

Bulletin

October 6, 2024

For The Church



Genesis 1:27 says, “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” What does it mean that man was created in God’s image? This is not a creating in a physical sense, but this is a creating in a character sense. When God created humans he gave them his character, not his physical attributes (or looks). God promises to Abraham that his family will be a blessing to all the families of the whole earth (Genesis 12). The method of this blessing is carried out by the people of God as God calls them to be a kingdom of priests (Exodus 19) and a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2).

This call to share in the character of God comes in the form of relationship. As an image bearer, your first and most important relationship should be with God. The imitation of God’s character is only possible for the Christian through a more perfect union with Him, and thus it is imperative to continually be in the presence of God, that the image might be refined. The problem for us is that we will never, in this life, be perfectly like God. We will always fall short of God’s magnificence and character. The only human that has walked this earth and lived the perfect life is Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

God, though, gives you a choice. You can choose to live out your purpose which is to bear the image (character) of God to the world, and by doing so bless all the families of the earth, or you can choose to reject your purpose and live for yourself. You are free, today, to commit yourself to being refined into the image of your perfect creator.

In Our Prayers

Emersyn Milton
Thomas Pruitt
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
Mary Minchew-Conley
Linda Fry
Rob Murrow

Upcoming Events

Potluck [Today]

Please join us today, immediately following services, for our monthly potluck meal. It will be a time of good food and fellowship!

SMC First Annual Fall Festival [Oct. 19]

SMC Fall Festival will be on Saturday, October 19th from 9am to 4pm. There will be carnival games, food booths, hay ride, and corn maze. The kitchen will be open and serving pancakes all day. There will be a cake walk and bake sale. \$40 admission for a family of four. Pick up a flyer and use the QR code to visit the website to learn more. It will be a fun day for families and grandparents.

If you would like to help with this event, please talk to Tom or Pam. Workers at the booths are needed. There is a sign up in the foyer for helpers, cakes, and bake sale items. This is a major fund raising event for the camp and we need your support.

Young Family Ministry [Next Sunday]

Our young family ministry will be next Sunday evening starting at 5 PM at the Stafford Church of Christ. A meal and childcare will be provided! Join us for a good time of fellowship!

Save the Date:

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

Paige Mansel - October 8
Chris Mansel - October 10
Hadley Bright - October 11

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Zeb & Jessica Carter

Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #3 - Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah!

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Jayce Feril (Matthew 16:24-26)

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #266 - Majesty!

Song: #176 - Lamb of God

Communion: Carl Feril

Song: #410 - He Leadeth Me

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #876 - Where He Leads Me I Will Follow (vs. 1)

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