

St John Church of Christ

Bulletin

August 6, 2023



From The Elders at the St John Church of Christ

We've taken 3 weeks to describe our efforts to cover Genesis. Today we introduce the final character from Genesis, from Abraham's line, Joseph. Joseph is the great-grandson of Abraham, the grandson of Isaac, the 11th and favorite son of Jacob (Israel) by his favorite wife, Rachel. By sheer volume, Joseph is the pivotal character, as his story begins in the 30th chapter and concludes in the 50th chapter. In the story of Joseph we see God using him by giving him dreams, which resulted in jealousy and strife with his brothers. His favored status with his father results in betrayal and bondage. We could focus on the theme of betrayal and bondage, but we choose to focus on God.

Joseph is transported to Egypt, sold into slavery, and experiences challenge after challenge in life. He has success as a slave, is betrayed by Potipher's wife, imprisoned, appears doomed. He experiences dreams with the cupbearer and baker, is forgotten, then remembered. His hopes rise and fall. He, as a God follower (People), repeatedly trusts God while being provided with dreams, success, and opportunities (Provision), after each set back. God (Person) proves faithful, working out a plan that ultimately saves all of Joseph's family, resulting in their move to Egypt.

The story is incredible. Movies, Broadway shows, books, and poetry have told and retold the tale. Seeing what God has done has been repeatedly related in secular entertainment, the powerful event has offered hope and comfort to people across time. Remember, God has saved this information for us, you and I, more of his people, so that we might have faith in what he will do, confidence that we are not forsaken, and the willingness to look in anticipation of his action in our own lives. This is how faith is built

In Our Prayers

Don Hornbaker
Emersyn Milton
Thomas Pruitt
Shannon Bauer
Elmer Schuette (Marla's Brother-in-law)
Becky Carter
Maggie Harris
Drexyel Like
Carol Gingrich

Madison Cole
Larry Hamm
Rick Rodness
Boyd Gower (Vanessa's cousin)
Joseph Morien (Jessica's Dad)
Lisa Cornwell
Vernon Bartlett
Piper Harner
Melanie Barkley

Upcoming Events

Potluck Meal [Today]

Please stay and join us for our monthly fellowship meal after services today!

Stafford VBS [August 12]

The Stafford Church of Christ will be holding their VBS on Saturday, August 12.

CORE Meal [Monday, August 21]

We serve the meal for CORE on Monday, August 21. Please contact Pam or Zeb if you could help with this meal.

CORE Fundraiser [Sunday, August 27]

CORE will be holding their annual fundraising lunch on Sunday, August 27. The meal will begin at 12:15 PM at the I.O.O.F. Lodge. It will go until 2:00 PM. There will be a pie auction and door prizes. It is a free will offering for the meal. There will be childcare provided (for all ages) - including lifeguards. Kids 8+ will be allowed to swim.

Save the Date:

SMC - Ladies Retreat - October 6 & 7

Birthdays this week:

Kapri Like - August 6
Jerriko Gunter - August 7
Burke Long - August 9
Janet Feril - August 12
Kari Smith - August 12

Worship Order

Welcome Table: Zeborah & Jessica Carter

Greeters: Terry and Joy Sallee

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #103 - He Has Made Me Glad

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Zach Marks (Psalm 119:105-112)

Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #266 - Majesty

Song: #176 - Lamb of God

Communion: Tom Turner

Song: #414 - Anywhere with Jesus

Lesson: Zeborah Carter

Song: #646 - Onward, Christian Soldiers (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Jerry Kinnamon

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