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

As we wrap up 2023 and begin 2024, our thoughts shift to new beginnings. Many of us make New Year's Resolutions, some of which have come and gone. One of the only resolutions that I have kept is reading the whole Bible through in chronological order.

Why read through the whole Bible? The Bible is a treasure because on every page are the words from God. Why would we not want to read every word? Maybe we think it is difficult to understand or hard to read. Yes, there are some challenges in reading through some Old Testament books. We encourage you to continue reading so that you can understand God's plan for us. In Psalms 19:7 it says, "The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple".

My wife and I have read portions of the Bible many times but now we are beginning our third year reading the entire Bible. It seems the more we read through the Bible, the more we want to read it again.

In Exodus 34:6 we read that God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Maybe sometimes we look at scripture and try to see ourselves rather than the character and nature of God. How do we have this "relationship with God" if we don't really know and understand who God is? We can ask God to open our hearts and allow us to take in His words, understanding His love for us. I encourage you to read the entire Bible this year and focus on the character of God along with His mercy and love that He has for you.

## In Our Prayers

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

Kay Kinnamon
Brenda Staub
Madison Cole
Rick Rodness
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

## Potluck [Today]

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]

If you have not gotten your LTC folders for kids grades 3-12 please see Zeb - if you have any questions please reach out to Zeb at feedingtheflock3423@gmail.com or 785-885-8194.

Women Walking With God [April 12-13]
Women Walking With God (WWWG) Conference is April 12-13, 2024. New location this year is the Maize Performing Arts \& Aquatics Center. Early bird pricing ends January 31st ( $\$ 50$ for 26 years \& older; $\$ 30$ for 25 years \& younger). The church will pay for your registration; contact Richard Brensing. Website for the event: WomenWalkingWithGod.org

## Save the Date:

February 11 - Super Bowl Party
March 29-30 - LTC in Kansas City
April 12-13 - Women Walking with God

## Worship Order

Welcome Table \& Greeters: Zeboriah \& Jessica Carter

Song Leader: Stan Aldrich

Sound System: Quinn Palmer
Gathering: \#435-Come into His Presence
Welcome: Orrin Feril
Scripture Reading: Landon Marks (Isaiah 40:28)
Shepherd's Prayer: Carl Feril
Song: \#47-Holy, Holy, Holy (vs. 1, 2, and 4)
Song: \#376-He Paid a Debt
Communion: Richard Brensing
Song: \#837-I Need Thee Every Hour
Lesson: Zeboriah Carter
Song: \#622-Ring Out the Message (vs. 1 and 2)

Closing Prayer: Jerry Kinnamon

## Birthdays this week:

Jessica Carter - January 8
Mason Gunter - January 10
Darrell Willinger - January 13

Sundays: Blble 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: Zeboriah Carter

