

*St John Church of Christ*

# Bulletin

May 5, 2024

## For The Church



Baptism marks the personal identification with Christ, it marks the entrance into the Christian Family, and provides an opportunity to make a public confession of faith in Jesus Christ as the son of God.

Baptism is essential for the Christian life. It is a testimony to the believer's faith in the final resurrection of the dead, and if you have put your faith in Christ then the appropriate response is to be baptized into Christ. The word Baptism comes from a Greek word (*baptizo*) which means "to immerse". Baptism is a ceremony in which a believer is immersed in water, in the presence of church family, to publicly express their belief in Christ. The water is a symbol of sin being washed away. Baptism declares that you are a follower of Jesus Christ. It is a public confession of your faith in and commitment to Jesus Christ. Baptism should take place in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. (Mat. 28:19) Spiritual blessings are in Christ. (Eph. 1:3-14) If the spiritual blessings are in Christ, then we should be in Christ. (Rom. 6:5-11) This is the only place in the Bible that God tells us how we get in Christ. The church is the body of Christ.

We are in the process of putting in a new baptistry here. It is a good time to think about your baptism. If you haven't been baptized or have any questions about it, please come and talk to one of the elders or Zeb and we would be more than happy to visit with you. Have a blessed week ahead and know we are here for you if you need anything. May you feel God's presence in your life daily.

## In Our Prayers

Emersyn Milton  
Thomas Pruitt  
Shannon Bauer  
Elmer Schuette  
Carol Gingrich  
Madison Cole  
Susan Mayer (Chet's sister)

Truitt Family  
Audie Thornburg  
Megan Duntz  
Shari Soukup  
Zeb Carter  
Juanita (Abby's Mother)  
Rick Toland

Tim Taylor  
Girard and Marilyn Holinde  
Mark's Family  
Mawhirter Family  
Zane Wilson

# Upcoming Events

## **Potluck and Graduation Recognition [Today]**

Please join us following services for our monthly potluck meal. We will be having a graduation recognition following the potluck to celebrate Morgan Gunter's graduation from St. John High School.

## **VBS Planning Work Night [Wednesday]**

This Wednesday we will gather at 6 PM to prepare for VBS. We will have some tasks to complete on Wednesday to get everything ready for VBS on June 1. Come and join us if you are free. There will not be dinner served on Wednesday.

## **Young Family Ministry [Next Sunday]**

We will be hosting our young family ministry here in St. John on Sunday Night, May 12 at 5:00 PM. Dinner will be served and childcare will be provided. Come join us for a time of fellowship and good food. Anyone is welcome to attend, but it will be geared toward the young families.

## **Save the Date:**

June 1 - VBS  
June 2-8 - SMC Early Session  
June 9 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)  
July 7-13 - SMC First Session  
July 14 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)  
July 14-20 - SMC Second Session  
July 21-27 - SMC Third Session

## **Birthdays this week:**

Trent Sallee - May 8

# Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Richard & Shelly Brensing

Song Leader: Stan Aldrich

Sound System: Jayce Feril

Gathering: #574 - Oh, How I Love Jesus

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Chris Mansel (Psalm 77:11-12)

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #454 - Rock of Ages

Song: #313 - The Old Rugged Cross

Communion: Jerry Kinnamon

Song: #902 - Nothing But the Blood

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #470 - Victory in Jesus (vs. 1 and 3)

Closing Prayer: Chris Stott

**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