St John Church of Christ Bulletin

October 29, 2023

From The Elders at the St John Church of Christ



The Law and the Prophets... that is the way the Scriptures are described by the people of God across time. We have the books of Moses... then the Prophets. You could get lost today if you try to go too deep. The Prophets in more modern thinking are divided by the Major Prophets (5) and the Minor Prophets (12). If one studies a bit deeper we find the divisions are also divided by periods of time, the Pre-Exile (Before Babylonian Captivity), Exile, and Post-Exile. As you might guess, the Pre-exile prophets warn about what is coming, the Exile prophets about what is happening, and the Post-exile prophets give hope for the return. That is a really superficial overview, but you might find it helpful.

The question for us in these books is really basic. How does God act, or how does God reveal himself (Person) while Israel is about to be punished, being punished, and after they are punished? Does God abandon his people who act like they have abandoned him, or does he live with them, work with them, and keep warning and forgiving them all through the process? The periods covered in the Prophets are arguably Israel's low point. So when the people of God are at their worst, or experiencing the worst, what is God like? And what are the people like? Is anyone trying to turn back to God? Are there any people trying to be faithful during the season of God's discipline?

Finally, how or does God provide for them (<u>Provision</u>) in this time? Are there promises made, a future of good predicted or any hope offered? During the dark times of life, what does God do?

In the stories you will hear today, don't get lost in details. Look for God and his promises.

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) Mark Naes Tami Byer Clint Kinnamon Kevin Carter Hadley Bright

Upcoming Events

Congregation Singing [Tonight]

The Pratt Church of Christ is hosting a congregational singing tonight at 5 PM. All are welcome to attend! They will have a soup/chili supper after the singing. You do not need to bring anything.

Potluck [Next Sunday]

We will have our monthly potluck next Sunday after worship services. Plan to join us for a time of fellowship and good food!

Silver Maple Camp Teen Retret [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.

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Carl and Janet Feril
Song Leader: Stan Aldrich
Sound System: Orrin Feril
Gathering: #490 - It Is Well with My Soul
Welcome: Chris Mansel
Scripture Reading: Zach Marks (Isaiah 53:2-12)
Prayer: Richard Brensing
Song: #290 - Shine, Jesus, Shine
Song: #464 - Because He Lives
Communion: Jerry Kinnamon
Song: #47 - Holy, Holy, Holy
Lesson: Zeboriah Carter
Song: #535 - The Glory-Land Way
Closing Prayer: Gary Hornbaker

Birthdays this week:

Zoey Carter - October 29 Shae Huffman - November 2

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