St John Church of Christ Bulletin

July 7, 2024

For The Church



For the next several weeks, our Sunday morning lessons will be focused on the book of Judges. When Joshua and the elders died, it left the Israelites without strong leadership. This is a book about eleven men and one woman who helped rescue Israel from their oppressors. It is also a book about sin and its consequences. We can learn so much from the book of Judges as it shows how easily we can become complacent and disobedient and turn away from God. The Israelites first step away from God was incomplete obedience as they refused to eliminate the enemy from the land. This led to intermarriage and idolatry with those remaining and everyone doing "as they saw fit" (Judges 17:6). Before long the Israelites became captives, then out of their desperation, they would beg God to rescue them. In faithfulness to His promise and out of his loving kindness, God would raise up a judge to deliver His people and for a time there would be peace.

Then complacency would set in, and the cycle would begin again. God's deliverance through the Judges is a powerful demonstration of His love and mercy toward His people. As we take a good look at the Judges, note their dependence on God and their obedience to His commands. Observe Israel's downward spiral into sin, refusing to learn from past mistakes and living only for the moment. But most of all, let's stand in awe of God's mercy as He delivers His people over and over again.

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 SMC First Session (Starts Today)

Upcoming Events

Potluck [Today]

Join us after worship today for our monthly potluck meal. Join us for a time of fellowship and good food!

Silver Maple Camp

There are still two 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.

Young Family Ministry [Next Sunday]

Our next young family ministry will be on Sunday, July 14 at 5 PM here in St. John at the church building. A meal and childcare will be provided. Come join us for a good time of fellowship!

India Missions [Next Sunday]

Ben Renegar from Church of Christ India Missions will be speaking at Isabel on Sunday, July 14 at 6:00 PM. This is the group that Linda Hamm accompanied to India and Sri Lanka in February.

Save the Date:

July 14-20 - SMC Second Session July 21-27 - SMC Third Session August 11 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford) September 8 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Terry & Joy Sallee Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker Sound System: Dominic Rogers Gathering: #155 - Highest Place Welcome: Chris Mansel Scripture Reading: Jayce Feril (Romans 14:4) Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner Song: #266 - Majesty Song: #176 - Lamb of God **Communion:** Richard Brensing Song: #410 - He Leadeth Me Lesson: Carl Feril Song: #948 - I am Resolved (vs. 1) Closing Prayer: Joe Cornwell

Sundays:	Blble classes for all ages @ 10:00 am
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Elders:	Tom Turner, Richard Brensing, Terry Sallee,
	Carl Feril
Deacons:	Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril,
	Zachary Marks
Minister:	Zeboriah Carter