

St John Church of Christ

Bulletin

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For The Church



What is it like to live under a king? If you have lived in the United States your whole life, then you have never lived under a king. You definitely have never lived under an absolute monarch. In an absolute monarchy the ruling power and actions of the absolute monarch may not be questioned or limited by any written law, legislature, court, economic sanction, religion, custom, or electoral process. The monarch (King) has absolute control and cannot be questioned.

The stories that are told by people who have lived in an absolute monarchy are frightening at times. Many absolute monarchs' rule with an iron fist and if you get in their way then you will be taken out (sometimes even by death). What would it look like, though, if the absolute monarch was a monarch of love? What would it look like if the monarch ruled only by what was best for his people and his kingdom? What if the monarch ruled with kindness, compassion, and mercy?

Just thinking about that thought gives me goosebumps on my arms. That would be a truly incredible kingdom in which to live. The good news for Christians is that we can have that kind of kingdom. Our God rules in just this way. He is kind, compassionate, and full of mercy. He rules in love, and he always has our own best interests at heart. Our God is an absolute monarch, but he is the best kind of absolute monarch.

Submit your life to the sovereign rule of God. Trust in his absolute power. Know that God has your best interest at heart. We should all long to live in a kingdom with an absolute monarch that rules in love and mercy. You can join and live in that kingdom today, don't wait.

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
Vernon Bartlett

Upcoming Events

Youth Group [Tonight]

The youth group will meet tonight at 7 PM at Carl & Jane's House.

SMC Teen Retreat [Starts Friday]

The Teen retreat is next weekend. If you would like your teen to go please talk with Zeb about signing up.

Potluck [Next Sunday]

Make plans to join us after worship next Sunday for our monthly potluck meal!

Thank You

A big thank you to all those that sent items for the bake sale, came out and helped and brought kids and grandkids for the Silver Maple Camp Fall Festival. We truly appreciate all you did and do to make SMC a happy place to be!

Women Walking With God 2025

Dates are set for April 11-12, 2025 and Early Bird Registration is \$45 until January 15, 2025. (\$50 afterward) Note that the location has been moved to the Northside Church of Christ, which limits registrations to 750, so it is important to commit to this as early as possible. Website for more information and registration:

www.womenwalkingwithgod.org

Birthdays

Zoey Carter - October 29

Shae Huffman - November 2

Save the Date:

November 10 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)

December 8 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)

January 12 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)

April 11-12 - Women Walking With God Conference

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Zeb & Jessica Carter

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #266 - Majesty

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Landon Marks (Psalm 93:1-5)

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #578 - We Will Glorify

Song: #332 - Lead Me to Calvary

Communion: Gary Hornbaker

Song: #155 - Highest Place

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #924 - Just As I Am (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