

*to St John Church of
Christ*

Bulletin

March 3, 2024

For The Church



Trying to follow Jesus in our modern society is difficult because of its simplicity. It is easy to equate it with moral purity, in other words, the good guys. That is too simplistic and unhealthy. To equate it with using the right words and having an “in” with organized Christianity isn’t enough. No, it isn’t the church guys. It isn’t about dressing in an upper middle-class wardrobe and keeping one’s name out of the paper. In other words, the “safe guys, like us” group.

As James describes, the right kind of religion is defined by an active protection and intervention with widows and orphans and keeping oneself unstained from the world (1:27). From this it appears that the active pursuit of those at risk or who are unable to care for themselves is a fundamental dimension of following Jesus. A cursory reading of the stories of Jesus would lend support to this concept. Just remember the advice to the rich young ruler (Mt 19:22) or the way Jesus acted for the widow of Nain (Lk 7:11-17). For Jesus, caring about others was not limited to the “poor box” at the temple, but was about the treatment and interaction that he engaged in day to day. The fallacy of saying “I gave for that at church” does not remove the responsibility to help when the opportunity arises. You see, following Jesus is difficult, it requires daily interaction.

As you can see in our budget, the local benevolence work and our extended mission work is very much in this vein. We are announcing the good news of redemption through Jesus in all our efforts. Those we support to proclaim Jesus around the world are also involved in caring for the sick, loving the downtrodden, and joining in regional efforts with the helpes.

In Our Prayers

Emersyn Milton
Thomas Pruitt
Shannon Bauer
Elmer Schuette
Carol Gingrich
Madison Cole

Rick Rodness
Susan Mayer (Chet’s sister)
Truitt Family
Ronnie Harris (Zach’s grandpa)
Audie Thornburg
Brayden Smith

Megan Duntz
Chris Ortego
Shari Soukup
Alyson Rice
Zeb Carter
Juanita (Abby’s Mother)

Upcoming Events

Potluck [Today]

Our monthly potluck will be next Sunday immediately following services. Plan to join us for a time of fellowship and good food!

New Ministry [March 10]

We will be starting a new ministry on Sunday evening, March 10. This ministry is geared toward our young families, but anyone is welcome to attend. We will share a meal together (it will be provided) and have some fellowship time together. We plan to meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month starting at 5:30 PM. March 10 we will be at the Stafford Church of Christ. Childcare provided.

Thank You

Dear Church Family, Thank you from the bottom of my heart to each of you for your prayers on behalf of my trip to Tanzania. And, to those who opened their hearts and wallets and so generously gave to the work at Neema Village, I am so grateful to each of you. The gifts from our church and community together total a little over \$2000 at this time.

Please continue to keep Linda and me in your prayers as we prepare to travel and for the work we'll do in April at Neema Village. Pray also for those who have committed their lives to this mission.

Much love,

Pam

Birthdays this week:

Destiny Huffman - March 5

Save the Date:

March 29-30 - LTC in Kansas City

April 7 - Congregation Singing Hosted Here

April 12-13 - Women Walking with God

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Carl & Janet Feril

Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker

Sound System: Quinn Palmer

Gathering: #15 - Step by Step

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Chris Mansel (Romans 8:28)

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #71 - As the Deer

Song: #332 - Lead Me to Calvary

Communion: Chris Stott

Song: #577 - We Bow Down

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #909 - There's a Fountain Free

Closing Prayer: Stan Aldrich

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

