

For The Church



Introducing spiritual disciplines into your life is not an easy thing to do. They seem so foreign to us that they take time to get used to. I mean sure, I can pray for a couple of minutes, but what do I say or do after that? You think sitting in silence and thinking about God and his Word is going to be helpful and beneficial to me? Well, actually, yes it will be. Christians have been practicing spiritual disciplines since Christ was ascended back into heaven.

Prayer is not just about making your requests known to God. It is also not just about singing God's praises and recognizing his goodness. Prayer is a time for you to grow closer to God – to become more like him – to share in his divine qualities (as much as he will allow). Spiritual disciplines should be things that we institute into our lives to help us develop and deepen relationship with our creator.

Many Christians begin doing spiritual disciplines (praying every morning when they wake or before bed, praying before meals, reading Scripture, silence before God, serving others, and many other things) out of sense of obligation to God. I am a Christian, therefore, I do these things. That is probably what they were taught if they grew up in church, but we must be very careful with this line of thinking.

When we do spiritual things (disciplines) only because we are "supposed" to we can develop an elder-brother attitude about our "religion" and "spirituality." We can develop a sense that we do these things to be more religious and thus look better to others and to God. Our true aim, though, should be to do these "religious" things because of our love for God and our longing to be more like him.

In Our Prayers

Thomas Pruitt
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
Rory Russell
Kathy Russell
Pam, Leanne, Barbara
Joseph Morien (Jessica's dad)
Saul Moncada

Upcoming Events

Potluck [Today]

Today is our monthly potluck fellowship meal. Please join us for a time of good food and fellowship immediately after services.

Youth Group [Tonight]

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

Wednesday Night Bible Hour and Ladies Bible Class [Wednesday]

Ladies Bible Class will begin this Wednesday at 9:30 AM here at the church building. Wednesday Night Bible hour will be held Wednesday night starting at 6 PM.

Mission Trip [February]

Pam, LeAnn Hodson from Anthony, and Barbara Glascock from Kingfisher, OK will be traveling to Manila, Philippines in February to volunteer with Metro Manila Ministries. While there, they will be the guest speakers for a women's conference and a women's retreat. They will also be teaching Bible classes for children and women at several mission sites where they will deliver clothing and other supplies from Sewing for the Master. If you would like to help with funds for this trip, it would be appreciated.

Save the Date:

September 14 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
September 26-27 - SMC Ladies Retreat
September 27 - Cookout at Chet and Marla's
October 2 - SMC Crafter's Retreat
October 5-7 - SMC Men's Retreat

October 12 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)
October 18 - SMC Fall Festival - 9:00-3:00
November 9 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
November 14-16 - SMC Teen Retreat

Birthdays

None

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Tom & Pam Turner

Song Leader: Shawn Batten

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #435 - Come Into Presence

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Zach Marks (Luke 19:10)

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #608 - He Gave Me a Song

Song: #376 - He Paid a Debt

Communion: Chris Stott (Jayce Feril, Darrel Willinger, Jerry Kinnamon)

Song: #662- All to Jesus I Surrender

Lesson: Zeb Carter

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

Closing Prayer: Darrel Bauer



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