

January 14, 2024



For The Church at the St John Church of Christ

Think of gratitude as a spiritual practice that helps us notice and appreciate God’s work in our day-to-day lives.

We need to remind ourselves to look at what is around us that displays beauty and causes us to be grateful. The recent snow fall that gently fell onto the trees is a sight that you must stop and take time to appreciate. In a world of so many distractions, let’s pause and be grateful.

In one of my daily Bible readings in Job, I saw that Job, in his terrible predicament, still recognized God and his powerful mercy and grace. This is very humbling as it is easy to become distraught and irritated at trivial things in our daily life. Job has such a powerful message that is showing us an example of being grateful even in distressful times. Job lost his family including his children, had sores that he could not sooth or heal, and had friends who gave bad advice. In Job 7:17, Job says to God, “What is mankind that you make so much of them, that you give them so much attention”. In all his agony, Job shows his gratitude for God and his belief that we are all so important to Him. Job does wonder and question why he is suffering so much, knowing that he has been faithful to God. We all are human just like Job. Think of Jesus and the very unfair treatment he received, yet he died for us and our sins.

We talk a lot about mercy and grace. What do these words mean? Pretty simply, “**Mercy** is not receiving what you deserve and **Grace** is receiving what you do not deserve”. I am so grateful for a God that shows kindness, mercy and grace for an underserving person like me.

In Our Prayers

Don Hornbaker
Emersyn Milton
Thomas Pruitt
Shannon Bauer
Elmer Schuette
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

LTC [This week]

Please let Zeb know if your kids will be participating and what events they would like to pursue. - 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



Birthdays this week:

Gatlin Reed - January 16

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Zeborah & Jessica Carter

Song Leader: Jerry Kinnamon

Sound System: Quinn Palmer

Gathering: #171 - Above All Else

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Darrel Bauer (Isaiah 57:15)

Shepherd's Prayer: Richard Brensing

Song: #555 - Seek Ye First

Song: #315 - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Communion: Carl Feril

Song: #71 - As the Deer

Lesson: Zeborah Carter

Song: #416 - Footsteps of Jesus (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 Brensing, Terry Sallee, Carl Feril
Deacons: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril
Minister: Zeborah Carter