

St John Church of Christ

Bulletin

November 23, 2025

For The Church



Cultivating an attitude of gratitude #1 of 2:

In America, this is Thanksgiving week. Many people I know would claim that Thanksgiving is the best holiday of the year. We celebrate with lots of food, family, and usually football. Many families often sit around and say something they are thankful for as well. Being thankful is a trait of a godly person, and gratitude is a discipline we need to cultivate in our lives.

Colossians 2:7 says that we should “abound in thanksgiving.” An attitude of gratitude is one that all Christian’s should have, but it’s not easy at times. For some reason, having an attitude of gratitude and thanksgiving is difficult. Christians often fail at this attitude even when things are going really well in their lives, but what about when they are suffering. It is not easy to be thankful for our circumstances and the blessings God has given us when everything seems to be going wrong. We can become blinded by painful circumstances.

A helpful clarification is that God doesn’t require us to call bad things good. Losing a child is not good. A woman being raped is not good. Cancer wreaking havoc on the body of someone we love is not good. Scripture doesn’t claim that God makes bad things good; it says he turns them for the good of his people. God uses bad things to sanctify his people and that is something we can thank him for.

As Christians, we have hope – we have reason to rejoice in our suffering because we have something precious that will never be taken from us: our salvation in Jesus Christ. So we can thank God for the truth that he will never forsake us, that he promises to turn our pain for good, and that one day we will be with him in heaven.

In Our Prayers

Thomas Pruitt
Juanita (Abby’s Mother)
Tim Taylor
Pam Aldrich
Vance Wendelburg
Dennis Rosenbaum
Nolan Adams

Terry Sallee
Danielle Harmon
Crystal Emery (Gloria’s mom)
Enrique Lira
Linda Guthrie
Pam, Leanne, Barbara
Joseph Morien (Jessica’s dad)

Saul Moncada (Abby’s brother)
Cella Lemberger (Jessica’s Aunt)
Rachel Spare
Rory Burke (Marilyn’s gr. nephew)
Mabel Morien (Jessica’s grandma)
Joyce Miller
Kay Kinnamon

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Night Bible Hour and Ladies Bible Class [Wednesday]

There will be NO Wednesday Night Bible Hour or Ladies Class this week.

Youth Group [Tonight]

There will be NO youth group tonight.

Food Drive

The three ministerial alliances in the county are running a food drive for the county to help those who are in need because of lost SNAP benefits. If you would like to help there are flyers in the foyer you can take with all the information you will need.

Save the Date:

December 14 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
January 11 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)
February 8 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
March 8 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)

Birthdays

None

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Richard & Shelly Brensing

Song Leader: Shawn Batten

Sound System: Jayce Feril

Gathering: #103 - He Has Made Me Glad

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Zach Marks (Micah 6:8)

Song: #242 - Sing Hallelujah to the Lord

Song: #315 - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Communion: Richard Brensing (Darrel Bauer, Chris Mansel, James Harmon)

Song: #147 - I Stand Amazed

Lesson #1: Carl Feril

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #915 - Trust and Obey (vs. 1, 2, & 3)

Lesson #2: Carl Feril

Song: #948 - I Am Resolved (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Darrel Willinger



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: Zeboriah Carter