



## From The Elders at the St John Church of Christ

In an effort not to get too far ahead of ourselves, let me expound on understanding of the purpose of Scripture. If we try to recall the facial features of a grandparent who has been gone a few decades, without photos it is impossible. Our minds don't retain that kind of information very well. However, you can tell stories about that same person and feel connected, linked because the stories convey the essence of a person.

God could have just given us lists of things he wanted. Some have attempted to enumerate 613 commands in the Old Testament and others report 1050 in the New Testament. Such reductionistic thinking is tedious and, in my view, fully misses the point. Recognize that God has, through many stories, told us about himself. In the story of giving Moses the replacement tablets of the 10 Commandments, Moses asks to see God. God allows Moses, with restriction, to see him pass by. He makes this statement as he does so. 6 Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in faithfulness and truth; 7 who keeps faithfulness for thousands, who forgives wrongdoing, violation of His Law, and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, inflicting the punishment of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."

This is not God giving a few random facts about himself. When we are searching for a succinct description of God (**Person**), this is my favorite. As disciples (**People**), we learn who God claims to be in this scripture. All of the care (**Provision**) promised to us is insured by these qualities in God. The good we long for is found here.

## 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

Kay Kinnamon  
Brenda Staub  
Ryker Berens  
Sally Truitt  
Madison Cole  
Hamm Family  
Rick Rodnes  
Joseph Morien (Jessica's Dad)  
Vernon Bartlett  
Piper Harner  
Melanie Barkley  
Mark Naes

# Upcoming Events

## **CORE Meal [Tomorrow]**

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  
SMC - Crafter's Retreat - October 12-14  
SMC - Men's Retreat - October 15-17  
SMC - Teen Retreat - November 17-19

## **Birthdays this week:**

Gayle Byer - August 20  
Landon Marks - August 23  
Brynn Palmer - August 23  
JW Like - August 26

# Worship Order

Welcome Table: Zeborah & Jessica Carter

Greeters: Terry and Joy Sallee

Song Leader: Stan Aldrich

Sound System: Dominic Rogers

Gathering: #508 - A Wonderful Savior

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Chris Stott (Philippians 2:12-18)

Prayer: Richard Brensing

Song: #47 - Holy, Holy, Holy

Song: #382 - Why Did My Savior Come to Earth

Communion: Carl Feril

Song: #449 - Thy Word

Lesson: Zeborah Carter

Song: #560 - Living by Faith (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Gary Hornbaker

**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