

St John Church of Christ

Bulletin

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From The Elders at the St. John Church of Christ

Hello and hope your week is going well. After Carl's sermon on Sunday the 17th, I read Romans 6:1-23 in the Message paraphrase of the Bible. It speaks in my kind of language. I thought it would be very helpful for everyone to read, as a review, and to meditate on.

ROMANS 6

WHAT IS TRUE FREEDOM?

15-18 So, since we're out from under the old tyranny, does that mean we can live any old way we want? Since we're free in the freedom of God, can we do anything that comes to mind? Hardly. You know well enough from your own experience that there are some acts of so-called freedom that destroy freedom. Offer yourselves to sin, for instance, and it's your last free act. But offer yourselves to the ways of God and the freedom never quits. All your lives you've let sin tell you what to do. But thank God you've started listening to a new master, one whose commands set you free to live openly in *his* freedom!

19 I'm using this freedom language because it's easy to picture. You can readily recall, can't you, how at one time the more you did just what you felt like doing—not caring about others, not caring about God—the worse your life became and the less freedom you had? And how much different is it now as you live in God's freedom, your lives healed and expansive in holiness?

20-21 As long as you did what you felt like doing, ignoring God, you didn't have to bother with right thinking or right living, or right *anything* for that matter. But do you call that a free life? What did you get out of it? Nothing you're proud of now. Where did it get you? A dead end.

22-23 But now that you've found you don't have to listen to sin tell you what to do, and have discovered the delight of listening to God telling you, what a surprise! A whole, healed, put-together life right now, with more and more of life on the way! Work hard for sin your whole life and your pension is death. But God's gift is *real life*, eternal life, delivered by Jesus, our Master.

May you feel God's presence as you travel through this week.

In Our Prayers

Jerry & Kay Kinnamon
Marilyn Thornburgh
Carol Gingrich
Dena Mansel
Don Rugan
George & Shirley Shelton
Gayle Byer
McKeel Family

Upcoming Events

Vacation Bible School [June 4]

Come join “God’s Team - Champions with Heart”!
Contact Orrin or Meagan to find out how you can help make it a success again this year!

We’ll meet Wednesday May 4 at 6:30 pm to begin preparations. Come lend a hand!

Silver Maple Camp [4 Sessions]

Registration for summer youth camps at Silver Maple Camp are now open!

Early Session - Ages 9-18 [June 5-11]
Day Camp - Ages 7-9 [July 12] 9:30-4:00
Day Camp - Ages 7-9 [July 13] 9:30-4:00
First Session - Ages 9-13 [July 10-16]
Second Session - Ages 13-18 [July 17-23]
Day Camp - Ages 7-9 [July 26] 9:30-4:00
Day Camp - Ages 7-9 [July 27] 9:30-4:00
Third Session - Ages 9-18 [July 24-30]

First Sunday Potluck Lunch

This coming Sunday is the first Sunday of the month and we’re going to meet together for lunch. Come join us this coming Sunday for lunch and fellowship following worship services.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *

5/8 - Trent Sallee

5/12 - Dylan & Destiny Huffman

5/15 - Richard Breising

5/26 - Tom & Pam Turner

5/27 - Zachary Marks

*If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please let us know!

Worship Order

Song Leader: Stan Aldrich

Sound System: Tom Turner

Gathering Song: #144 - O Worship the King (v 1)

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Prayer: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: David Rice (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Song: #791 - On Bended Knee

Song: #460 - Washed in the Blood

Communion: Richard Breising

Song: #979 - I Am A Poor Wayfaring Stranger

Lesson: Carl Feril

Song: #852 - When the Roll is Called Up Yonder(v 1)

Closing Prayer: Jerry Kinnamon