

December 10, 2023



From The Elders at the St John Church of Christ

This is the final article in connection to the fall series of Leveling the Playing Field. The goal was straight forward, and you will know how well it was accomplished. We wanted you to walk away from the sermons and Bible classes with stories that would remind you of God’s love, protection, and care of his people.

Even a cursory reading of the Bible gives us the idea that God has expectations and desires us to be obedient. We can see in stories like the Tower of Babel or the Great Flood that God will only allow sin to become so prevalent before he acts to strike it down. Sin and opposition to God will always result in mankind being hurt. In his fairness, God acts to protect mankind from its impact. Even God’s judgment is an act of loving concern.

Our own guilt for our own sin prompts us to be ashamed. Like Adam and Eve in the Bible, we want to avoid facing God. But the story, the Good News loudly proclaimed in all the stories of the Bible, is that God is forgiving and acts to reclaim us. It is intertwined all through the stories of God acting in the different circumstances in which his followers find themselves.

Think of Moses and bringing Israel out of Egyptian bondage, God acted to help his people. The story of the different wrecks that the people found themselves entangled with during the time of the Judges, God used all manner of men and women to protect his people. We see it repeatedly in the stories of David. The same theme is presented in the various prophets, God is going to act to deliver his people.

Finally, the culmination of the deliverance is presented in the life of Jesus, our Savior.

In Our Prayers

Don Hornbaker
Emersyn Milton
Thomas Pruitt
Shannon Bauer
Elmer Schuette
Maggie Harris
Carol Gingrich

Kay Kinnamon
Brenda Staub
Madison Cole
Rick Rodness
Mark Naes
Lori Lamar
Hadley Bright

Susan Mayer (Chet’s sister)
Sally Truitt
Paul Phillips (Zeb’s brother)
Mabel Morien (Jess’s grandma)
David Rice
Tanna Martin
Ronnie Harris (Zach’s grandpa)

Upcoming Events

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.

Ladies Christmas Gathering [December 18]

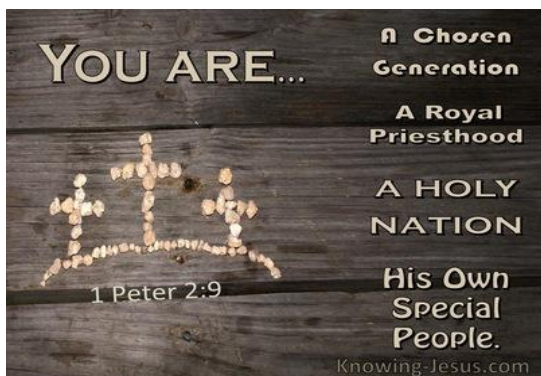
Cheyenne Holmes and Lory Willinger will host a Christmas gathering for our ladies on Monday, December 18 at Lory’s house. Please join us for a light supper at 6 followed by fun and fellowship!

Glow Party [December 28]

The youth are invited to a glow party on December 28 from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Eastwood Church of Christ in Hutchinson. Let Zeb know if you want to go and he can take the youth.

Save the Date:

March 29-30 - LTC in Kansas City
April 12-13 - Women Walking with God



Birthdays this week:

None

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Richard and Shelly Breising

Song Leader: Jerry Kinnamon

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #745 - Humble Thyself

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Darrel Bauer (1 Peter 2:1-5)

Shepherd’s Prayer: Richard Breising

Song: #731 - Take Time To Be Holy

Song: #332 - Lead Me to Calvary

Communion: Orrin Feril

Song: #957 - This World is Not My Home

Lesson: Zeborah Carter

Song: #622 - Ring Out the Message (vs. 1 and 2)

Closing Prayer: Gary Hornbaker

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