

St John Church of Christ

Bulletin

July 2, 2023



From The Elders at the St John Church of Christ

As I sit on the porch to write, it is calm, cool, and quiet. So, God must like how I am living, be good and kind, along with preferring me to those who are poor, in turmoil, and misery. If I wake to tornado sirens, ominous skies, and an empty pantry... God must dislike me, he must be mean, vindictive, and abusive. Do you see how circumstances might tend to give us a skewed view about God? We don't depend upon a shaman examining the entrails of a rabbit or dove, to know God's will. We don't go to the local soothsayer or witch to communicate our standing before God. We don't read the stars or sacrifice children on an altar in order to sway God to love us or hate our enemies. We know there is a powerful being, who was big enough to create our universe and old enough to have been there before the world came into existence. We can tell that by looking around us. But does he like us? Does he care? Can he be pleased by us? These are questions we can't answer without his clear and precise feedback.

So, God spoke. The Bible we carry is an inspired, preserved collection of the stories that inform us about all of these questions. God spoke to different men and women across time, in different circumstances and in a number of distinct ways about what he expected. These stories are windows into the mind of God. They are the God-chosen occasions where God said, "This is me. This is what I am like. This is who I am." In just a few months we begin an exciting overview of the people, events, and stories that tell us what God wants from each of us.

Stay tuned...

In Our Prayers

Don Hornbaker
Emersyn Milton
Thomas Pruitt
Kay Kinnamon
Natalie Lippoldt
Shannon Bauer
Elmer Schuette (Marla's Brother-in-law)
Becky Carter
Don Ortego

Maggie Harris
Makayla Sedore (Adam's Niece)
Lupe Hudson
Carol Gingrich
Madison Cole
Larry Hamm
Blain White
Nancy Rice
Gayle Byer
Rick Rodness
Frink Family

Upcoming Events

Potluck [Today]

Please plan to join us after worship next today for our monthly potluck meal. Stay and enjoy a time of fellowship and good food.

4th of July Fellowship [July 4]

Tom and Pam Turner are going to host a 4th of July fellowship at their place (258 NW 30th St. St. John) at 8:30 PM on Tuesday, July 4. Come and enjoy some ice cream and watching fireworks!

Cookies for SMC 1st Session [July 9]

We will need a total of 25 dozen cookies for SMC 1st session. These cookies need to be brought to church on Sunday, July 9. See Pam Turner if you can help.

Gospel Singing [July 30]

The Stafford Church of Christ will be hosting a gospel singing in the Park with a cookout on Sunday, July 30 at 6:30 PM.

Save the Date:

SMC 1st Session (ages 9-13) - July 9-15
SMC 2nd Session (ages 13-18) - July 16-22
SMC 3rd Session (ages 9-18) - July 23-29
Stafford VBS - August 12th

Birthdays this week:

Lisa Cornwell - July 6
Teegan Holmes - July 6
Baylee Sizemore - July 7

Worship Order

Welcome Table and Greeters: Richard and Shelly Brensing

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Quinn Palmer

Gathering: #171 - Above All Else

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Jayce Feril (Matthew 5:3-10)

Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #155 - Highest Place

Song: #176 - Lamb of God

Communion: Tom Turner

Song: #449 - Thy Word

Lesson: Zeborah Carter

Song: #533 - I Am a Sheep

Closing Prayer: Chris Mansel

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