

September 10, 2023



From The Elders at the St John Church of Christ

Leveling the Playing Field, what does it mean? This is not designed to be a history class, or just an informative class, but you will get history and information. What we want you to understand from this series is what God is like (Person), what he wants from his followers (People) and the kind of treatment you can expect from God (Provision). Now, why do we want you to understand these things? These are the steps to how faith is built. What I mean by that is this, faith is not just believing in the existence of God, it is trusting in the character that God has. It is a confidence as you walk forward in life that God walks beside you. The Hebrew writer says it this way, ⁶ *Now without faith it is impossible to please God, since the one who draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.* Again, you don't just accept that God is, you trust his character and provision.

Let me give you a story. When Ezra was bringing the people back from Exile (a story that happens after Babylonian Captivity), he calls for a period of fasting by the river Ahava. He tells us what the followers of God (People) believe about God (Person). *“The hand of our God is gracious to all who seek him, but his fierce anger is against all who abandon him.”* The faith that Ezra and his people had was that God was gracious to them. They knew as they returned home after 70 years of captivity that God was going to be gracious. That is who he is, and it gave them confidence to act. That was faith. Listen today about how Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob did this.

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
Blakelly Sanders

Upcoming Events

Potluck for September [Today]

Please join us for our monthly potluck after services today! There is plenty of food for everyone so stay and enjoy a time of fellowship with us!

Thank you

We are glad you are here. We are so excited to share God's story with you today. If we can be of any assistance today please don't hesitate to ask any of us!

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:

Matt Gunter - September 14

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Tom and Pam Turner

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #63 - I Will Call Upon the Lord

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Jerry Kinnamon (Genesis 12:1-3)

Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #4 - To God Be the Glory

Song: #359 - I Love the Lord

Communion: Stan Aldrich

Song: #3 - Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Lesson: Zeborah Carter

Song: #608 - He Gave Me a Song (vs. 1 and 2)

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