## St John Church of Christ Bulletin

October 8, 2023

# From The Elders at the St John Church of Christ



We are concluding the first section of our series we call, Leveling the Playing Field. By now we have been exposed to the foundational Bible characters in this great story of God. We have seen the beginning characters who are introduced to God, taught about his expectations, and invited to walk with him through life. From Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua and the 12 Judges of Israel, we have seen the consistent nature of God and the diversity of people God can work with and through. From this list of characters, you should be familiar with all the names, the chronology, and perhaps reminded of different events from some of their lives. Perhaps for some, it is the first time that things sound more familiar and less confusing. That is the historical record as recorded in Scripture, but if the history is all you understood from the series, you've missed the point. What we have in the story are the stepping stones of faith. We are reviewing the lives of these characters to learn specific things, not who came first, or who faced the greatest obstacles, but three things. See if it makes sense now.

- 1. Who does God show that he is? (Person)
- 2. What are the common characteristics of God's people? (People)
- 3. What does God provide his followers to insure their ability to follow him? (Provision)

The answers to these questions are the stepping stones of faith. If God has proved himself in each instance, if you see him faithfully present in the lives of his people in each story, if you can spot where the only explanation is God's involvement, not the qualifications of the individual... if you can see that, he is worthy of trust. You and I can count on him.

### 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 Sally Truitt Madison Cole

Rick Rodness Joseph Morien Vernon Bartlett Mark Naes Tami Byer Clint Kinnamon

## **Upcoming Events**

#### Garden City COC Women's Confernce [Next Saturday]

The Garden City Church of Christ is hosting a women's conference on Saturday, October 14th from 9 AM until 3:00 PM. This is a FREE event and lunch is provided. Childcare is NOT available. Speakers are Tammy Meador and Barb Rains. Need to RSVP by tomorrow (Oct. 9). More information is on the bulletin board if you would like to attend.

#### Save the Date:

SMC - Crafter's Retreat - October 12-14 SMC - Men's Retreat - October 15-17 Bible Confernce - Salina COC - October 21 SMC - Teen Retreat - November 17-19

#### Birthdays this week:

Paige Mansel - October 8 Chris Mansel - October 10 Hadley Long - October 11

## Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Carl and Janet Feril
Song Leader: Quinn Palmer
Sound System: Orrin Feril
Gathering: #15 - Step by Step
Welcome: Chris Mansel
Scripture Reading: Chris Stott (Hebrews 11:6)
Prayer: Tom Turner
Song: #71 - As the Deer
Song: #324 - Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?
Communion: Richard Brensing
Song: #560 - Living by Faith
Lesson: Carl Feril
Song: #902 - Nothing But the Blood (vs. 1 and 2)
Closing Prayer: Chris Mansel



Sundays:	Blble classes for all ages @ 10:00 am Worship service for everyone @ 11:00 am
Elders:	Tom Turner, Richard Brensing, Terry Sallee, Carl Feril
	Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril Zeboriah Carter