

St John Church of Christ

Bulletin

September 3, 2023



From The Elders at the St John Church of Christ

Today we begin the introduction to our fall series that we call [Leveling the Playing Field](#). It is our hope that at this point you feel a bit like Moses looking at the burning bush, wondering what makes it so different, why doesn't it burn up? Curious and a bit baffled? Intrigued in such a way that you must investigate further? We hope that by telling the "big picture" and by refusing to bog down in the details, that you will hear the Bible in a new way. We want you to see the major characters, to recognize that they were much like us, figuring out what God was doing in their lives as time passed by. They, and we, learn who God is [\(Person\)](#), what he expects of those he is dealing with [\(People\)](#), and how God, in each situation described, cares for and about [\(Provision\)](#) those he calls.

Perhaps an example is in order. The story of creation is recounted in the first chapters of Genesis. God is introduced as creator, bringing from nothing all that is in existence. As Adam and Eve are introduced into the story, God causes all that is created to pass before Adam, assigning names to each and identifying none are fit companions for him. The first act of God is to create from Adam's rib a helpmeet for him, Eve [\(Provision\)](#). As the story begins, humanity is linked with God with trust, instruction, and learning. Mankind is given a task to oversee creation, which worked well until the introduction of the serpent, who casts suspicion on God. While it may be an oversimplification, when mankind was connected to God and trusting that he was creator and provider for his people... everything was fine. When they began to doubt, that all ended, badly.

In Our Prayers

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

Potluck for September [Next Sunday]

Our monthly potluck for September will be held on Sunday, September 10 instead of today. 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!

Leveling the Playing Field [Starts Next Sunday]

Our leveling the playing field series starts next Sunday. Please try to be here for each Sunday of this series for Bible class and worship if you can! Invite anyone you think would benefit from this series. If you have to be gone you can follow along on our website. Let Zeb know if you need any help finding anything!

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
Women's Conference at Garden City COC - Oct. 14
SMC - Men's Retreat - October 15-17
SMC - Teen Retreat - November 17-19

Birthdays this week:

None

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Tom and Pam Turner

Song Leader: Jerry Kinnamon

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #266 - Majesty

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Jayce Feril (Colossians 1:15-20)

Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #76 - How Great Thou Art (vs. 1, 3, & 4)

Song: #176 - Lamb of God

Communion: Tom Turner

Song: #96 - I Stand in Awe

Lesson: Zeborah Carter

Song: #903 - There is Power in the Blood (vs. 1 & 4)

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