

*St John Church of Christ*

# Bulletin

December 1, 2024

## For The Church



The story of the birth of Jesus is commemorated during this time of the year throughout the world. In the most secular of cultures, we find that the decorations go up, the celebrations begin, and the “holidays” are set aside. It is amazing to reflect on, that people who seemingly never acknowledge God in day to day lives, routinely set up nativity sets, sing “O Little Town of Bethlehem” and hang stars in their windows. As secular and materialistic as we see our world, even in the most commercial markets, Christmas is acknowledged.

Now I would not spend the time to argue about is this the right time of the year, or do we have the details right about the number of wise men or the kinds of animals in the nativity scenes in country squares and parks around the country. So, they don’t have the details correct... Step back and look at the opportunity here.

People who never think about God are encouraging each other to “be kind”, to “be considerate”, and to “think of the less fortunate”. Aren’t they talking about godliness? Aren’t the self-centered exploring the idea of others? Don’t we want to encourage that? Don’t we want to support efforts toward a better more giving world? When the world is singing the message of God, don’t fight them... join the chorus!

Don’t ignore the opportunities around you during the coming month to engage in a conversation about the “star in the East” or the “voice of an angel”. Support people doing well. Engage with them. Don’t give in to grumpiness, or the “Bah Humbugs”. You can be an encouragement or an impediment to those who celebrate that which they know little about. We know, so help them. Please, let us never muffle a word about God!

## In Our Prayers

Emersyn Milton  
Thomas Pruitt  
Madison Cole  
Susan Mayer Family  
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  
Hadley Bright

# Upcoming Events

## Youth Group [Tonight]

There will be youth group tonight at 7 PM at Carl & Janet's house at 7 PM.

## December Potluck [Next Sunday]

Plan to join us next Sunday for our monthly potluck meal following services.

## Ladies Christmas Party [December 13]

You are invited to the home of Nancy Rice on Friday, December 13th, at 6:30 pm, for a Christmas Party. (279 NE 50th Ave, Stafford, KS 67578) Please bring a wrapped gift to exchange (white elephant or \$15 purchase limit). Finger foods and drinks will be provided. No RSVP necessary.

## Save the Date:

December 14 (Date Change) - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)

January 10-11 - Free Marriage Seminar at Northside Church of Christ (Wichita)

January 12 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)

April 11-12 - Women Walking With God Conference

## Birthdays

Joy Salee - December 1

# Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Terry & Joy Sallee

Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker

Sound System: Dominic Rogers

Gathering: #578 - We Will Glorify

Welcome: Tom Turner

Scripture Reading: Zach Marks (Philippians 4:4)

Shepherd's Prayer: Richard Brensing

Song: #453 - Love Lifted Me

Song: #313 - The Old Rugged Cross

Communion: Carl Feril

Song: #3 - Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #934 - Softly and Tenderly (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Jerry Kinnamon

**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