

*St John Church of Christ*

# Bulletin

February 16, 2025

## For The Church



Solitude #2 of 4:

Some people — whether they admit it or not — are deeply afraid and uncomfortable with the thought of being alone with God. And indeed, for a fallen man or woman to stand utterly naked and completely known before God (apart from the redemptive work of Christ) is a truly terrifying prospect! But for those in Christ, the situation is radically different. We are encouraged to confidently “draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need,” (Heb. 4:16, ESV). We are loved, accepted, and forgiven in Christ. For this reason, being completely alone with God (particularly while appreciating the beauty of the natural world that he has created) offers a unique opportunity to commune with, worship, and even enjoy our great Creator, Savior and Redeemer!

Solitude gives us an opportunity to commune with both God and self. It provides time for us to contemplate both who we are and what we think, as well as time to meditate upon who God is, what he has done, is now doing, and will one day do. Solitude, in other words, provides an opportunity for us to remember, notice, enjoy and anticipate our place in God’s great story.

Solitude provides an opportunity to remember who we are, who God is and what God has done on our behalf. Repeatedly in the book of Deuteronomy, the Lord calls upon his people to remember that they were once slaves in the land of Egypt, but that he delivered them, redeemed them, and brought them “out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,” In a similar way, Paul encourages the believers in Ephesus to remember that though they were once separated from Christ, they have now “been brought near by the blood of Christ,” (Eph. 2:12-13). If we are “in Christ,” solitude offers an excellent opportunity to remember that God loves us, has redeemed, us and is conforming us to the image of His Son.

## In Our Prayers

Thomas Pruitt  
Zeb Carter  
Juanita (Abby’s Mother)  
Tim Taylor  
Brenda Staub  
Dwight Huston  
Linda Fry

Vernon Bartlett  
Greg McAlister  
Pam Aldrich  
Laurie Saylor Gale  
Terry Nash  
Vance Wendelburg  
Dennis Rosenbaum

Betty Clumsky  
Brenda Reno  
Ryker Berens  
Jessica Kinnamon  
Stuart Madden

# Upcoming Events

## Youth Group [Tonight]

The youth group will meet tonight at Carl & Janet's house at 7 PM.

## Ladies Bible Study [Wednesday]

The Ladies Bible Study will be Cancelled for Wednesday. They will meet again on March 5.

## Wednesday Night Bible Hour [Wednesday]

The Wednesday Night Bible Hour will be cancelled for Wednesday. They will meet again on March 5.

## 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

Hannah Sallee - February 18

Shirley Shelton - February 21



# Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Tom & Pam Turner

Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker

Sound System: Dominic Rogers

Gathering: #123 - The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Gatlin Reed (Matthew 17:19-20)

Shepherd's Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #508 - A Wonderful Savior

Song: #364 - Come Share the Lord

Communion: Tom Turner

Song: #560 - Living by Faith

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #679 - Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: JW Like



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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