

*St John Church of Christ*

# Bulletin

April 7, 2024

## For The Church



When God created Adam and Eve in the garden there was no suffering in the world. The animals and humans lived in harmony with each other, and Adam and Eve were able to live in perfect communion with God. Nothing was out of place. Nothing had to die. Life was as it was intended to be, but then something happened that changed all of the perfection. Sin entered the world through Adam and Eve’s eating of the forbidden fruit. From that day onward sin and suffering have been rampant in our world.

Everyone has suffered in their life. Everyone has seen suffering around them during their lifetimes. We can see suffering just by turning on our televisions, opening our phones, or stepping out into the world. None of us like suffering, and every human that has ever lived would prefer to live in a world that has no suffering. Becoming a Christian does not mean the end of our suffering, in fact, it might mean more suffering. Thomas Watson said, “Christianity is not the removal of suffering, but the addition of grace to endure suffering triumphantly.”

Jesus suffered. He suffered greatly for our benefit. In Hebrews it tells us that Jesus learned obedience through his suffering. Jesus, the perfect human, had to learn obedience and he did it through his suffering. Even though suffering is not something that we are going to like, and we shouldn’t throw ourselves into suffering for no apparent reason, it might be something that we shouldn’t want to remove from our lives. Our suffering teaches us how to be obedient to God. Our suffering allows us to grow into the people that God wants us to be. Our suffering makes us more like God’s own Son, Jesus, and that is our goal in this life.

## 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  
Megan Duntz  
Shari Soukup  
Zeb Carter

Juanita (Abby’s Mother)  
Rick Toland  
Audie Monroe  
Tim Taylor  
Girard and Marilyn Holinde  
Pam Turner & Linda Hamm

# Upcoming Events

## Potluck [Today]

Our monly potluck fellowship meal will be next Sunday after services. Plan to stay and join us for a time of good food and fellowship.

## Area-Wide Signing [Tonight]

We will be hosting an area-wide signing on tonight at 5 PM. We will serve a meal afterwards. The main dish will be provided (baked potatoes and chili dogs with all the toppings). Everyone else is asked to bring salads and desserts to go with our meal.

## Women Walking with God [this weekend]

The annual WWWG Conference is this next weekend!

## New Ministry [Next Sunday]

We will be starting a new ministry next Sunday night. 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. Next Sunday will be at the Stafford Church of Christ. Childcare provided.

## Save the Date:

April 12-13 - Women Walking with God

June 1 - VBS

June 2-8 - SMC Early Session

July 7-13 - SMC First Session

July 14-20 - SMC Second Session

July 21-27 - SMC Third Session

## Birthdays this week:

Darrel Bauer - April 7

Hunter Marks - April 9

Emry Like - April 11

Dominic Rogers - April 12

Jayce Feril - April 13

# Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Terry & Joy Sallee

Song Leader: Stan Aldrich

Sound System: Jayce Feril

Gathering: #63 - I Will Call Upon the Lord

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Gary Hornbaker (Philippians 2:14-18)

Shepherd's Prayer: Richard Brensing

Song: #266 - Majesty

Song: #337 - Hallelujah! What a Savior

Communion: Chris Mansel

Song: #560 - Living by Faith

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #924 - Just As I Am (vs. 1 and 2)

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, Zachary Marks  
**Minister:** Zeborah Carter