

St John Church of Christ

March 6, 2022

Worship
Service

Premiers
Sunday at 11:00



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 in the Fellowship Hall.

Our new adult class begins in the auditorium this morning! John will be previewing the class he has been invited to teach in Singapore at the Sunset International Bible Institute (SIBI). Join us at 10:00 A.M. for class. Worship follows 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:

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

The Bible and the Alphabet



Singapore is a fascinating city. Did you know there are four official languages there (with English being the primary)? That means the signs you read in subways and public place are written in four languages: English, Chinese, Malay, and Hindi using three different alphabets. (English and Malay use Roman characters.)

Our alphabet is amazing. There are many different ways to communicate a thought. The simplest is with pictures. I noticed airports are littered with picto-

graphs. (Think about finding the men's room or the ladies' room.) Next came sonograms where a sound is represented by a picture. Think about children's games. Draw a picture of a bee, add a heart, and put the word "my" between them, and we have a message: "Be my valentine."

All of these are clever, but to truly communicate, we need an alphabet where symbols represent sounds. While I was in Korea, we had a discussion of whose alphabet was better: Korean or English?

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They both have 26 letters, but to read English; you need to know 104 symbols (upper case, lower case, cursive and printed.) Korean has 26 letters and only 26 symbols! I suppose we all need to learn Hangul to simplify things.

What does all this have to do with the Bible? Hebrews opens with:

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world, (Hebrews 1:1, 2).

Many of the prophets and apostles wrote down those revelations giving us the Bible. God's Word was originally written in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. That makes it important for us to study those languages to truly understand what the Lord was telling us.

On the other hand, the Hebrew writer continues:

[Christ] is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, (v. 3).

While letters and words represent the revelation of God, it was the Son who is the true alphabet, "imprint," of God's nature.



Key Dates

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 3/11: Orvalee Aldrich
- 3/12: Meagan Feril
- 3/13: Misty Blakeslee Rudy
- 3/13: Gary Hornbaker
- 3/15: Joe Cornwell
- 3/16: Adam Holmes
- 3/20: Angel Johnson
- 3/20: Mara Feril
- 3/25: Lory Willinger
- 3/25: Kay Kinnamon

Prayer Requests

Marilyn is still struggling after her recent hospital visit.

Don't forget our homebound members:

- Dena
- Don Rugan
- George and Shirley

Potluck Today!

Everyone is invited to stay for our monthly lunch today. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately after services

Parent and Youth Conference

Eastwood Church of Christ
Hutchinson, KS

Shaping the...

Parenting Seminar
March 13-14, 2022

Sunday morning Bible Class
Sunday at 6:00-8:00 pm
Monday at 6:00-8:00 pm



Speakers:
Zane & Tae Perkins

CLASS!

Leading in the...

Youth Leadership
Saturday, March 12, 2022
1:00-5:00 pm