St John Church of Christ Bulletin

January 19, 2025

For The Church



If we want to be godly people who live godly lives in an ungodly world, we must train ourselves to be godly. How do we accomplish this? One of the most important parts of this training is for us to be disciplined in our walk with the Lord. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 9 that we must train as if we are going to win the race, not just to finish the race.

If you were wanted to finish a marathon, would you start by running 26.2 miles on the first day and just say, "hey, I finished a marathon"? No, that is ludicrous to think that you could run 26.2 miles when you haven't trained for that at all. You probably wouldn't make it two miles let alone the whole way. When you train to run a marathon, you must start out smaller than the full amount before you work your way up to the longer distance.

The same should be said for spiritual disciplines. Start small. Find something that only takes you ten minutes to start out with. Practice that disciple (like Bible reading) for ten minutes each day and make it a habit. It takes twenty-one days or twenty-seven times to develop a habit so don't give up. Then you can maybe add more to that time. You could read your Bible for 10 minutes and then pray about what you read for 5 minutes. You could read for ten minutes and then write down any questions that might come to your mind and then pray for God to reveal to you those answers.

Don't allow spiritual disciplines to be overwhelming to you. Start small and then you can grow from there. When we are not maturing in the Lord we are backsliding so press forward!

In Our Prayers

- Emersyn Milton Thomas Pruitt Madison Cole Zeb Carter Juanita (Abby's Mother) Tim Taylor Brenda Staub
- Dwight Huston Becky Carter family Joel Miller Mary Minchew-Conley Linda Fry Rob Murrow Vernon Bartlett
- Hadley Bright Greg McAlister Sarah Martin (and baby) Pam Aldrich Laurie Saylor Gale Terry Nash

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Night Bible Hour [Wednesday]

Wednesday Night Bible Hour will meet again this week on Wednesday night starting at 6 PM. Dinner will be served. This is for kids in grades Kindergarten through 5th.

Women's Bible Study [Wednesday]

The women's Bible study will meet again this Wednesday at 9:30 AM at the church building.

Leadership Training for Christ (LTC)

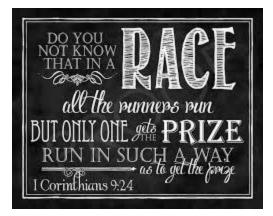
If your kids plan to participate in LTC talk to Zeb and fill out the form about their interests in this year's event.

Save the Date:

February 9 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford) March 9 - Young Family Ministry (St. John) April 11-12 - Women Walking With God April 13 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford) April 18-19 - LTC (Kansas City)

Birthdays

None



Worship Order

<u>Welcome Table & Greeters</u>: Darrel & Shannon Bauer

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Dominic Rogers

Gathering: #123 - The Steadfast Love of the Lord

<u>Welcome</u>: Orrin Feril

<u>Scripture Reading</u>: Gatlin Reed (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #794 - Unto Thee, O Lord

Song: #332 - Lead Me to Calvary

Communion: Gary Hornbaker

Song: #410 - He Leadeth Me

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #915 - Trust and Obey (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Shawn Batten



tithely.com (giving link)

Sundays:	Blble classes for all ages @ 10:00 am
Elders:	Worship service for everyone @ 11:00 am Tom Turner, Richard Brensing, Terry Sallee,
Deacons:	Carl Feril Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril,
Minister:	Zachary Marks Zeboriah Carter