

St John Church of Christ

March 14, 2021

Worship
Service

Premiers
Sunday at 11:00



Welcome to Worship!

We're glad you're here with us!
We've been in quarantine for
so long, it's good to be back.

Our Adult Bible Class is still
being shared online at 10:30.
Just visit

www.StJohnChurchOfChrist.org

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menubar at the top, or click
this link to visit our page on
YouTube:

[St. John Church of Christ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)



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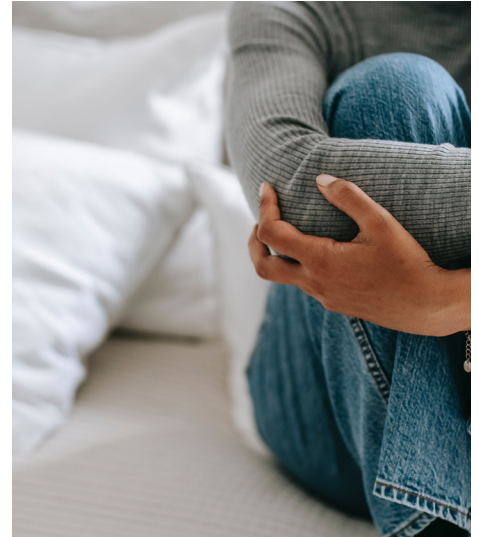
My grandkids have introduced me to the cartoon series, Phineas and Ferb. It's about how they spend their "104 days of summer vacation." They are always inventing and building things and having fantastic adventures. Those two are never bored.

Wouldn't it be great if life was like that – never boring – but we can't always have mountain top experiences and, thankfully, we don't always live in dark valleys. Sometimes life is boring: "same ol', same ol'" and sometimes our faith goes through "dry places." Bible study becomes meaningless and prayers are repetitious. We find ourselves just going through the motions.

I wonder if, in the days before his public ministry, John the Baptist ever got bored in the desert? Did his diet of locusts and wild honey ever seem stale? Did he get tired of looking at sand, rocks and scrub brush? If he did, what advice would you give him?

"Just be faithful Brother Baptist! Keep on keepin' on." But we are not called to stagnation and "faithfulness" can even become a way of rationalizing complacency or outright negligence.

Someone else might encourage John the Baptist to, "Keep growing!" That isn't necessarily biblical advice. It sounds like



something Oprah or Dear Abby would suggest and what if you lack the motivation to do even that?

"Persevere!" Our preacher keeps talking about Christians persevering. Winston Churchill said, "Never, never, never, never, never, never, never give up!" And while the Bible does call for perseverance, it doesn't allow for hollow perseverance. Paul told the Romans, "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord," (Romans 12:11).

I think John the Baptist understood the need to maintain an internal faithfulness. We need a sense of duty and a sense of passion. That sense of passion comes from seeing faith at work. That means spending time with our brothers and sisters, sharing our passion and our energy. When I see the Spirit at work in others, I am more likely to sense His presence in my own life.

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And finally, what is the difference between sitting at home on the couch - bored - and standing in line for an hour at Disneyland? Anticipation! So, what are we waiting for? The Lord is coming and that is exciting!



Something to Think About

Individuals must maintain personal disciplines and remain open to the Spirit of Christ. An old legend illustrates Paul's approach in Colossians. With the sweetness of their songs, the sirens lured many sailors onto the rocky shores of their islands. Many had met their death there. Ulysses responded by putting wax in the ears of his men and having himself tied to the mast. Orpheus used a better method. He raised his voice in even louder song, praising his gods with charm that excelled the sirens' charms.

News & Prayer Requests

Lisa will be flying to Houston later this month for knee surgery. Orvalee is having knee surgery the 22nd, and Marilyn is recovering from her knee surgery.

are receiving good reports on the progress of both little girls.

Please encourage Kim and Brenda Staub with cards and prayers. Their addresses are:

Please pray for Deborah in Kansas City. In addition to wrestling with MS, she has just been diagnosed with cancer. Please continue to pray for Paul as he battles cancer in Washington state, and let's continue to pray for Curtis in Pratt as he wrestles with cancer.

Kim Staub in assisted living at:
Meadowlark Hills
Sloan House10 A
2121 Meadowlark Rd.
Manhattan Ks 66502

Don't forget to continue to pray for little Emersyn, the daughter of Billy and Brianna Milton of Hudson and for Mauren the daughter of the Turner's in Great Bend. We

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A Place for Pictures

