St John Church of Christ September 19, 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.

Join us this fall as we dig into the fascinating book of Revelation. Perhaps no other book of the Bible has been as abused at Revelation. Come learn how a better understanding of "apocalyptic literature" can open doors of insight into the last book of the Bible. Class begins at 10:00 A.M. with worship following at 11:00 A.M.

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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Walk, Run, Fly!

John McKeel



A powerful motivational preacher was addressing a congregation. This was a church notoriously frugal. It was packed with penny pinchers and tightwads. They weren't going anywhere, and he was doing his best to get them motivated. He looked around the crowd and exclaimed, "The church is like the lame man Jesus healed. It's got to get up and walk!"

The congregation agreed, shouting, "That's right! Let it walk!"

The preacher pulled out his handkerchief, mopped his brow, and shouted, "This church, like Elijah on Mt. Carmel, has got to run!" The people were with him and shouted in unison, "That's right! Let it run, preacher!"

Spurred by their enthusiasm, he lifted both hands high overhead and cried, "This church has got to mount up on eagle's wings and FLY!"

Amens were mixed with chants of "Let it fly! Let it fly!" But when the preacher exclaimed, "If it flies, it takes money!" the congregation settled down and mumbled, "Let it walk!"

As the Apostle Paul turns from talking about doctrine to dealing with the matter of duty in his letter to the

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Ephesians, he begins by encouraging us to walk in a worthy manner:

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph 4:1-3).

Why does he tell us to "walk" instead of standing firm, marching, running, or even flying? There is nothing exceptional about walking. It's a dayto-day activity, and perhaps that's his point.

Harvest

It's that time of year in Stafford County. We're hard at work reaping God's bounty!







Ladies' Retreat at Silver Maple

Friday, September 24 - Saturday, September 25, 2021 will be the dates for the annual Silver Maple Camp Ladies Retreat. Registration at the door begins at 4:30 p.m. Friday and supper will be served starting at 6:00 p.m. but the preferred and easy pre-registration and payments are online at silvermaplecamp.org.

This year's event is going to be fun, informative, and interactive! We can't wait for you to join us!

The cost is only \$50 (\$20 for Friday only - \$25 for Saturday only). RV hook-ups for an additional \$10.

There will be special missions and vendor tables set up for information and shopping. Shirts will also be available for purchase with the 2021 SMC Ladies Retreat theme.

Questions? call LeAnn Hodson at 620-842-2292.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

9/24: Devin Sizemore		
9/27: Dena Mansel		
10/3: Jakobe Gunter		
10/4: Don Hornbaker		
10/10: Adam and Cheyenne Anniversary		
10/10: Chris Mansel		
10/12: Teddy Gingrich		
10/20: Carol Gingrich		
10/22: Tara Kinnamon		
10/24: Shelly Brensing		
10/22: Teddy and Caro Anniversary		
Those Who Serve Today		

Song Leader	Richard
Communion	TBA
Announcements	Orrin
Closing Prayer	Jerry



Terry and Joy are continuing to recover from covid, but it is a long-haul. Please remember them in your prayers.

Leisure Homestead

Join us every Sunday morning at 9:30 for prayers, songs, and a devotional with the residents at the assisted living center