

Elders

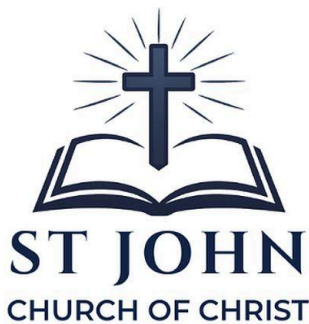
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Bible Class: 10:00 am
Worship Service: 11:00 am

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For The Church

Spiritual Discipline: Devotional Reading

We understand wind by feeling it blow against our faces. We know snow by catching snowflakes or making snowballs. This kind of knowing goes beyond the intellect—it is personal and experiential. Devotional reading invites us to know God in this way. Paul prayed that believers would grasp the dimensions of Christ's love and “know this love that surpasses knowledge” (Ephesians 3:17–19).

Devotional reading is the practice of prayerfully encountering God through Scripture. It requires an open heart, a listening spirit, and a willingness to surrender to God's voice. Unlike Bible study, which often focuses on gathering information about God, devotional reading emphasizes growing in relationship with Him. Every part of Scripture—Gospels, letters, parables, prophecy, and history—can speak God's truth into our lives.

Try these five steps this week: **1. Prepare.** Come into God's presence. Slow down, relax, and release the distractions and worries filling your mind. **2. Read.** Slowly read a passage of Scripture aloud. Pay attention to words or phrases that stand out. Pause and listen. **3. Meditate.** Read the passage again. Consider what God may be inviting you to understand, change, or embrace. **4. Respond.** Read the passage a third time, then talk with God about what you've heard. Turn your reflections into prayer. **5. Contemplate.** Rest quietly in God's presence. Allow His Word to settle into your heart. Yield yourself to His direction. Remember, **the goal isn't simply to finish reading Scripture. It's to allow Scripture to shape your relationship with God and transform the way you live.** This week, don't just read God's Word. Make time to listen – to God.

In Our Prayers

Crystal Emery (Gloria's mom)
Linda Guthrie
Betty Peptone (David's Sister)
Clay Mason
Miguel Devore

Mrs. Rose (Nancy's Mom)
Natalie Lippholdt
Ty Cornwell
Terry Nash (Vanessa's stepdad)
Don Hornbaker

Kylie Taylor
Landon Marks

Upcoming Events

Youth Group [Tonight]

NO youth group tonight - FCA bonfire is tonight.

Fall Family Festival [Tonight]

Our church family has been invited to the farm of Ron and Janet Richardson (96 S. US Highway 281, St. John) for a fall family festival tonight from 4:30 PM until Dark. Meat & Drinks will be provided - please bring a side dish, dessert, or chips to share. Also, bring lawn chairs.

Bible Hour And Ladies Class [Wednesday]

There will be ladies class this Wednesday at 9:30 AM. Wednesday night Bible hour will meet this week at 6 PM.

Donations for Clay Mason

Needed: Winter coats - gently used, washed and clean please. Adult sizes only. Also, hats, scarves, and gloves are needed. Small propane bottles or money to purchase propane is helpful. All kinds of meat are welcome or money to purchase. Contact Zeb or Pam if you have meat to donate. Other donations can be dropped off in the kids play room. There will be a load going at the end of October and another in mid December.

Pie Fundraiser

Kenwood (and Sewing for the Master) are selling pies for the upcoming holidays. Call Kenwood to reserve yours today (price is your generous donation) and will go to support 2 good causes (pumpkin, apple, cherry, peach, and blueberry).

Save the Date:

November 8 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)
November 13-15 - SMC Fall Teen Retreat

Birthdays

Carl Feril - Today
Zoey Carter - October 29

Worship Order

Welcome Table: Orrin & Meagan Feril

Greeters: Zeb & Jessica Carter

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Song Leader: Shawn Batten

Gathering: #4 - To God Be the Glory

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Aaron Rudy (John 3:16-19)

Song: #453 - Love Lifted Me

Song: #324 - Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?

Communion: Jerry Kinnamon (Darrel Bauer, Gary Hornbaker, Darrel Willinger)

*Song: #129 - Amazing Grace

Lesson 1: Zeb Carter

Shepherd's Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #639 - Rescue the Perishing

Lesson 2: Zeb Carter

Song: #934 - Softly and Tenderly (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Joe Cornwell

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

