

*St John Church of Christ*

# Bulletin

July 28, 2024

## For The Church



To live in the presence of God. This should be the ultimate goal for all people. Many times, people think that this is only possible in the next life, and not in this life on this earth. We often spend our time thinking about what heaven is going to be like, and we miss the fact that we are currently living in the presence of God.=

In the Old Testament, God’s presence lived at the tabernacle and traveled with the people. His presence sat in the holy of holies behind a veil. Only one person was allowed to enter the tabernacle (the High Priest) and he could only enter on one day of the year (the day of atonement). No one else was permitted to pass the veil in the tabernacle and enter the room where the presence of God was.

The day that Jesus died on the cross, something incredible happened. There was an earthquake and during that event the veil was torn in two in the temple. This signified that now believers could enter the presence of God because of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. What an incredible moment – we now have access to the presence of God even if we are not the high priest and even if it is not the day of atonement.

Psalms 73:28 says, “But I’m in the very presence of God – oh, how refreshing it is! I’ve made Lord God my home. God, I’m telling the world what you do!” It is so refreshing to be in the presence of God, but often times we don’t recognize that we are in his presence. We have been given an incredible gift. We can live in God’s presence now and for eternity. So make the Lord God (and his presence) your home.

## 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  
Joel Miller

# Upcoming Events

## Potluck [Next Sunday]

We will have our monthly potluck next Sunday following services. We will also have a VBS debrief after the potluck so please plan to stay for fellowship and for a time to discuss our VBS from this year.

## 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:

August 10 - VBS at Stafford

August 11 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)

September 8 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)

September 20-21 - SMC Ladies Retreat

## Birthdays

Maxx Gunter - August 1

Craig Smith - August 3



# Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Terry & Joy Sallee

Song Leader: Jerry Kinnamon

Sound System: Dominic Rogers

Gathering: #578 - We Will Glorify

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Zach Marks (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)

Shepherd's Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #290 - Shine, Jesus, Shine

Song: #902 - Nothing But the Blood

Communion: Gary Hornbaker

Song: #414 - Anywhere With Jesus (vs. 1, 2, & 3)

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #909 - There's a Fountain Free (vs. 1 & 2)

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