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Bible Class: 10:00 am
Worship Service: 11:00 am

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For The Church

Spiritual Discipline: Community

Residents in the United States live in a nation founded on a Declaration of Independence. Independence is a wonderful gift so long as it does not keep us from the right sort of dependence. Jesus taught his followers that they were part of the family of God. They were not meant to be lone rangers but part of a living organism, Christ's body, the church (1 Cor. 12). No part of the body functions by itself, nourishes itself or serves itself alone. Every part is for every other part – whether hurting or rejoicing.

The discipline of community is the desire to express and reflect the self-donating love of the Trinity by investing in and journeying with others. Christian community exists when believers connect with each other in authentic and loving ways that encourage growth in Christ. They engage in transparent relationships that cultivate, celebrate, and make evident Christ's love for all the world. Henry Nouwen said: "Community as discipline is the effort to create a free and empty space among people where together we can practice true obedience...To create space for God among us requires the constant recognition of the Spirit of God in each other."

God's family is meant to be the "show and tell" of what true belonging and love looks like. Sadly, our Christian life together can be a disappointing misrepresentation of who Christ is. Nevertheless, God's one plan for reaching the world is rooted in the community of broken people who gather with desire to love him and bring in his kingdom. We will never be perfect people; but imperfect people committed to a radical Spirit-empowered love can change their relationships and their world. Be committed to the community of God – it is one of the greatest blessings that God has given to His people!

In Our Prayer

Tim Taylor
Pam Aldrich
Crystal Emery (Gloria's mom)
Enrique Lira
Linda Guthrie

Betty Peptone (David's Sister)
Clay Mason
Miguel Devore
Carl Feril
Kyler Dickson

Juanita Barnett (Marisa's Mom)
Kelly Mansel
Mrs. Rose (Nancy's Mom)
Natalie Lippholdt

Upcoming Events

Youth Group [Tonight]

We will have youth group tonight at 7 PM at the church building.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone that helped with this year's VBS!

Save the Date:

September 13 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)
September 25-27 - SMC Ladies Retreat
September 26 - Cookout at Chet and Marla's House
October 11 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
November 8 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)
November 13-15 - SMC Fall Teen Retreat

Birthdays

None

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Carl & Janet Feril

Sound System: Zoey Carter

Gathering: #144 - O Worship the King (Richard)

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Jayce Feril (Revelation 1:3)

Shepherd's Prayer of Blessing: Carl Feril

Explanation: Zeb Carter

Song: #171 - Above all Else (Shawn)

Song: #167 - Hosanna (Shawn)

Song: #176 - Lamb of God (Shawn)

Communion: Tom Turner (Joe Cornwell, Aaron Rudy, Charlie Bissell)

*Song: #537 - Here We Are but Straying Pilgrims (Richard)

Scripture Reading: Orrin Feril (Revelation 2:1-7)

Song: #448 - The Greatest Commands (Gary)

Prayer: Jerry Kinnamon

Scripture Reading: Jayce Feril (Revelation 2:8-11)

Song: #464 - Because He Lives (Richard)

Prayer: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Chris Mansel (Revelation 2:12-17)

Song: Ancient Words (Zeb)

Prayer: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Shawn Batten (Rev. 2:18-29)

Song: #609 - I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord (Zeb)

Prayer: Tom Turner

Scripture Reading: James Harmon (Revelation 3:1-6)

Song: #712 - Jesus Is Coming Soon (Gary)

Prayer: Carl Feril

Scripture Reading: Gary Hornbaker (Rev. 3:7-13)

Song: #627 - There's a Royal Banner (Zeb)

Prayer: Tom Turner

Scripture Reading: Aaron Rudy (Rev. 3:14-22)

Song: Who at the Door is Standing (Zeb)

Brief Comments: Zeb Carter

Song: #909 - There's a Fountain Free (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: JW Like

* During the final verse of this song, children will be dismissed for Bible Hour.

