

# St John Church of Christ

February 2, 2020

## Order of Worship

Worship Leader: Richard

Gathering Song: No. 103 He  
Has Made Me Glad

Welcome: Tom

Scripture Reading: Jayce and  
Orrin

Matthew 5:1-12

### Songs

No. 611 Heavenly Sunlight

No. 587 Sing and Be Happy

No. 539 Higher Ground (1&4  
verses)

No. 484 You Are My All in All

No. 766 Open Our Eyes, Lord

Prayer: Jerry

Song No. 383 Jesus, Keep Me  
Near the Cross

Communion: John

assisted by

Chris, Fred, Stan

Song: No. 613 Hold to God's  
Unchanging Hand  
(1&3 verses)

Lesson: Andrew, Peter's Little  
Brother

John 6

Song No. 904 Have You Been  
to Jesus? (1st verse)

Prayer: Terry

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# FBPO

Tom always seemed to have a twinkle in his eye. It was the time in the church office for that delicate task of publishing the membership directory. Of course, each year new families move in, old families move on and, well, some people you're just not sure about. So, Tom and the secretary were sorting out the list. As Tom dictated the names, he would say something like, "Jones - check. Smith - check. Brown - FBPO."

Finally, the secretary interrupted and asked, "Brown FBPO?"

Tom looked up and grinned. "We haven't seen them in so long; they are members of this congregation 'For Burial Purposes Only.'"

Ouch! But I remember calling a couple that hadn't attended in two years and asking if they still wanted to be included in the directory? Horrified, he exclaimed, "Of course! We'll be back just as

soon as the bowling league is finished!" FBPO.

So, what is "membership"? You will search in vain for the term in the New Testament. The Bible says, "And the Lord added daily to their number those who were being saved," Acts 2:47. In other words, the Canyon View congregation doesn't decide who is a member and who isn't. It's the Lord's Church, and He decides who is and isn't a member. The famous actor W.C. Fields was in the hospital and started looking through a Bible that had been placed beside his bed. His wife came in and was shocked. "What are you doing, W. C.? I didn't think you believed in such things!"

"I'm looking for loopholes, my dear."

Lest you are tempted to think having your name in the church directory is the same as having it

in the Lamb's Book of Life, they're not the same. There are no loopholes!

"So, what must I do to become a Christian/member?" Like the answer to so many questions, the answer is, "It depends." For example, if you were riding the trolley and asked someone, "How far is Old Town station?" The answer would depend on where you were when you asked the question. Let's find out where you are.

Do you believe? Not just an intellectual assent, but do you truly trust God?

Are you sorry? A true Christian has repented of the selfish rebellion against God called "sin."

Are you willing to say so? A Christian will publicly confess both their sin and their faith in Jesus.

Have you been baptized? Baptism, complete immersion in water as an adult, represents the death of the old selfish life and is described as the "new birth."

At that point, the Bible says the Lord adds you to His Church.

"So, what's after that?"

That's just the beginning of a grand adventure! From that day forward, we are being transformed, becoming more and more like our older brother Jesus – unless you are a member, FBPO.



## News and Notes

### Intergenerational Ladies' Day

"A Cord of Three" is the topic of the Eastwood Church of Christ's Ladies' Day, Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Elaine Denman, a prior *Women Walking with God* keynote speaker, will be featured and lunch is provided. Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. and the program ends at 2:00 P.M. Lunch is provided. Please RSVP (620) 960-5214 or hillary.carden@gmail.com. The address is 2500 N. Plum, Hutchinson.

### SPECIAL OFFERING TODAY

"Let's Start Talking" has proven to be a very effective means of sharing the Gospel. The program uses a simplified version of the book of Luke to teach English to people who are trying to learn our language. It not only helps them learn English, it focuses the conversation on spiritual matters. They learn the story of Jesus.

This morning we are raising funds to help Luke Alpers teach this summer in Thailand.

### Ladies' Bible Class Next Monday

Ladies' don't forget: your next Bible class will be a week from tomorrow night, Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M., in the Fellowship Hall.

### For Your Prayers

Sometimes we think about prayer as simply making our needs known to God. That's true, but there is so much more to prayer; for example, saying "Thank you!"

Let's make a special effort this week to show an "attitude of gratitude." What are you thankful for?

## More About Us

### Meeting Times

- **Sundays**
  - ◇ Leisure Homestead 9:30 A.M.
  - ◇ Bible Study for All Ages 10:00 A.M.
  - ◇ Worship 11:00 A.M.
- **Wednesdays**
  - ◇ Community Bible Study 2:00 P.M.
  - ◇ Dinner & Devo 6:30 P.M.
  - ◇ Bible Classes 7:15 P.M.
- **Every Other Monday**
  - ◇ Ladies' Bible Class 7:00 P.M.