



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

We have come to the end of another year on this earth. All of us have had many things happen in this last year. 2023 may have been a year of trials or maybe triumph. It was certainly a year of blessings for all of us as God blesses us immensely as his children. As we get ready to begin a new year, many people start thinking about what is ahead. They might ask themselves the question: What can I do in the next year to better myself? I think that before we can look at the future, we must first look at the past.

What have I learned in the last year? What have I learned about myself? One of the greatest tragedies in Christianity is that we often do not examine ourselves fairly (and sometimes we don't examine ourselves at all). Psalm 139:23-24 says "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!"

Spend some time reflecting on the last year of your life. What are some things that you would like to change in your life? How would you like to grow and mature this year? How did you grow and mature last year (or did you not grow at all?) Spend some time in prayer asking God to help you examine yourself. Be honest with yourself. Ask God to help you find ways to become more mature in your Christian walk in this coming year; then spend some time thinking about ways that you can implement some spiritual disciplines in your life to help you grow and mature in your walk with God. May God bless all of you richly in the coming year!

## 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)

Truitt Family  
Paul Phillips (Zeb's brother)  
Mabel Morien (Jess's grandma)  
David Rice  
Tanna Martin  
Ronnie Harris (Zach's grandpa)  
Audie Thornburg  
Brayden Smith

# Upcoming Events

## Funeral Service [Tuesday]

A funeral service for Maggie Harris, Lisa Cornwell's mother, will be on Tuesday at 10:30 AM at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Visitation will be on Monday from 1-5 PM at Minnis Chapel.

## Potluck [Next Sunday]

Plan to join us next Sunday following services for our monthly potluck meal! Stay and enjoy a time of good food and fellowship!

## LTC [This week]

Zeb has folders for all kids in grades 3-12 to decide if they want to participate in LTC and what events they have interest in. Zeb will be in contact with families about this - if you have any questions please reach out to Zeb at [feedingtheflock3423@gmail.com](mailto:feedingtheflock3423@gmail.com) or 785-885-8194.

## Save the Date:

February 11 - Super Bowl Party

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 Brensing

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Jayce Feril

Gathering: #123 - The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Chris Mansel (Luke 2:6-7)

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #578 - We Will Glorify

Song: #382 - Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Communion: Stan Aldrich

Song: #1017 - Away in a Manger

Lesson: Zeborah Carter

Song: #1012 - Go Tell It On the Mountain

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