

**Elders**

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# Bulletin - March 8, 2026

## For The Church

Spiritual Discipline: Contemplation

Contemplation is to wake up to the presence of God in all things (2 Cor. 4:18). We are hasty people bent on experiencing as much of life as we can. The faster we move, the more we can see, do, and produce. The more we network, the more options will be ours. The more options, the more living we can do. For many of us the very notion of slowing down or saying no to an option is repugnant. We crowd our schedules and run late, but at least we are getting our money’s worth. In a world where people anchor their identity on the shifting seas of performance and accomplishments, contemplation seems inefficient and too unproductive for the daily grind.

But it is contemplation, not just having experiences, that truly opens us wide to life. Experiences can be lost to us in the mad rush to simply accumulate more. Contemplation invites us to enter into the moment with a heart alive to whatever might happen. It is not just thinking about or analyzing an event or person. Contemplation asks us to see with faith, hope, and love. It asks us to seek God and the “meanings” threaded through our days and years, so that our experience of being embedded in the triune life of God deepens and grows.

Contemplative people believe God may be found and revered if one is prepared to notice how marvelously mysterious and personal life in this world is. Knowing God or another human completely will always be beyond what we can know. But through contemplation, intimacy with God and others can grow. Gazing on God, our neighbor or the created order with faith, hope, and love can increase our awareness and experience of both. Contemplation can lead us out of ourselves and into realities of which we only skimmed the surface before.

## In Our Prayers

Thomas Pruitt

Tim Taylor

Pam Aldrich

Dennis Rosenbaum

Nolan Adams

Terry Sallee

Danielle Harmon

Crystal Emery (Gloria’s mom)

Enrique Lira

Linda Guthrie

Kay Kinnamon

Ryker Berens

Betty Peptone (David’s Sister)

Maverick Riegel

Katie Rosenbaum

Audi and Bonnie Thornburg

Clay Mason

Gail Byers

## *Upcoming Events*

### **Young Family Ministry [Today]**

Tonight is our young family ministry at 5 PM at the Stafford Church of Christ. Dinner and childcare will be provided. We hope you can join us!

### **Youth Group [Tonight]**

The youth group will NOT be meeting tonight, but there will be an activity at the Young Family Ministry for them.

### **Bible Hour and Ladies Class [Wednesday]**

Wednesday night Bible Hour will meet this week at 6:00 PM. The Ladies Bible Study will meet Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM.

### **Card in the Foyer [please sign]**

There is a card for Terry Sallee in the foyer. If you would please sign it today that would be great!

### **Save the Date:**

April 4-5 - LTC Convention (Kansas City)  
April 12 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)  
May 10 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)  
June 13 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)

## *Birthdays*

Orvalee Aldrich - March 11  
Meagan Feril - March 12  
Misty Rudy - March 13  
Rebekah Batten - March 14

## *Worship Order*

Welcome Table: Darrel & Shannon Bauer

Greeters: Darrel & Shannon Bauer

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Zoey Carter

Gathering: #449 - Thy Word

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Chris Mansel (Ephesians 5:18-21)

Song: #71 - As the Deer

Song: #332 - Lead Me to Calvary

Communion: Carl Feril (Darrel Bauer, JW Like, Shawn Batten)

\*Song: #429 - Oh, to Be Like Thee

Lesson #1: Zeb Carter

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #647 - Soldiers of Christ, Arise (vs. 1)

Lesson #2: Zeb Carter

Song: #716 - Sing to Me of Heaven (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Jerry Kinnamon

\* During this song, children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to a special Bible Hour made just for them!



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