## St John Church of Christ August 8, 2021



# Welcome to Worship!

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

How much do you know about the Holy Spirit? For most people, the Spirit seems mysterious and, perhaps, a little frightening, but this is the Age of the Spirit! Join us for Bible Class at 10:00 and learn to appreciate the Spirit of God. Worship follows at 11:00.

If you are unable to be with us in person, our worship is shared through our website:

www.StJohnChurchOfChrist.org

Simply select "Sermons" from the menubar at the top, or click this link to visit our page on YouTube:

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#### Back to School



all is fast approaching and it's almost time to go back to school. For some parents, it truly is the "most wonderful time of the year," but for many it's a time filled with angst.

Who can forget that first day of school? For parents, it's a moment of pride and of pain: pride that your little one is growing up strong and fine – pain because your little one isn't quite as little any more. For kids, it's a step into the great unknown: unknown teachers, unknown friends, and unknown routines. Will I fit in or will the other children make fun of me? My familiar world is being turned upside down!

The former president of Abilene

Christian University, John Stephens, told a story about a concerned mother who visited his office one fall just before classes began. She was concerned about her only son. "Now President Stephens, I want you to take a special interest in my baby boy. He comes from a small town. Honestly, he's lived a pretty sheltered life."

The president smiled warmly and started to say something soothing, but she continued as tears of worry began to well up in her eyes. "This is his first time away from home – except for those four years in the Marine Corps."

So why do we worry? – Because

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we love our children and don't want anything bad to happen to them. Why do we let them go? Because we love them and we want our children to grow up strong and brave.

Think about it for just a moment. Our experience with our children can help us understand a little more about our heavenly Father. He loves us and doesn't want anything bad to happen to His children either. But, if that is the case, why does He let us go? For the very same reason: He loves us and wants to see us grow up strong and brave.

#### **News & Prayer Requests**

Jerry had surgery on his eye this week and will be home recovering for the next week. Please keep him and Kay in your prayers.

Covid is back along with the Delta variant. According to the Stafford County Health Department (as of Wednesday), there were 15 active cases and 2 cases of the Delta variant. 61 people are under quarantine orders. Please be safe, get vaccinated, and pray for our community.

The end of summer is fast approaching. School will be starting soon, and many of our members are squeezing in last minute vacations. Let's pray for their safety and the safety of our children.!

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Our bulletin is read by hundreds of people around the world. Many of them haven't had a chance to visit our little town. Here are some pictures of our community.











