

October 22, 2023



From The Elders at the St John Church of Christ

The story of God's people has two parts. The United Kingdom is where all of God's people were under one king. The names that you should know are Saul, David, and Solomon.

King Saul of the tribe of Benjamin was the first king, an answer to God's people's desire for a king to be like the nations. Saul looked kingly. He was stately, a man's man. Unfortunately, while he started well, his obedience was often modified to fit what he thought was best, or what the people wanted, instead of what God required. That attitude cost him his kingdom. During Saul's reign, God picks a new king, but instead of someone who looked the part, we get a different kind of man. David, of the tribe of Judah.

God is so happy with David, he promises David that he will never lack for a descendant to sit on the throne. As you know, dynasties are important to kings. So, all kings of the nation of Judah are from the tribe of Judah, even Jesus. David has ups and downs in his life but consistently returns to God after his sinful mistakes.

Solomon follows David, but doesn't demonstrate the same character as his father. Rehoboam, his son, decides to increase the pressure on his subjects. After the conflict under the harsh conditions of Rehoboam, the kingdom split with Judah and Benjamin, having Rehoboam as king and calling their nation Judah while Israel, the Northern tribes were under Jeroboam. Jeroboam promoted idolatry and the northern kingdom of Israel are never led by a good king.

In the story of God, his people follow and fail. He remains consistent and keeps fulfilling his promise to David to extend the kingdom through Judah. God keeps his promise in Jesus, David's son, our King.

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

Baptism [Yesterday]

Caylie Reed made the decision to be baptized yesterday! Please give her a hug today and be praying for her to grow in Christ!

Pumpkin Carving [Tonight]

There will be a pumpkin carving/decorating gathering at the church building tonight at 4 PM. The pumpkins will be provided. After carving/decorating there will be a meal of hamburgers and hot dogs. The hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided - plan to bring a side or dessert to go with the main dish!

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:

Shelly Brensing - October 24
Carl Feril - October 25

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Carl and Janet Feril

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #167 - Hosanna

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Quinn Palmer (1 Kings 19:9-12)

Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #171 - Above All Else

Song: #315 - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Communion: Chris Stott

Song: #548 - The Lily of the Valley

Lesson: Zeborah Carter

Song: #574 - Oh, How I Love Jesus (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Stan Aldrich

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