

St John Church of Christ

Bulletin

September 22, 2024

For The Church



Is there anything random in this world? Is there anything that God didn't foresee? What we might perceive as chance or unpredictable, God sees beyond our understanding and knows what the result will be. I think of the digits of the number pi, that seem to have no pattern. But, when the right formula is applied, those digits map into a beautiful spiral design. God knew this long before mathematicians discovered it. I write this to introduce you to Jorge and Latisha Serrano who work in Oaxaca City, Oaxaca, Mexico.

Our story with them began because Eddie and Linda Godfrey moved to St John, not a chance move on their part, but part of God's design. The Godfreys were from the same area of Texas, near Lubbock where Latisha grew up in. As a young adult, Latisha studied in the AIM program and worked in Toluca, Mexico where John and Clare Dias were serving as missionaries. There she met Jorge (Coco) Serrano, they married and soon were on their way to Oaxaca City to plant a church. As they were building their support base, they reached out to our church because of the Godfreys. We have supported them for nearly 30 years as they have faithfully served the Lord in that city, raising their children, Aaron and Emily, now recently married, and their 9-yr old Violet.

We've seen their compassion for the marginalized of society which has brought them into a new work helping the overwhelming numbers of migrants crossing into southern Mexico from Central and South America. As a preacher, Coco brings hope by sharing the Good news of Jesus. As a midwife, Tish provides health care to the women and children. As part of our worship service today, we will hear from the Serrano family about the work they are currently doing in Oaxaca City.

In Our Prayers

Emersyn Milton
Thomas Pruitt
Gingrich Family
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

Memorial Service [Next Saturday]

The memorial service for Carol Gingrich will be next Saturday, September 28 at 2 PM at the church building. Graveside service to follow at Pleasant Valley cemetery at Zook.

Annual Cookout [Next Saturday]

Chet and Marla will be hosting their annual cookout at their place (1365 E. U.S. Highway 50, Stafford, KS) on Saturday, September 28 starting at Noon. The main dish will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert and a chair and come join them in a time of fellowship!

Fellowship Event [Next Sunday]

Next Sunday, September 29 the Stafford Church of Christ will be hosting a songs and salads event from 4 PM until 7 PM. They will be putting faith into action by purchasing food for the food bank and carpenter place, eating something delicious, singing familiar songs, and encouraging our young people (and our not so young) in their discipleship.

Save the Date:

October 13 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)
October 13-15 - SMC Men's Retreat
October 19 - SMC Fall Festival
November 1-3 - SMC Teen Retreat
November 10 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)

Birthdays

Zane Wilson - Sept. 23
Abby Stott - Sept. 28

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Tom & Pam Turner

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Jayce Feril

Gathering: #123 - The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Landon Marks (Matthew 6:33-34)

Shepherd's Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #945 - Kneel at the Cross

Song: #387 - Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Communion: Orrin Feril

Video from the Serranos: Video

Song: #948 - I Am Resolved

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #947 - Jesus Is Tenderly Calling (vs. 1 & 4)

Closing Prayer: Stan Aldrich

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