

# St John Church of Christ

October 10, 2021

Worship  
Service

Premiers  
Sunday at 11:00



## Sparrows at Discount Prices

## 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](http://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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Do you ever feel like no one cares about you? Perhaps you are tempted to think, if you dropped off the face of the earth, no one would notice. These feelings of worthlessness can be so depressing but if you are tempted to think that way, imagine the plight of the poor sparrow!

Visiting the Quivira Wildlife Refuge, Jan and I love to watch the birds. Pelicans who would seem more at home on the coast than in Kansas gracefully fly by in formation. Ducks of all varieties float on the water, along with geese and an endless variety of waterfowl. Catching the wind, a pair of awe-

some hawks soar by. We thrill to the variety of finches of every color that feed there. With all that endless variety and magnificence, we hardly even notice the tiny, common house sparrows that chirp and hop around us.

It was the same way in biblical times. Over 400 species of birds inhabit Palestine, and forty of them are mentioned in the Bible. Eagles, owls, vultures, doves, quail, seagulls, swan, even ostriches catch our attention, but the poor sparrow is hardly noticed. In those days, the little sparrow was considered a poor man's food.

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They sold them two for a penny (Matthew 10:29). However, if you read the parallel account in Luke, the “Beloved Physician” points out sparrows were so common they were sold at a discount. In Matthew, you could buy two for a penny, but in Luke, you could buy five for just a penny more (Luke 12:6)!

So, do you ever feel like your life, like that of the little sparrow, could be sold away at discounted prices? Then listen to Jesus:

“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows” (Matthew 10:29-31).

Don't despair. If God loves sparrows, surely, He loves you more!



## Prayer Requests

Gail's daughter, Tami has just been diagnosed with covid and is convalescing at home. The family has asked for prayers.

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

John's childhood friend, Paul is wrestlin'g with cancer. John has asked that we continue to remember Paul and his wife Bernice. It's hard to say good bye.



### 2021 Kansas Ministry Retreat

Zane Perkins is the featured keynote speaker for this year's men's retreat at Silver Maple Bible Camp, Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Zane is the Director of Advancement Relations at SIBI – the Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, Texas.

This year's program begins informally Sunday evening at 6 pm at the Pizza Hut in Kingman and then runs Monday and Tuesday at camp. The cost is only \$75. More information is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.



Silver Maple Bible Camp

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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 Brening

10/22: Teddy and Carol Anniversary

11/2: Shae Huffman

11/11: Don Rugan

11/13: Marilyn Thornburg

11/15: Terry Sallee

11/21: Lupe Hudson

11/21: Pam Turner

11/24: Lexi Marks

11/27: Craig and Kari Smith Anniversary

11/28: Joe and Lisa Cornwell Anniversary

### Those Who Serve Today

Song Leader.....Gary

Communion..... Stan

Announcements..... Tom

Closing Prayer..... Stan

Sound System..... Tom

### 3 - Minutes with God

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