

St John Church of Christ

Bulletin

October 30, 2022

From The Elders at the St John Church of Christ



Romans 1:20 tells us that God gives us enough information through what we see to prove he exists and is God the Creator. The following article taken from “Does God Exist” by John Clayton tells of one of these amazing truths. One of the great mysteries of the natural world is the way various shorebirds make their incredible migrations. One of the most studied shorebirds is the Hudsonian godwit – a bird with remarkable migrations. A mystery about these birds is their anatomical preparation for the flights. A typical Hudsonian godwit will have blood sugar concentrations that would be in the diabetic range for humans. Before their migration, the birds' pectoral muscles double or triple in size, as do their hearts and lungs. To balance this increase, their gizzards, livers, and kidneys shrink. When they arrive at their destination, all of their organs readjust to the normal range. As the birds fly their long journeys, one side of their brain will sleep while the other side stays awake and alert, and later the sides will switch. It is called unihemispheric slow-wave sleep, and it allows them to fly day and night. In addition, their respiratory systems are highly efficient, allowing flight at high altitudes with less oxygen. That is essential since they fly over the Andes Mountains. Also the godwits have the ability to navigate their journey. Researchers say the birds know and understand weather systems, including wind and rain. They navigate with their vision using stars and landforms, and even smells seem to guide them. But that still does not explain it all. They also sense Earth's magnetism, but scientists are not sure how. One hypothesis is that their vision is linked to Earth's magnetic lines of force by “quantum entanglement,” a phenomenon Einstein called “spooky action at a distance.” The journey of Hudsonian godwits allows them to secure food at random locations, and their diet of mosquitoes, insects, and worms benefits their environments as much as the birds themselves. The design of the godwits speaks of wisdom, planning, and highly sophisticated applications of physics. Understanding these birds should inspire wonder in a thinking person about the source of such abilities. Truly “we can know there is a God through the things He has made.” (Romans 1:20). (From – John N. Clayton, Does God Exist? - 2nd quarter – Volume 49 Number 2) We pray you have a blessed week and make time to enjoy God's creation.

- The Elders

In Our Prayers

Joe Cornwell
Don Hornbaker
Rick Rodness - Vanessa Marks' father
Marilyn Thornburg
Emersyn Milton
Stan Aldrich

Shilo (Marilyn's Granddaughter)
Chris Ortego
Brent (Carol's Son-in-law)
Dennis Rosenbaum
Mansel family
Jerry & Kay Kinnamon
Dana (Stan and Orvalee's daughter)
Denise Bailey (Meagan's Mother)
Hadley Bright

Upcoming Events

Bible Street in Stafford [Wednesdays]

Each Wednesday at the Stafford Church of Christ. Ask Zeb if you need more details. This is for children Kindergarten and up.

Singing at Pratt Church of Christ [Tonight]

There will be an area-wide singing at the Pratt Church of Christ (320 Country Club Rd) tonight starting at 4 O'clock. Soup/Chili supper will be provided. We plan to host one of these events here in the future - so it would be great if we could get a group to go support the one in Pratt tonight!

Fall Teen Retreat at SMC [November 4-6]

Friday Nov. 4 - Sunday, Nov. 6 is the fall teen retreat at SMC. Zeb is going to help and teach and would love to take some teens with him. This is for middle and high school students (ages 10+). Let Zeb know if you want to go. The theme is: Meeting Jesus at the Well.

Carpenter Place [Donations]

Currently they are in the most need of: individually wrapped snacks, Olive oil, Canola oil, Ketchup, Italian dressing, Cereal, Scrubbing bubbles bathroom spray, small hand soaps, Windex, Lysol

Spray, Kleenex, canned beans, and canned mixed vegetables. More information can be found on the bulletin board.

Worship Order

Greeters and Welcome Table: Tom and Pam Turner

Song Leader: Jerry Kinnamon

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering Song: #162 - All Hail the Power of Jesus
Name

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Dominic Rogers (Matthew 9:13)

Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #945 - Kneel at the Cross

Song: #480 - Blessed Assurance

Communion: Orrin Feril

Song: #226 - O Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Lesson: Zeborah Carter

Song: #948 - I Am Resolved (vs. 1 and 2)

Closing Prayer: Tom Turner

<p>Sundays: Bible classes for all ages @ 10:00 am Worship service for everyone @ 11:00 am</p> <p>Elders: Tom Turner, Richard Brensing, Terry Sallee</p> <p>Deacons: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril</p> <p>Minister: Zeborah Carter</p>
