

St John Church of Christ

Bulletin

October 15, 2023



From The Elders at the St John Church of Christ

We enter the middle section of our series, [Leveling the Playing Field](#), as the concept of kings and kingdoms enter the mindset of Israel. The story is told in such a manner that we understand that God's people were interested in a king because they saw that the surrounding nations had a king. They saw safety in the notion that a powerful leader made for a safer and more successful nation. Who doesn't like safety and power?

Samuel saw through the desire for a king, understanding that it was a rejection of him as God's judge, but also a rejection of God himself. Having a king will cost you, it is not in your best interest. But God says, "They want a king, give them a king." In all this crisis, there is an important principle. 1 Kings 12:19-25 relates the people approaching Samuel to acknowledge their two wrongs, they had been both idolatrous and had asked for a king. Samuel's response was, "Yes, I will pray, that is my job. You must keep following God, even though you did wrong. God won't abandon you because of who he is, he promised to make you a people. Return to serving him once you recognize your sin, he is the only hope."

Notice in the midst of this sin of rejecting God, there is this hopeful message. Always go back to God, because he forgives on the basis of the greatness of his name. It is about God, who he is. Who God shows himself to be [\(Person\)](#), is a forgiver. Those who return to him after their sins are identified as his [People](#). God extending forgiveness, reclaiming or reconciling with them after their return, is evidence of his [Provision](#). We learn today we always should keep going back to God.

In Our Prayers

Don Hornbaker
Emersyn Milton
Thomas Pruitt
Shannon Bauer
Elmer Schuette (Marla's
Brother-in-law)

Maggie Harris
Carol Gingrich
Kay Kinnamon
Brenda Staub
Sally Truitt
Madison Cole

Rick Rodness
Susan Mayer (Chet's sister)
Vernon Bartlett
Mark Naes
Tami Byer
Clint Kinnamon

Upcoming Events

2023 Annual Fall Seminar [Next Saturday]

The Salina Church of Christ is hosting a Fall Seminar entitled “Let’s Connect” on Saturday. The Conference starts at 8:30 with a meet and greet and then the first session begins at 9:20. It ends by 3:30 PM. There is more info on the bulletin board.

Silver Maple Camp Teen Retreat [Nov. 17-19]

The Silver Maple Camp Teen Retreat is coming up on November 17-19. It starts Friday evening and ends about 11 AM on Saturday morning. If you have a teen (or slightly younger) that would like to attend talk to Zeb.



Birthdays this week:

Carol Gingrich - October 20

Ben Sizemore - October 20

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Carl and Janet Feril

Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #162 - All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Chris Mansel (2 Samuel 22:47)

Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #227 - On Zion’s Glorious Summit

Song: #332 - Lead Me to Calvary

Communion: Tom Turner

Song: #60 - He Is Exalted

Lesson: Zeborah Carter

Song: #934 - Softly and Tenderly (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Orrin Feril

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