

St John Church of Christ

April 4, 2021

Worship
Service

Premiers
Sunday at 11:00

Welcome to Worship!

We're glad you're here. Bible classes begin at 10:00. For kids, the Pete & Penelope, our children's puppet program is followed by songs and classes.

Our Bible is the most amazing book of all time. Although it was written by dozens of people over a period of 1,600 years, we believe the Author is God. Adults, join us in the auditorium, for a new, six-week series, which explains "How We Got the Bible." This week, John presents a "Bible Book Report."

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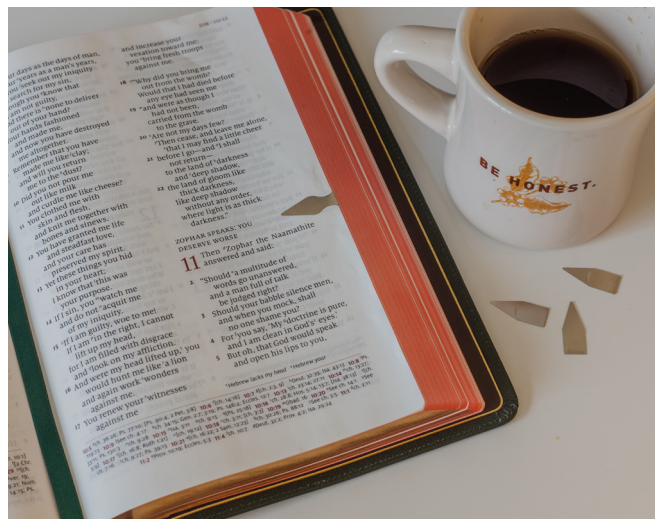
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www.StJohnChurchOfChrist.org

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Honest to God



that matter) and it's true in prayer. A man came home drunk one night. He staggered into the house and his sweet wife helped him into bed. As she pulled the covers up and kissed his head, she asked, "Charles, would you like me to say a prayer?"

In his drunken stupor, he mumbled

Preachers point out how hymns often make liars out of us ("Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold ..."). Maybe we can excuse that as poetic license or just stating our good intentions. On the other hand, people are often dishonest in prayer: "Thank you for the wonderful day" but inside it didn't feel all that wonderful.

Perhaps we do the same thing in prayer. How can we be dishonest in prayer? It's human nature to think some matters are too trivial to pray about. "The Creator of the Universe isn't interested in my frustrations with the phone company." That's not true. God has invited us to share our whole life with Him. He is interested in our growth and that requires transparency on our part.

Likewise, there are some things we'd rather not talk about. That's true in marriage (or any relationship for

something she took to be a "Yes" and so she began, "Heavenly Father, please forgive my drunken husband..." The startled man opened his eyes and objected, "Don't tell him I'm drunk! Tell him I'm sick!"

There are also times when we are angry with God, but we are afraid to admit it. "Why did this have to happen to me?" Still we say our prayers and pretend everything is fine. Job had the courage (or the maturity) to ask the tough questions. He was honest with God and we call Job blessed.

The point of all this is growth. Before we can be honest with God, we must be honest with ourselves, and so the discipline of prayer calls us into a totally transparent relationship. It calls us to be honest to God.



News & Prayer Requests

We have had a number of knee surgeries among our members this month. Marilyn, Lisa, and Orvalee continue to recover from their surgeries.

Gayle is continuing to have bleeding problems and has been in the hospital in Pratt. Please pray that the doctors can find the source of her blood loss.

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.

Please begin praying about VBS and Silver Maple Bible Camp programs coming this coming summer.



Even though we have resumed meeting in our building, we are continuing to broadcast our services over the internet. In addition to our shut-ins, Christians overseas and our military members are joining us from far away. Here Daniel, Allie, and little Nora, a Navy family, regularly worship with us.



Key Dates

- **Vacation Bible School**
 - April 21 VBS Planning
 - April 28 Work Night
 - May 5 Work Night
 - May 12 Work Night
 - May 19 Work Night
 - May 26 Work Night
- **Saturday June 5 One-Day Vacation Bible School!**
- **Silver Maple Bible Camp**
 - April 24 Work Day

- **Congregational Birthday Party!**
 - May 23, Potluck and Party after morning services
- **CORE Dinner**
 - May 24, Monday Night

Something to Think About

Sadly, a ship sank and only one sailor survived. He found himself alone on a desert island. Five years later, he was discovered by a passing naval ship. Upon their arrival at the shore, the rescue party was met by the shipwreck survivor.

He said, "I'm so glad you're here! I've been alone on this island for more than five years!" The captain asked, "If you're all alone on the island why do I see three huts?" The survivor said, "Oh. Well, I live in one, and go to church in one."

"And what about the third hut?" asked the captain. The survivor said, "Oh, that's the church I used to go to, but I don't go to that church anymore."

