

St John Church of Christ

Bulletin

October 20, 2024

For The Church



Prayer is basic. Prayer provides the primary language for everything that takes place on the way of Jesus. If we go to a shopping mall in North America, we speak English to get what we want. If we go to a restaurant in France, we speak French to order. If we travel in Greece, we speak Greek to find our way to the Acropolis. And if we decide to become Christians and follow Jesus, we pray. We pray because it is the only language we have for speaking to the God revealed in Jesus. It is also the only language we have for listening to the commands and blessings and guidance that God provides through Jesus. God is nothing if not personal. Both God and we humans are most personal, most characteristically our unique selves, in our use of language. When language has to do with God and us, us and God, we call it prayer.

What I want to insist on is that prayer is not something added on to the Christian life. It is the language in which that life is lived out, nurtured, developed, revealed, informed; the language in which it believes, loves, explores, seeks, and finds. There are no shortcuts or detours. Prayer is the cradle language among those who are “born again” and then the intimate, familiar, developing language of growing up to follow the way of Jesus.

Prayer is the street language that we use with Jesus, who walks the streets with us. We can’t put off prayer until we “get good at it.” It is the only language available to us as we bring our unique and particular selves, “just as we are without one plea,” into the daily, hourly speaking and listening to God who comes “just as he is” in Jesus.

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

Pumpkin Carving and Fellowship [Tonight]

Join us tonight for Pumpkin carving and fellowship. Hot dogs and pumpkins will be provided. Bring other things to go with hot dogs!

SMC Teen Retreat [Nov. 1-3]

It is time to sign up for the SMC teen retreat. If you would like to go please contact Zeb (for 6th graders through 12th graders).

Save the Date:

November 1-3 - SMC Teen Retreat

November 10 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)

December 8 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)

January 12 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)



Birthdays

Ben Sizemore - October 20

Shelly Brensing - October 24

Carl Feril - October 25

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Zeb & Jessica Carter

Song Leader: Stan Aldrich

Sound System: Dominic Rogers

Gathering: #63 - I Will Call Upon the Lord

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Zach Marks (1 Samuel 7:3-4)

Shepherd's Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #837 - I Need Thee Every Hour

Song: #349 - Ten Thousand Angels

Communion: Chris Mansel

Song: #827 - Sweet Hour of Prayer

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #902 - Nothing But the Blood (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Joe Cornwell

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