

# Bulletin

September 14, 2025

## For The Church



In the last few weeks some horrific events have happened in our country. On August 22, Ukrainian refugee Iryna Zarutska was fatally stabbed on a train. On September 10, there was a school shooting in Colorado and political activist and Christian, Charlie Kirk, was assassinated. Many people, myself included, are outraged by these acts of violence, and should be.

It is hard to know how to respond to these horrific acts of violence. Should we be sad, angry, depressed, confused, and bitter? Probably all of these, yes. How should we respond going forward? Let me offer a suggestion.

I am sure that many of us prayed for Iryna, the school children, and Charlie and their loved ones and that is a wonderful thing to do and we should continue to do that. But let me ask you a question. Who else did you pray for? Did you pray for the shooters? Did you pray for the shooters families? Did you pray for the people who were delighted when these things happened? Did you pray that they would find God and be reconciled? Or did you feel hatred in your heart towards the perpetrators?

The Bible instructs us to pray for our enemies and bless those who curse us. These are hard truths, but a good reminder in times like these that we should be in prayer for the state of our world and of our country. All people were made in the image of God and we should desire that all people be reconciled back to God. Our country is in a tough place right now. There is so much uncertainty, and it feels as if civil war could break out at any moment. We must trust that God is in control, even if it feels like he is absent in times like this.

Trust God. Love like Jesus. Trust God. Live like Jesus. Trust God. He is in control. Trust God.

## 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

## Youth Group [Tonight]

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

## Young Family Ministry [Tonight]

Our young family ministry is tonight here in St. John at the church building. Dinner and childcare will be provided! Come join us if you can!

## Wednesday Night Bible Hour [Wednesday]

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. If you would like to help with funds for this trip, it would be appreciated.

## Save the Date:

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



Giving Link

# Birthdays

Matt Gunter - Today  
Savannah Batten - Today  
Stan Aldrich - Sept. 17  
Marla Lyons - Sept. 18

# Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Tom & Pam Turner

Song Leader: Stan Aldrich

Sound System: Jayce Feril

Gathering: #449 - Thy Word

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Chris Stott (Ephesians 5:1-2)

Shepherd's Prayer: Richard Brensing

Song: #129 - Amazing Grace

Song: #354 - I Gave My Life for Thee

Communion: Chris Mansel (Shawn Batten, Zach Marks, Darrel Bauer)

Song: #176 - Lamb of God

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #853 - When We All Get to Heaven (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: JW Like

**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