken in adultery”, Jesus shows great compassion toward her while speaking words that cause introspection in the rock throwers. The insensitivity of the disciples toward the man born blind in John 9, more interested in a theological point about origins of sin than the plight of the man before them, makes me rejoice at the words and actions of Jesus.

There are important lessons there for us.

*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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September 24, 2017

Today, right after church, I leave for Black River Falls, WI. I’ve never been to Wisconsin, but I was asked to speak about a couple of difficult concerns. My topic is Ministry in an Age of Gender Confusion and I have a couple of hours to help others navigate through difficult waters.

How we represent Jesus is a big focus for me. I find myself thinking of it more and more. I recognize that when we take on the task of leading, or involvement in public settings, or the responsibilities of a license or even a presence on social media, there are implications to our conversations.

The effort to speak the words of God into situations where God’s voice is

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

WORSHIP ORDER FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
GATHERING SONG: No. 155—Highest Place
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 15:1-5 (Zach Marks)
SONGS: No. 576—Honor Medley
-No. 577—We Bow Down
-No. 578—We Will Glorify (vs 1, 2, 4)
-No. 579—Praise the Name of Jesus
No. 484—You Are My All in All
No. 448—The Greatest Commands
PRAYER: Garland Mansel
SONG: No. 315—When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
(vs 1 & 3)
COMMUNION: Tom Turner
Joe Cornwell
Richard Breensing
Ned Marks
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 535—The Glory-Land Way
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 948—I Am Resolved (vs 1)
PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon

AV System: Chase Mansel

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship and hope that you will come again!

Happy Birthday!

Devin Sizemore—Sep 24
Dena Mansel—Sep 27

COOKOUT!

You and your family are invited to a cookout at **Chet & Marla's** on Saturday, September 30th, at noon. Bring a side dish and a lawn chair. We look forward to seeing you! (In case of rain, there will be tables & chairs set up inside the shop.)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS

Beginning Wednesday, October 4th, there will be a new young couple's/parent's class at Carl & Janet's home at 7:00 pm. Childcare will be provided here at the church building. Parents can drop their kids off at church at 7:00 pm and the class at the Feril's will end at 7:45 pm, in time to pick up kids and get them home before it gets too late.

65th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

You are invited to help **John & Sandy Brock** celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Friday, October 6th, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the following address: 2704 Derenda Drive, Hutchinson, KS. John was one of the elders at the Stafford Church of Christ for many years, before retiring and moving to Hutchinson.

FOR THE LADIES

The Garden City Church of Christ is hosting a Christian Women's Conference on Saturday, October 7, 2017. This is a free event, but you are asked to register by Oct 2nd. See flyer posted.

AREA WIDE SINGING

The Pratt Church of Christ invites you to an area wide singing on Sunday, October 8. Singing will begin at 6:00 pm. A soup/chili supper will begin at 7:30 pm. See flyer posted

Church website: www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Stan Aldrich—as he undergoes testing in Denver for his respiratory issues
Marilyn Thornburg—scheduled for surgery in Great Bend on Tuesday, October 3rd
David Ivy (Marilyn's brother, in Washington) - Emphysema, on oxygen and has difficulty breathing
Dena Mansel—not feeling well
Landon Neidig (Teddy & Carol's great-grandson) - recent heart surgery
Jonathan Stiggins (nephew of Gayle Byers' friend, Karla) he is 29 yrs old, has cystic fibrosis
Jim Sorensen (Tara's brother-in-law) brain cancer
Larry Carter (Gary's friend in Missouri)
Micaela Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) cancer
Rod & Cris Seidel in Pratt (friends of Richard/Shelly) - cancer
Alex Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee)
Annie Kent (Lupe Hudson's niece) - cancer
Marilyn Sprawka (Don Rukan's sister) - cancer
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])
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) – Stafford Leisure Home
June Cornwell—Kenwood Plaza
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - Stafford Leisure Homestead

The Serrano's—two more earthquakes hit Mexico last week; they request prayers for all the families affected

We extend our sympathy to **Baylee Sizemore** on the passing of her cousin, **Ty**, last Sunday in Oklahoma.

AREA WIDE WORSHIP

We are invited to an area wide worship on Sunday, October 22, from 5:00—6:30 pm at the Valley Center High School Auditorium. Childcare will be provided. Non-perishable food donations will also be collected that evening for Carpenter Place. See flyer posted.