

January 31, 2021

Premiers
Sunday at 11:00

We're BACK!

Starting the **first Sunday in February**, we will resume meeting in our beautiful building! Join us for Bible Class at 10:00 followed by worship at 10:45.

Meanwhile, **this Sunday, we will continue to meet online.** Adult Bible Class is at 10:30 and worship follows online at 11:00 Just visit

www.StJohnChurchOfChrist.org

and select “Sermons” from the menubar at the top, or click [this link](#) to visit our page on YouTube:

St. John Church of Christ



Changing Times

I can't keep up with it all: MP3s, JPEGs, and Memory sticks. Do you remember vinyl records? You know those big, round things that look like black CDs? Oh, that's right CDs are now DVDs or are they, Blue Ray? The conversation goes on: Beta, VHS, cassettes, and Eight Track. Paper tape became punch cards, the magnetic tape drives, hard drives, floppy drives, and the cloud. It seems the one constant is change!

The other day I was pulling into our parking lot, and I noticed Epiphra riding up Highway 281 on his donkey. Frankly, I thought he looked pretty good for a two-thousand-year-old man. He waved at me, and I rolled down the window. "I'm looking for the Church," he said.

“Well, you’re in luck,” I told him. With a sweeping gesture, I pointed to the building and said, “That’s the church over there.”

“But that’s a building,” he said.

“Oh, of course,” I blushed, “that’s the church BUILDING. It’s where the Church meets. Would you like to come in?”

“Yes, thank you. It’s been a long ride from Colossae.”



We walked in, and I showed Epaphras our facility. “What are those?” he asked.

“That’s the pulpit, and that’s where we sit during services. You know, when the communion trays are passed.”

“The what?”

“You know the communion trays.”

He looked at me with a blank stare, so I changed the subject. “We’re pretty modern here. I’m sure there have been a lot of changes in the last two millennia. Why we even use PowerPoint slides for our song service!”

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Another blank look.

“Perhaps you would like to walk over to my office and have a soda. I’ll just put your donkey in the side yard.”

Poor Epiphras looked so bewildered until we sat down in my study. I took out a directory, and we began to talk about the members. Epiphras revived. His face lit up as we shared stories about the people and how the Gospel changed their lives. That’s when we discovered some things never change! It’s always been and always will be about the people and God’s unchanging love.



It's Been a Chilly Week!



News & Prayer Requests

Chrissy, Marla and Chet’s son-in-law’s mother, has just been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. It is in her bones and there is a spot at the bottom of her lung. She broke her hip recently, so they are not able to do more extensive tests until she completed rehab. This sad news has effected the whole family, and they are asking for our prayers.

We’ve been praying for little Maren in Great Bend. John sends us this report:

Maren had a good doctor’s appointment yesterday. Her counts are way up. ANC is over 4000, which is great! Her lymphocytes are over 1000 for the first time. The rest of her chemistries and labs looked good.

We do not have an update yet on the one cell line that was trending down. I will update upon getting those results.

Also, they are giving us a break next week - we won’t have to make the trip to KC. It will be the first time in a long time that we will not be in KC for a two week span. We will simply draw Maren’s blood ourselves (not too difficult since she has a central line) next week and send her blood to KC for examination.

In addition, keep Alicia’s step-mom’s mom, Esther, in your prayers. She suffered a stroke on Sunday and is in rehab. Alicia’s step-mom has lost her dad and husband recently, so please keep her (Susan Stauch) in your prayers as well.



I’ve attached a few updated pics too.

God is good,

John

Please continue to pray for John’s friend Paul and his wife Bernice, as Paul battles cancer in Washington state.

Brenda and Kim Staub were longtime members here before moving to work at a Christian boys’ school/camp. Brenda can no longer care for Kim and together they decided to admit him into a care facility.

Let’s continue to pray for Curtis in Pratt as he wrestles with cancer.

Don’t forget to pray for little Emersyn, the daughter of Billy and Brianna Milton of Hudson.

We want to continue to pray for our leaders as a new administration begins work in Washington, D.C.