

*St John Church of Christ*

# Bulletin

March 30, 2025

## For The Church



The NCAA basketball tournament is in full swing for both the women’s and men’s teams. I love seeing the competition between the teams and the fans who cheer on their teams. The tournament begins with 68 teams competing for the prize of being the national champion. After this weekend there will be just four teams left. 64 teams in each of the men’s and women’s tournaments will have lost and will have been eliminated from the tournament. I was struck last weekend at the press conferences following games of how painful the losses were to the losing teams. There were players who covered their heads with their jerseys to hide the tears, coaches whose voices broke with pain and emotion. Losing after investing so much hurts.

I’m thankful that in our race on earth **we all can win!** The price for victory, eternity in heaven, was paid for us. Jesus’ death and sacrifice provides the removal of our sins and makes this possible. All can win, not just a few. In Hebrews 11, the writer lists people of faith who have lived a life of faith. In Hebrews 12:1, the writer indicates that the people of faith are cheering us on.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

As you witness the crowds cheering on their teams these last two weeks of the tournament, remember those who have gone on before, cheering us to the finish line of eternal life. Let’s encourage each other and keep our eyes on Jesus.

## In Our Prayers

Thomas Pruitt  
Zeb Carter  
Juanita (Abby’s Mother)  
Tim Taylor  
Linda Fry  
Vernon Bartlett  
Pam Aldrich

Terry Nash  
Vance Wendelburg  
Dennis Rosenbaum  
Brenda Reno  
Marsha Dryden  
Hunter Marks  
Merry Lynn Weatherby

Jack Bailey  
Marvin Miller  
Gerry Hudson  
Lupe Hudson  
Zane Wilson  
Devin Sizemore  
Nolan Adams

# Upcoming Events

## Youth Group [Tonight]

The Youth Group will meet tonight at Carl and Janet's House at 7 PM.

## Ladies Night [Tonight]

The ladies are invited to a special meeting on Sunday, March 30, at 6:30 PM here at the church building. A lesson will be shared from the series being studied by the Wednesday morning ladies class ("Jesus and Women"). If you already have a book, please remember to bring it. A light meal will be served. RSVP preferred, but not necessary, to Pam or Janet.

## Ladies Bible Study and Bible Hour [Wednesday]

The Ladies Bible Study will meet at 10:00 AM on Wednesday and the kids Bible Hour will meet Wednesday night at 6:00 PM.

## Potluck [Next Sunday]

Make plans to join us for our monthly potluck fellowship meal next Sunday after services.

## Donations Needed

Sewing for the Master is needing donations for clean delivery kits for Zambia. Needs are: Dial antibacterial soap, 6-8" candles - used or new, Chuck pads 24" size (incontinence pads/puppy training pads). See Pam with questions. Money can also be donated to be used to purchase.

## Save the Date:

April 5 - Sandy Brock Memorial Service (Eastwood)  
April 11-12 - Women Walking With God  
April 13 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)  
April 18-19 - LTC (Kansas City)  
April 26 - Silver Maple Camp Workday

May 11 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)  
June 1-7 - SMC Early Session  
June 15 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)

## Birthdays

Tami Byer - April 1

# Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Zeb & Jessica Carter

Song Leader: Stan Aldrich

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #577 - We Bow Down

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Jerry Kinnamon (Luke 4:16-21)

Shepherd's Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #694 - Servant Song

Song: #364 - Come, Share the Lord

Communion: Chris Mansel

Song: #214 - Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #674 - I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Gary Hornbaker



Giving Link

**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