

*St John Church of Christ*

# Bulletin

November 19, 2023



## From The Elders at the St John Church of Christ

One of the strange things in the story of the church, God’s people, is the way the Book of Acts begins. Jesus is on the mountain top, the disciples are gathered round him in awe and full of questions.... *Now? Is this where it begins? Tell us about the kingdom! Are we going to get them now?* Hundreds and hundreds of questions must be rushing through their minds.

Jesus looks over those gathered and says, *This is it fellas. I am leaving this to you. Head back into Jerusalem and wait before you do anything else. The Holy Spirit is going to fix you up. Just wait.*

He drifted off to heaven and they were left looking at each other. Now, don’t you imagine that each of them knew exactly what to do... Wouldn’t they have been inspired with confidence that they were ready to “take the world for Jesus?”

In the upper room where they gathered, they began to organize... We started with 12, we are down to 11, so how do we do this? The Bible does not relate the whole story, including all the conversations and struggling that went on there. In fact, as they are doing this, the Holy Spirit has not yet come on them. This was a case of good people trying to do their best. Don’t discount the value of that... good people trying to do their best. This becomes the core of who God uses. He fills them with the Spirit, and great things follow. The whole of the story of how Jesus uses his followers to change the course of humanity is what follows. Jesus did all the work; their job was to retell the story.

Everything you read in the rest of the Bible is good people, retelling the story.

## 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  
Madison Cole  
Rick Rodness  
Mark Naes  
Tami Byer

Clint Kinnamon  
Kevin Carter  
Hadley Bright  
Susan Mayer (Chet’s sister)  
Sally Truitt  
Paul Phillips (Zeb’s brother)

# Upcoming Events

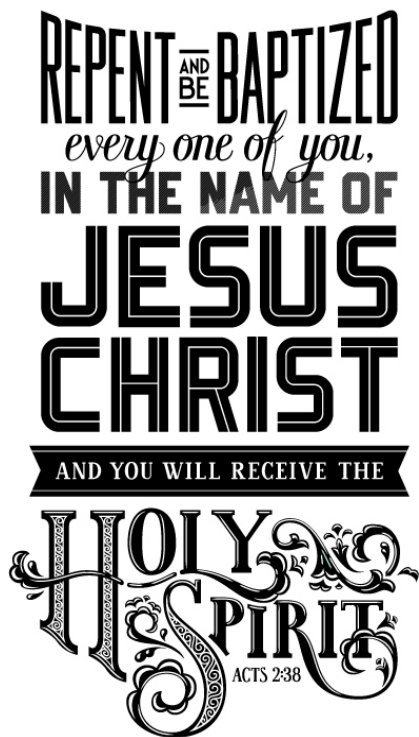
## Thanksgiving Dinner and Service [Tonight]

The St. John-Hudson Ministerial Alliance is hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner and Worship Service on Sunday, November 19. The meal is at 5:30 and the service begins at 7:00. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Turkey and stuffing will be provided.

## Birthdays this week:

Pam Turner - November 21

Lupe Hudson - November 21



# Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Terry and Joy Sallee

Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #574 - Oh, How I Love Jesus

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Jerry Kinnamon (Acts 2:37-41)

Shepherd's Prayer: Richard Brensing

Song: #849 - 'Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer

Song: #344 - Low in the Grave He Lay

Communion: Carl Feril

Song: #414 - Anywhere with Jesus (vs. 1, 2, and 4)

Lesson: Zeborah Carter

Song: #909 - There's a Fountain Free (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Joe Cornwell

**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