

St John Church of Christ

Bulletin

July 21, 2024

For The Church



Last Sunday, we talked about Deborah. After Deborah died the people turned from God and again did evil so God sent a prophet to the people reminding them that He had rescued them, delivering them from the Egyptians. God reminded them that they were not to worship the foreign gods but they did not listen.

Judges 6 tells us about God sending an angel that appeared to Gideon and said “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior “(verse 12). Gideon asks why are these terrible things happening to us and why have you abandoned us? It appears that Gideon is blaming God for the persecution they are experiencing from the Midianites. The Lord turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?” (verse 14) Gideon makes excuses for himself, being from the weakest clan and the least in his family. He continues to doubt God and tests Him by asking for signs that God is truly with him. Gideon finally believes and carries out God’s plan.

We are a lot like the Israelites, when things are going well, we have a tendency to rely on ourselves and give ourselves the glory. Often it isn’t until we are in our lowest moments that we turn to God.

From the Bible Recap:

Gideon doubts God a lot, and God never gets angry with him for it. God meets him in his question. He’s never impatient with Gideon’s doubts and fears. He comes alongside him to embolden him, knowing that what Gideon needs to hear most isn’t “You’re awesome. You’ve got this. Believe in yourself! You may be the least in your family, but it’s just because they’re jealous of you.” No. Gideon needs to hear who God is. God doesn’t counter Gideon’s doubt by puffing him up with positive self-talk; He says, “I am with you.” And He’s with you. He’s where the joy is!

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 3rd Session (Starts Today)

Upcoming Events

Baptisms!

In the past week we have had three baptisms! Please congratulate and welcome the following three to the family of God: Gatlin Reed, Landon Marks, and Hunter Marks! The angels are rejoicing and so are we!

VBS [August 10]

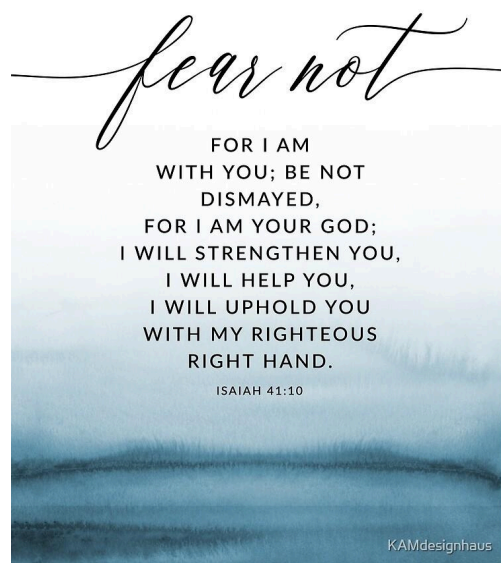
The Stafford Church of Christ will be hosting their annual VBS on Saturday, August 11 from 9 AM until 1 PM.

Save the Date:

July 21-27 - SMC Third Session
August 10 - VBS at Stafford
August 11 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)
September 8 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)

Birthdays

None



Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Terry & Joy Sallee

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Jayce Feril

Gathering: #266 - Majesty

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Landon Marks (Isaiah 41:10)

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #96 - I Stand in Awe

Song: #364 - Come, Share the Lord

Communion: Chris Mansel

Song: #490 - It is Well With My Soul

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #948 - I Am Resolved (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Darrel Bauer

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