

*St John Church of Christ*

# Bulletin

February 2, 2025

## For The Church



Gregory of Nyssa:

“We must learn first of all that we ought to pray and not to faint. For the effect of prayer is union with God, and if someone is with God, he is separated from the enemy. Through prayer we guard our chastity, control our temper, and rid ourselves of vanity; it makes us forget injuries, overcomes envy, defeats injustice, and makes amends for sin. Through prayer we obtain physical well-being, a happy home, and a strong, well-ordered society. Prayer will make our nation powerful, will give us victory in war and security in peace; it reconciles enemies and preserves allies. Prayer is the seal of virginity and a pledge of faithfulness in marriage; it shields the wayfarer, protects the sleeper, and gives courage to those who keep vigil. It obtains a good harvest for the farmer and a safe port for the sailor.

Prayer is intimacy with God and contemplation of the invisible. It satisfies our yearnings and makes us equal to the angels. Through it good prospers, evil is destroyed, and sinners will be converted. Prayer is the enjoyment of things present and the substance of the things to come. Prayer turned the whale into a home for [Jonah]; it brought Ezechias back to life from the very gates of death; it transformed the flames into a moist wind for the Three Children. Through prayer the Israelites triumphed over the Amelakites, and 185,000 Assyrians were slain in one night by the invisible sword. Past history furnishes thousands of other examples besides these which make it clear that of all the things valued in this life nothing is more precious than prayer.”

Prayer is the avenue on which to build an intimate relationship with the creator of all things. Prayer should be a daily discipline for Christians.

## In Our Prayers

Emersyn Milton  
Thomas Pruitt  
Madison Cole  
Zeb Carter  
Juanita (Abby’s Mother)  
Tim Taylor  
Brenda Staub

Dwight Huston  
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  
Vance Wendelburg  
Dennis Rosenbaum

# Upcoming Events

## Potluck [Today]

Join us after worship this morning for our monthly potluck fellowship meal!

## Youth Group [Tonight]

The youth group will meet tonight at Carl and Janet's home at 7 PM.

## 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.

## Young Family Ministry [Next Sunday]

Since next Sunday is the Super Bowl, Stafford is going to host a Super Bowl party for both churches. Anyone (or all ages) is welcome to attend. Please bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert to share!

## Save the Date:

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

Ashley Reed - February 7

# Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Tom & Pam Turner

Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #4 - To God Be the Glory

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Jayce Feril (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

Shepherd's Prayer: Richard Brensing

Song: #71 - As the Deer

Song: #176 - Lamb of God

Communion: Chris Stott

Song: #273 - More Precious Than Silver (2x)

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #945 - Kneel at the Cross (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Jerry Kinnamon



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**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