

Bulletin

June 23, 2024

For The Church



Dutch monk, Thomas à Kempis, in his book *Imitation of Christ* (1418), said, "He who follows Me, walks not in darkness, says the Lord (John 8:12). By these words of Christ, we are advised to imitate His life and habits, if we wish to be truly enlightened and free from all blindness of heart. Let our chief effort, therefore, be to study the life of Jesus Christ.

The teaching of Christ is more excellent than all the advice of the saints, and he who has His spirit will find in it a hidden manna. Now, there are many who hear the Gospel often but care little for it because they have not the spirit of Christ. Yet whoever wishes to understand fully the words of Christ must try to pattern his whole life on that of Christ.

What good does it do to speak learnedly about the Trinity if, lacking humility, you displease the Trinity? Indeed, it is not learning that makes a man holy and just, but a virtuous life makes him pleasing to God. I would rather feel contrition than know how to define it. For what would it profit us to know the whole Bible by heart and the principles of all the philosophers if we live without grace and the love of God? Vanity of vanities and all is vanity, except to love God and serve Him alone."

Thomas à Kempis was on to something here. Jesus is our leader. If we want to live like Jesus, we need to examine his life and try to live our lives like he did. Reading scripture is a very good thing for us to do, but if we don't use it to help us live like Jesus did then it is of no value. Live like Jesus did.

In Our Prayers

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

Audie Thornburg
Shari Soukup
Zeb Carter
Juanita (Abby's Mother)
Rick Toland
Tim Taylor

Girard and Marilyn Holinde
Courtney Emery
Brenda Staub
Dwight Huston
Becky Carter
Smith Family

Upcoming Events

Silver Maple Camp

There are still three sessions of Camp available to sign up for. If you need any help in getting your children signed up for these sessions, let Zeb know.

Save the Date:

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

August 11 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)

Birthdays this week:

Nattalie Lippoldt - June 23

Dawsyn Long - June 23

Harper Sallee - June 26



Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Darrell & Shannon Bauer

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Zoey Carter

Gathering: #123 - The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Gary Hornbaker (Psalm 61:1-8)

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #449 - Thy Word

Song: #332 - Lead Me To Calvary

Communion: Jerry Kinnamon

Song: #555 - Seek Ye First

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #909 - There's a Fountain Free (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Zach Marks

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