St John Church of Christ Bulletin

May 12, 2024

For The Church

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstance, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." This is a hard verse to follow. Do you rejoice always? Pretty tough at times. If we trust God completely it would be easier. Do you pray constantly? Do you reach out to God about everything, or do you go off on your own with some things in your life? Do you give thanks to God about everything? Probably not. It definitely is tough at times!!

If we trust God completely then we should accept life as it happens day by day. We should talk to Him about the happenings in our life. We should ask for His guidance to face whatever happens in our lives.

James 1: 2-4 tells us to count it as all joy when we meet trials because the testing of our faith produces steadfastness, which will make us stronger for the next trial. The full effect of steadfastness will make us perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

God works in our lives when we follow His will, and He makes us what we should be. The process is called sanctification, and it doesn't happen overnight. Do not ever give up on it. Keep trying and doing your best. God doesn't give up on us. It is not easy being a disciple of Christ.

Bless you all in Christ. Have a blessed week ahead and remember to pray and bring your happenings to Him. Enjoy the spring flowers and birds and whatever else you notice about spring that God has blessed us with. And let us all not forget to pray without ceasing and thank Him.

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 Famly Zane Wilson

Upcoming Events

Young Family Ministy [Tonight]

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.

Ladies Night [Tuesday]

The ladies are invited to come here on Tuesday, May 14th, at 7:00 pm to hear Pam Turner give a report of her experience in Tanzania, where she spent the month of April volunteering at Neema Village. Light refreshments will be served.

VBS Help [Today and Wednesday]

We are looking for volunteers to be group leaders and help the day of VBS. We will have a short meeting after services today to help find anyone that could help. 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.

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:

Chris Stott - May 12 Richard Brensing - May 15 Harper Marks - May 15

Worship Order

<u>Welcome Table & Greeters</u>: Richard & Shelly Brensing

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #123 - The Steadfast Love the Lord

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Jayce Feril (Joshua 1:1-9)

Shepherd's Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #449 - Thy Word

Song: #464 - Because He Lives

Communion: Chris Stott

<u>Song</u>: #414 - Anywhere with Jesus (vs. 1, 2, & 3)

Lesson: Kevin Skidmore

Song: #909 - There's a Fountain Free

Closing Prayer: Darrell Bauer

Sundays:	Blble 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:	Zeboriah Carter