

St John Church of Christ

Bulletin

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For The Church



In Matthew 4, Jesus is tempted in the wilderness by Satan right after his baptism. Christ responded to Satan with the truth and “was the first to quote scripture in His encounter with Satan,” always beginning, “It is written.” Today, Satan twists Scripture to confuse and fool us, which is why we must know the Bible.

We utilize the Word of God, “sharper than any double-edged sword” (Hebrews 4:12), and thereby invoke the power of Christ for our defense. Satan tries some “subtle twisting of God’s word,” and perhaps “the adversary felt certain he could overthrow our Lord even on biblical grounds!” Of course, Christ has the advantage. He knows the Word; He is the Word, but memorizing the Bible is not enough: we must come to grips with what God means to say and who He is. Not only the word but the speaker matters. Even non-Christians use Bible verses out of context, adopting them as devices to mold truth to their purposes and desires.

Jesus did not turn the stone into bread because God had said: “man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord” (Deuteronomy 8:3). He did not jump from the top of the temple because God’s people “do not put the Lord [their] God to the test.” (Deuteronomy 6:16). Christ did not bow down to Satan in exchange for power because Satan had no power to bestow: “Fear the LORD your God, serve him only” (Deuteronomy 6:13). Jesus did not need new words; the Father had spoken sufficiently in the law He gave to Israel when they were in the wilderness.

Matthes 4 reminds Christians to expect and endure evil without giving in, but also shows us how to resist by using the very words of God.

In Our Prayers

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

Terry Nash
Vance Wendelburg
Dennis Rosenbaum
Brenda Reno
Merry Lynn Weatherby
Jack Bailey

Nolan Adams
Orvalee Aldrich
Terry Sallee
Bryce Gaines
Cole & Katelyn Kinnamon

Upcoming Events

Youth Group [Tonight]

The Youth Group will meet tonight at 7 PM at Carl & Janet's home.

Save the Date:

July 6-12 - SMC First Session

July 13 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)

July 13-19 - SMC Second Session

July 20-26 - SMC Third Session

August 10 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)

September 14 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)

Birthdays

None



Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Richard & Shelly Brensing

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Dominic Rogers

Gathering: #63 – I Will Call Upon the Lord

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Chris Stott (Matthew 3:13-17)

Shepherd's Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #123 – The Steadfast love of the Lord

Song: #382 – Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Communion: Gary Hornbaker (Landon Marks, Chris Mansel, Joe Cornwell)

Song: #647 – Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #470 – Victory in Jesus (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Stan Aldrich



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