

*St John Church of Christ*

# Bulletin

April 14, 2024

## For The Church



Are you a follower of Jesus? No, I mean are you really a follower of Jesus or are you just a fan of Jesus? Sometimes in life we think we are committed to something, and in fact, we will even tell people that we are committed, sometimes just by our title. That's a little bit like how Christianity goes for some people. You go to church on Sundays, therefore, to the world you are a Christian. Then you do something that the world thinks is unchristian in nature so you are labeled as a hypocrite. We all are certainly guilty of this from time to time in our lives, but true followers of Jesus live in such a way that even when they make a mistake, they handle it differently than the world would.

It is easy for us to sit on the sidelines and cheer on Jesus when we aren't in the game fighting with him, but it becomes much harder for us when we jump into the fight. We are not called to sit on the sidelines, but rather, we are called to be in the middle of the fight. The Hebrew writer rebukes his listeners because they have not matured in their faith. They are supposed to be at a point where they are teaching others and bringing people to God, but they are still only ready to be reminded of the things they have already been taught. We must not become like them and fail to grow in our faith. Our faith should be growing daily.

This week, before you make any decisions, or take any action, ask yourself if you are in the game or if you are just sitting on the sidelines. Then make the choice to follow Jesus with everything that you do.

## 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

## **New Ministry [Tonight]**

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 will gather starting at 5 PM and we will eat at 5:30 PM.. This is at the Stafford Church of Christ. Childcare provided.

## **Gospel Singing [Next Sunday]**

Isabel Church of CHrist will be hosting a gospel singing Sunday, April 21 @ 5:00 PM. Dinner will be provided. More details on the bulletin board.

## **VBS Planning Nights [April 24]**

Our first VBS planning night will happen on Wednesday, April 24 at 6 PM. This night we will look through what we have and decide how we want to decorate and what we need to create. We will also brainstorm games/activities/crafts for VBS. The following Wednesday on May 1 we will have tasks ready for people to accomplish. So plan to come help us if you can!

## **Graduation Recognition [May 5]**

On Sunday, May 5th, we will be hosting a special high school graduation recognition for Morgan Gunter, immediately following our potluck meal. Please do not bring dessert for potluck, as we will have light refreshments to celebrate Morgan's graduation. Please plan to stay to help honor Morgan on her achievement.

## **Birthdays this week:**

Ned Marks - April 15

## **Save the Date:**

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

# Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Terry & Joy Sallee

Song Leader: Quinn Palmer

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #155 - Highest Place

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Zach Marks (Matthew 22:36-40)

Shepherd's Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #509 - I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

Song: #324 - Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed? (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

Communion: Tom Turner

Song: #448 - The Greatest Commands

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #517 - Heaven Came Down (vs. 1 and 2)

Closing Prayer: Chris Stptt

**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