

# St John Church of Christ

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## No News Ain't Good News

**ONLINE**



Our new online Adult Bible Study continues this morning at 10:30. It's based on John McKeel's recent book, *Peter the Friend of Jesus Speaks*. Our programs are available over the internet starting Sundays at 10:30 for Adult Class and 11:00 for Worship. Just visit

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Sometimes it's true, "No news is good news." Parents worry about their children taking their first road trip. "Why haven't they called?" they frantically ask, but, especially with kids, "No news is good news." However, "No news is good news" isn't always true.

"Gospel" literally means "Good News," but many Christians are afraid to say anything. Sometimes the desire to be "polite" keeps us from talking about religion or politics with our friends. At other times, fear keeps us quiet. We might be afraid of saying the wrong thing, or of not being able to answer a question, or afraid of seeming "holier than thou," or being branded as a "Bible thumper," but "No news ain't good news" when it concerns the Gospel.

Some people might not talk about the Good News because it really doesn't seem all that great. Interest-

ing perhaps, but not all that relevant. How sad! Can you imagine a young man who became a father over the weekend and then not telling a soul about it at the office on Monday? Can you imagine a bride not beaming or an Olympian not wearing his gold medal?

So, what is so great about the Good News? Here are three simple points I share with people. First, we aren't alone. There is a God, and better yet, He cares about you individually! Someone once observed, "God must love a good story because He created people." God is intensely interested in your story!

Two, we found the solution. It's as if we just opened a box of parts and scattered them across the floor in a hopeless tumble. You look through all the pieces, bolts, nuts, wires and widgets, but there are no instructions

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– not even a picture of the finished product. Just when we are ready to throw our hands up in despair, there is a knock at the door, and in walks the factory representative with the plans and a screwdriver! “Let me help,” he says. That’s good news!

Third, and this may be the most important point, the Good News is Great News because it is a message of hope. Christians have no more fear of death than you do of laying your head down on your pillow at night. Our hope isn’t based on wishful thinking or someone’s dream. It is based on an empty tomb and the promise of LIFE – now and forever.

God is real. He cares and we have hope. Now that’s Good News – but Good News isn’t Good News unless it is shared!



## What’s Mine

There is an old Jewish saying, “What is Mine is Thine.”

What is mine is mine and what is thine is thine—this person is average.

What is mine is thine and what is thine is mine—this person is ignorant.

What is thine is mine and what is mine is mine—this person is wicked.

What is mine is thine and what is thine is thine – this person is a saint.



## News & Prayer Requests

We’ve been praying constantly for the Turner family in Great Bend. Her father, John, sent us this report:

Maren is hanging in there. She seems to be feeling pretty good the last few days and her nausea has improved. Her doctor’s appointment yesterday revealed that her counts are really low again. She still has this lingering virus, which is the most likely culprit. She cannot beat it on her own so we’re hopeful the transfusion that she had last week will begin to work in around a week; it takes some time to make a difference. Once the virus is ousted, her counts should begin to come up again.

We’re also working on increasing her food intake by mouth and feeding tube, little by little. This is so we can move away from nutrition via central line/IV and make it possible to remove that line, making bacterial infections less of a concern.

We feel like we’re stuck at the moment. The virus has almost slowed Maren’s recovery down to a standstill and Maren takes a lot of supervision and maintenance. She still makes us smile everyday and her legs are getting stronger. We’ve been doing kindergarten lessons with Liesl and she’s hanging in there too.

Thank you for all the support. God is good



The corona virus continues to spread in Stafford county. These are dangerous times and we need to continue to pray for our healthcare professionals, those in assisted living facilities, and our schools.

Meanwhile, John’s friend Paul in Washington State, and Stan’s friend Curtis in Pratt are both dealing with pancreatic cancer and have earnestly desired our prayers.

## Wise Words

“Do not pray for easy lives,” said Phillips Brooks. “Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks.”

Do you have news or a prayer request to share? Call John McKeel at 619-313-7997 or email him: [John@JohnMcKeel.com](mailto:John@JohnMcKeel.com). The deadline is Wednesday.