

December 17, 2023



From The Elders at the St John Church of Christ

I was asked a question recently that made me think hard. If the next time you walked out of your house the risen Christ was standing before you and he looked straight through your eyes into your soul and asked you, “Do you love me?”, what would your answer be?

I pondered this question for some time and then this was my answer: I do love you Jesus. I have always loved you, but I have not always shown it the right way. I love you with my whole being, but sometimes I am selfish. I would do anything for you, but sometimes I allow other, much less important, things to get in the way. I love you, but I need help from myself from time to time. I am here – please use me. Please send me. Please make me the tool/instrument that you need me to be right now. I am ready to serve in any way that you call me.

I think that would be my answer. I am not perfect. I love God, but I don’t always prove it with my actions. I pray that some day I will always show it with my actions, and not just some of the time. A prayer that has been on my heart lately is this: God, please show me what your will is for me today, and give me the courage to carry it out.

Saying that I love Jesus is easy. Showing that I love Jesus is much harder. As Christians, we should strive to always make our words match our actions. My prayer for all of you today is that you will say that you love Jesus, but more importantly you will show that you love Jesus with the way you live your lives in the world.

In Our Prayers

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

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

Ladies Christmas Gathering [December 18]

Cheyenne Holmes and Lory Willinger will host a Christmas gathering for our ladies tomorrow at Lory's house. Please bring a recipe to share! Please join us for a light supper at 6 followed by fun and fellowship!

Christmas Eve Gathering [December 24]

We will be joining the Stafford Church of Christ for an evening of praise to the Savior on Sunday, December 24. It will start at 4:00 PM but people will start gathering at 3:30. We plan to be done by 5.

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.

50 year Wedding Anniversary [December 30]

You are invited to a come and go reception for Carl and Janet Feril to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, December 30, 2023 from 1-3 PM at the VFW Hall at 303 S. Main, Stafford, KS.

Save the Date:

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

Birthdays this week:

Nancy Rice - December 19

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Richard and Shelly Brensing

Song Leader: Quinn Palmer

Sound System: Jayce Feril

Gathering: #997 - O Come, All Ye Faithful

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Hunter Marks (Isaiah 9:6)

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #991 - This is My Father's World

Song: #365 - How Beautiful

Communion: Chris Mansel

Song: #996 - O Little Town of Bethlehem

Lesson: Zeborah Carter

Song: #924 - Just As I Am (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