St John Church of Christ

Bulletin

August 27, 2023



From The Elders at the St John Church of Christ

Two weeks from today we begin the new series we call <u>Leveling the Playing Field</u>. This is an all church educational focus. Each class and sermon is intentional to fill in gaps that some have mentioned as they try to think about Scripture.

First, we want to give you a "birds eye view" of the Bible's big story. We want you to see the way God has chosen to work with his people across time, caring for them, challenging them to follow, to grow in faith, and to gain confidence. This is the process God uses to help his people grow. Finally, we want you to see yourself as a part of this grand mission of God. Your life, my life... we all fit in this story, we are his people.

Consider one of the stories in Exodus. You will remember, or you can be listening for, the story of God speaking to Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3). God points out that he is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Person). That is God saying, "Moses, we have history together. I took care of them, I will take care of you." Then he gives him the task of telling Pharoah that the people (People) were leaving at the command of God. Moses said, "He doesn't know you, who do I say sends me with this message?" God says, "You just tell him 'I am' (Person and Provision) sent me. God is, that is all that need be said. He is... present, here, now.

The Bible doesn't want you to know who God was, you learn who he is. Our God, the I AM, is present in your life, present in your walk, and present in your care. This is the story, our story... here and right now.

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

Mark Naes

Tammy Byer

Upcoming Events

CORE Fundraiser [TODAY]

CORE will be holding their annual fundraising lunch TODAY. 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.

Potluck for September [September 10]

Our monthly potluck for September will be held on Sunday, September 10 instead of on the 3rd. With the 3rd being Labor Day Weekend we will move it to the 10th. This will also coincide with our first Sunday of Leveling the Playing Field - Invite anyone you think could benefit from this series to come in person or to watch online!

Save the Date:

Cookout at Chet and Marla's - Sept. 30 @ Noon

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:

None

Worship Order

Welcome Table: Zeboriah & Jessica Carter

Greeters: Terry and Joy Sallee

Song Leader: Quinn Palmer

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #538 - My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (vs.

1 and 3)

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Landon Marks (Revelation 2:10)

Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #387 - Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Song: #376 - He Paid a Debt

Communion: Chris Mansel

Song: #745 - Humble Thyself

Lesson: Zeboriah Carter

Song: #470 - Victory in Jesus (vs. 1 and 2)

Closing Prayer: Chris Stott

Sundays: Bible classes for all ages @ 10:00 am

Worship service for everyone @ 11:00 am

Elders: Tom Turner, Richard Brensing, Terry Sallee,

Carl Feri

Deacons: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril

Minister: Zeboriah Carter