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Richard Brensing
Carl Feril
Tom Turner
Deacons
Shawn Batten
Darrell Bauer
Orrin Feril
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Zeboriah Carter

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Worship Service: 11:00 am

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For The Church

Spiritual Discipline: Memorization

For centuries, memorization was foundational to religious and educational instruction. Words, stories, and prayers learned by heart could be recalled anywhere to comfort, encourage, and teach. But our world has changed. With books, the internet, and artificial intelligence, memorization can seem unnecessary. If we want to know something, we simply Google it. Yet the spiritual discipline of memorization is about more than recalling information. It is the desire to carry the life-shaping words of God with us at all times and in all places.

Access to information is a wonderful gift, but a mind overwhelmed with information without retaining anything meaningful can leave our hearts shaped by whatever captures our attention next. Memorization allows us to intentionally choose the words and truths that shape our thinking and living. When we memorize Scripture, we carry God's wisdom with us wherever we go. His Word can encourage us during difficult moments, guide our decisions, challenge our attitudes, and remind us of His promises. Even when we're not consciously thinking about a passage, its truth can continue shaping our hearts.

If you're someone who forgets birthdays or can't remember why you opened the refrigerator door, memorization might seem impossible. Don't be discouraged! Think about the songs, sayings, or Bible verses you already know by heart. Memorization begins with repetition. Choose a short passage of Scripture. Write it down and place it somewhere you'll see it regularly. Read it aloud. Repeat it throughout the day. Return to it again and again. The goal isn't simply to remember more Scripture. It's to allow Scripture to shape who we become.

In Our Prayers

Crystal Emery (Glora'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
Landon Marks
Marilyn Thornburg

Upcoming Events

Youth Group [Tonight]

We will have youth group tonight - but it will be at the Stafford Church of Christ at 7 PM because of the young family ministry.

Young Family Ministry [Today]

The Young Family Ministry will meet tonight at 5 PM at the Stafford Church of Christ for a time of food and fellowship. Dinner and childcare will be provided!

Bible Hour And Ladies Class [Wednesday]

There will be NO 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 another load going in 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 13-15 - SMC Fall Teen Retreat

Birthdays

Talley Batten - Today
Marilyn Thornburg - November 13

Worship Order

Welcome Table: Lory Willinger & Cheyenne Holmes

Greeters: Zeb & Jessica Carter

Sound System: Jayce Feril

Song Leader: Stan Aldrich

Gathering: #3 - Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Aaron Rudy (Revelation 19:7-9)

Song: #480 - Blessed Assurance

Song: #337 - Hallelujah! What a Savior

Communion: Tom Turner (Darrel Willinger, James Harmon, Jerry Kinnamon)

*Song: #715 - The Church's One Foundation

Lesson 1: Zeb Carter

Shepherd's Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #410 - He Leadeth Me

Lesson 2: Zeb Carter

Song: #948 - I Am Resolved (vs. 1 & 3)

Closing Prayer: JW Like

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

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