



Many people have trouble with commitment. It's a word that brings some people fear just to think about it. A young man who has a beautiful girlfriend, who he would never want to lose, is terrified of tying the knot. Why is this? He's probably afraid of commitment. He's probably afraid of being hurt. He's probably afraid of loss.

All of us have probably been hurt in a relationship before. We try so hard to do the best that we can to keep our relationships strong, but inevitably, the human that is in the relationship with us who is human after all does something that hurts us. And to be honest we do things that hurt them too. We long for a relationship where there is no hurt. We long for a relationship where we can trust the other person implicitly and know that no matter what they will do what's best for us.

The good news is all of us can have that kind of relationship. All of us can have a relationship where we can trust the other person explicitly and all the time. Of course, I'm talking about a relationship with God. I feel though that many people are afraid to commit even to a relationship with God. Do they think they will be hurt? Did they think they will lose God? I don't think so. But what is it? Maybe it's the perceived work that it will take to keep our relationship strong. Maybe it's our own sinful nature that holds us back.

Euegene Peterson said, "The central reality for Christians is the personal, unalterable, persevering commitment God makes to us. Perseverance is not the result of our determination, it is the result of God's faithfulness." God is faithful. God will persevere through any challenge or circumstance.

So, stop being afraid of commitment. Commit to your relationship with God and know, with every fiber of your being, that he is truly committed to you.

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
Nolan Adams

Upcoming Events

Youth Group [Tonight]

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

Young Family Ministry [Tonight]

Our Young family ministry will meet tonight at the Stafford Church of Christ at 5 PM.

Ministerial Alliance Worship [Tonight]

The St. John-Hudson Ministerial Alliance is hosting a Palm Sunday community worship tonight at 7 PM at the Catholic Church in St. John. All are welcome to attend.

Ladies Bible Study and Bible Hour [Wednesday]

The ladies Bible study will meet this Wednesday at 9:30 AM and Bible Hour for the kids will meet at 6 PM.

Graduation Reception [May 4]

Everyone is invited to a high school graduation reception for Dominic Rodgers and Jorja Blakeslee on Sunday, May 4th, right after potluck. Remember not to bring dessert that day, as refreshments will be served at the reception.

Save the Date:

April 18-19 - LTC (Kansas City)
April 26 - Silver Maple Camp Workday
May 4 - Graduation Celebration for Dominic and Jorja
May 11 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
June 1-7 - SMC Early Session
June 15 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)

Birthdays

Jayce Feril - April 13
Ned Marks - April 15

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Carl & Janet Feril

Song Leader: Shawn Batten

Sound System: Dominic Rogers

Gathering: #71 - As The Deer

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Chris Stott (Hebrews 10:19-25)

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #671 - Purer In Heart, O God

Song: #662 - All To Jesus I Surrender (vs 1, 3)

Communion: Carl Feril (Zach Marks, Jayce Feril, Gary Hornbaker)

Song: #666 - I am Thine, O Lord

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #417 - Where He Leads I Will Follow

Closing Prayer: Jerry Kinnamon



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