

For The Church



Splattered across my social media this week are pictures of kids going back to school after the long summer break. Many kids were probably not ready to go back, but many of those kids' parents were absolutely ready for them to go back. Summer brings challenges for families, especially those with two working parents. Summer break is a time that can be greatly beneficial to family-time, but it can also be stressful as we spend long hours with each other and get on each other's nerves.

The start of school is also a time of new beginnings. New classrooms, new classes, new teachers, new procedures, new leadership, new classmates, and a myriad of other new things. It also begins the season of busyness (does this season ever really stop anymore?), where our calendars fill up and most every evening and weekend is already spoken for. This busyness creates challenges in having to choose which event to attend, which activity to pursue, or which thing has to go away.

It feels like we get busier and busier in our world as the years go by. I take heart that the Teacher in Ecclesiastes says there is nothing new under the sun, but it certainly feels new to me. I feel like we are busier than we have ever been. The Teacher in Ecclesiastes, though, also tells us to enjoy the seasons of life. This new season, as busy as it may be, is another season to enjoy. Amid your busy schedule, and your running from one event to another, or missing one event because of another – take time to enjoy the season you are in. Cherish the time with your kids (or grandkids) – none of us will look back and say I wish I had spent less time with my family.

In Our Prayers

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

Terry Nash
Vance Wendelburg
Dennis Rosenbaum
Nolan Adams
Terry Sallee
Margarita Kent (Lupe's Sister)

Danielle Harmon
Crystal Emery (Gloria's mom)
Enrique Lira
Ethan Lanterman
Linda Guthrie
Audi Thornburg

Upcoming Events

Youth Group [Tonight]

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

Save the Date:

September 5 & 6 - Praise & Harmony with Keith Lancaster (Eastwood Church of Christ)
September 14 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
September 26 - SMC Ladies Retreat
October 2 - SMC Crafter's Retreat
October 5-7 - SMC Men's Retreat
October 12 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)
November 9 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
November 14-16 - SMC Teen Retreat

Birthdays

JW Like - August 26



Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Darrel & Shannon Bauer

Song Leader: Stan Aldrich

Sound System: Zoey Carter

Gathering: #4 - To God Be the Glory

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Hunter Marks (Luke 15:17-24)

Shepherd's Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #517 - Heaven Came Down

Song: #176 - Lamb of God

Communion: Tom Turner (Zach Marks, Landon Marks, Chris Stott)

Song: #635 - Freely, Freely

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #902 - Nothing But the Blood (vs. 1)

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