

*St John Church of Christ*

# Bulletin

December 3, 2023



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

We've walked through the Bible together and looked at what God says about himself, his people and the assistance he offers to his people. We've seen stories where God is contrasted with the idols and false gods throughout history; Baals, Asherah, and Dagon are names you might remember. We have seen God lead Israel into battle. We've read the stories of captivities, periods of bondage within Egypt, and Babylon. We've looked, listened, and read... so what?

We hope your answer is, "Wow, God is remarkably consistent." We hope you noticed how faithful he has been, even after his people have stumbled and fumbled their way along. We want you to see these stories so you can project into your own future about how God will deal with you.

Faith is a process of moving the facts of God's history into our own future, depending on it. If God can love Deborah, he can love you. If God can use Samson, he can use us. The question is, "What will that look like?"

Hannah and Elkanah were childless. She prayed fervently that she might conceive. The story is not there to tell us that God always grants a child to a barren couple. The story is telling us that when God granted them a son, Samuel, that they were faithful in following God in using that child to become a great Prophet and Judge. She sacrificed rearing her son, to be obedient before God. Life does not follow a predefined script, but God was present for both Hannah and Elkanah when the story did not go as they had planned. When the script of your plan changes, how do you do? Can you still follow God, walk humbly before him when life is thrown into chaos? It is your story now.

## 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

## Potluck [Today]

Join us after services today for our monthly potluck. It will be a time of good food and fellowship!

## Giving for Mexico Missions [In the back]

There is a basket in the back, marked “Mexico Missions”, where you can drop your gift to the missions in Mexico, if you choose. Children can drop in their gifts on the way to Bible Hour.

## CORE Meal [Tomorrow]

We are serving the CORE meal tomorrow. If you would like to help with this meal, please contact Pam or Zeb. Thanks!

## Birthdays this week:

None



# Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Richard and Shelly Brensing

Song Leader: Stan Aldrich

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #867 - To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Landon Marks (Matthew 28:18-20)

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #882 - No Tears in Heaven

Song: #300 - Praise Him! Praise Him!

Communion: Chris Stott

Song: #47 - Holy, Holy, Holy (vs. 1, 2, & 3)

Lesson: Zeborah Carter

Song: #852 - When the Roll is Called Up Yonder (vs. 1 & 2)

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