

# St John Church of Christ

January 10, 2021

Worship  
Service

Premiers  
Sunday at 11:00



## Meeting Online

Our online Adult Bible Study continues this morning at 10:30. It's based on John McKeel's recent book, *Peter the Friend of Jesus Speaks*. Our programs are available over the internet starting Sundays at 10:30 for Adult Class and 11:00 for Worship. Just visit

[www.StJohnChurchOfChrist.org](http://www.StJohnChurchOfChrist.org)

and select "Sermons" from the menubar at the top, or click this link to visit our page on YouTube:

[St. John Church of Christ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)



## No Streakers in Church!

John McKeel

The Apostle Paul tells us to "put on the whole armor of God" in Ephesians 6:13-17. Then he goes on to list what that includes: the pants of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the boots of the gospel of peace, the shield of righteousness, the sword of the Spirit and the helmet of salvation.

A radio preacher once declared he didn't want any "streakers" running around in his congregation. He explained those are the ones who are only wearing "the helmet of salvation." He wanted everyone fully clothed in the whole armor of God.

I wonder if we have any streakers – people who have been baptized, but never truly developed a relationship

with God? To change metaphors, they haven't put down spiritual roots. It's a shame how many people have never learned how

to pray, meditate, fast or study. Perhaps now they are too embarrassed to ask anyone to teach them.

I can identify with those folks. I vividly remember obeying the gospel, but as I came out of the baptistery I wondered, "What do I do next?" The simple answers were "live the Christian life" and "spread the Good News," but no one really showed me how or what that means.

The "Spiritual Disciplines" are all about growing deeper in our relationship with God. They begin with the "inner disciplines" – learning how to pray, fast, meditate and study and then they manifest themselves in the "outward disciplines" – simplicity, service, submission and solitude. Finally, there are also the "corporate disciplines" – the activities of

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relationship - worship, confession and celebration. But to really grow spiritually, you will want to be a part of a small group. In the company of the committed, you'll learn how. Join a few other Christians to share stories, laugh, cry, pray and learn in an informal setting. You'll not only learn how to put on the whole armor of God, but you'll make wonderful new friends who really care about each other.



## A Place for Pictures



## Ain't It Obvious?

A popular scooter for children warns: "This product moves when used."

A label on an electric hand blender using for "blending, whipping, chopping and dicing," warns: "Never remove food or other items from the blades while the product is operating."

A label on a baby stroller warns: "Remove child before folding."

A brass fishing lure with a three-pronged hook on the end warns: "Harmful if swallowed."

A household iron warns users: "Never iron clothes while they are being worn."

A label on a hair dryer reads, "Never use hair dryer while sleeping."

A warning on an electric drill made for carpenters cautions: "This product not intended for use as a dental drill."

God is as real as a beautiful sunset or the tiny hand of a baby. Still, some people chose to ignore the obvious!



Shelly and Richard are struggling with Covid-19. We have seen a sudden rise in the number of cases in our county following all the gatherings over the holidays.

Teddy is recovering from his triple-bypass. He has been moved to a rehab facility in Larned. Please continue to pray for Teddy and Carol!

Carol's sister, Joyce Turner, passed away Wednesday night in Salina. The memorial will be held in St. John on Monday.

George & Shirley's son-in-law, Rick McGaugh, is recovering in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Please continue to pray for John's friend Paul and his wife Bernice, as Paul battles cancer in Washington state.

The great granddaughter of Irene and Harold Hornbaker, baby Emerson Milton, is fighting cancer. She is receiving treatment in both Kansas City and Wichita depending whether it is radiation or chemo. She needs our prayers! Emerson is the daughter of Billy and Brianna Milton of Hudson.

Let's give thanks for the many blessings God continually gives us - even in these hard times! We've had many cases of covid in our community, but people are recovering and, finally, a vaccine is on the way.