

The Visitor

prayer concerns

A monthly Newsletter for St. John's Christian Church
Family and Friends

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Please Pray For:

- Mark Beltz and family, upon the death of Mark's father, John Beltz, on July 25th.
- Derek & Ashley Rosenberger, son-in-law and daughter of John & Mary Beck, whose newborn daughter, Anna Elizabeth born July 18th, went home to be with our loving Father.
- Velma Overmier, who is recovering from a broken shoulder/upper arm.
- Larry Woolace, home recovering from injuries sustained in a fall.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, scheduled for surgery on August 17th to remove a very small tumor.
- Nancy Storrer, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Gary Frazier, praising God that the tumor in his colon has disappeared!
- Our Search Committee Members – Betsy Ducey, John Graber, Jed Grime, Leah Hall, Nate Meyer, Sarah Nafziger, Betsy Redd, Nancy Rupp, Greg Walker and Pastor Erich.
- Please continue to remember all our brothers and sisters in the armed forces, praying for their safety. Serving from our church are:

PV2 Bostelman Brenden L (Army)

1st Platoon Chaos
F BTRY 1-19th FA
Fort Sill, OK 73503

Sgt. Benjamin Chapman (Army Nat'l. Guard)

(Crissi Stuckey's nephew Stationed in Qatar)
Box 516
APO, AI 09898

AB Collins Taylor D (Air Force)

268 Luke Ave., Box 700
Joint Base Anacostia
Bolling, DC 20032

Kyle Ducey (Navy)

Naval Technical Training Center
712 Underwood Ave., Apt. 802A
Pensacola, FL 32504

Cpt. Jared R. Kuntz (Army)

Wife, Maria & children, Silvette & Elias
Jared Kuntz, HHB 2-1, ADA BN,
Unit 15754 Box 409, APO AP 96260

Steven Schink (Coast Guard)

Wife, Ashley & son Brennan
150 Dewey Avenue, Groton, CT 06340

Koltin Zimmerman (Army)

Fort Campbell, Oak Grove, Kentucky

Please consider sending these people cards letting them know that we continue to lift them up to God in prayer, that He will guide, comfort and sustain them through these times.

Home Bound/Care Facility Residents:

Cards, phone calls and visits to our home bound would be a wonderful blessing:

Fairlawn Haven, 407 E. Lutz Rd., Archbold, 43502

Florence Augustine, Room #113

Mary Jo Britt, Fairlawn Haven, Room #206

David Lightner, Room #138

Esther Rice, Room #116

Cathy Spiess, #153

Fairlawn Asst. Living, 500 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502

Lois Heer, Room #238

Jane Short, Room #208

Pauline Short, Room #205

Fulton Manor, 723 S. Shoop Ave., Wauseon, 43567

Robert Kuntz, Room #225-2

Bernice Rice, Room #224-2

Myrl & Pauline Zimmerman, Room #505

Northcrest, 240 Northcrest Dr., Napoleon, 43545

Irene Short, Room #100

congregational thank you's

Thank you for all the prayers and words of encouragement for the sudden death of our grandson, Mark Blackwood. All the cards, visits and phone calls have helped us heal through this difficult time.

Jim & Mary Silcox



NOTICE - COLLEGE ADDRESSES NEEDED!

*Please forward your college
student addresses to the office
(office@stjohnsarchbold.org) as
soon as available, including their
grade level. Thank you!*

pastor's letter

Thoughts from Pastor Erich . . .

Chaos might be the best word to describe our church office situation right now! The quick move out of the office spaces created quite the level of chaos, in terms of storing some items while trying to fit necessary items into temporary quarters. I thought I'd created enough order in my temporary office space, but time has proved how wrong I was! But there's more to follow, as I have to move out of the preschool room before I leave for vacation, as our preschool staff must start setting up for the school year just as I'm due back from vacation. Sitting at my desk amidst the clutter of boxes and piles of books and papers, I was prompted to consider how we can deal with chaos in life.

I thought of 1 Corinthians 14:33 "For God is not a God of disorder but of peace." Though this verse is a part of Paul's lesson on order in worship, this descriptive phrase about God has wider meaning. I was reminded of my Hebrew studies of Genesis 1 in which I learned that God brought order out of chaos as described in 1:1-2: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." From chaos, God brings order and meaning to life.

Certainly, there have been several chaotic events in recent weeks, both close to home and far away, and news reports can be very unsettling as facts, speculations and images are read and viewed. How can we seek peace amidst the chaos of life?

Find a one quart size jar – a mason jar or a mayo jar – place three golf balls in the jar, then fill the jar with popcorn kernels so you can just screw the lid on. Then dump the contents out of the jar into a bowl. Put the popcorn kernels back in the jar first, then try to fit the three golf balls on top of the popcorn and try to screw the lid back on. The golf balls won't fit!

This little exercise illustrates how we can experience peace amidst chaos. The jar represents one day, one 24 hour day. The golf balls represent God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The popcorn represents all of the various activities, situations and circumstances of life. If we fill up our day with all the activities and circumstances, when our day comes to a close, we find we didn't make room for God. But if we start our days in prayer and spend time with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we learn that everything else fits in our day. Beginning with God, growing our relationship with Jesus, gaining a greater knowledge of the scriptures – this is how we can experience peace and find rest from the chaos of life. Let's focus on God first, trusting in Him to work in and through us, for His glory. Amen.

Praise be to God! ERICH

preschool corner

It looks like summer is winding down, and soon preschool will be starting again. We will be having Preschool Orientation on Monday, August 22nd at 6PM (Mon-Wed-Fri am class) and 7PM (Mon-Wed-Fri pm class), and on Thursday, August 25th at 6PM (Tues-Thurs am class) and 7PM (Tues-Thurs pm class). School will start on a staggered schedule the week of September 12th.

Please keep the preschool, as well as the two of us, in your prayers, as we finish up planning for this upcoming year, and as we look forward to teaching these young children in our care.

Some of you may have noticed that the preschool "Fish Bowl" in the hallway is once again filled with fish!! If you would like to help out with needed items, take a fish and place the item listed into the blue plastic tub near the coat rack by the preschool room. Thank you so much for your generosity!! It is greatly appreciated!!

"Children are a gift from the Lord. They are a reward from Him." Psalm 127:3

Sue MacDonald & Joan Wyse

mission corner

Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- Altlink (Tom & Megan), for our gift of \$135.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$240.
- Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$285.
- Church World Service (school kits), for your gift of \$864.07 (VBS week donations).
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$70.
- Defiance Youth for Christ (The Outback), for our gift of 575.
- Hands of Grace, for our gift of \$500.
- World Team (Franks), for our gift of \$2,690.



St. John's Church Mission Board,

We are beyond grateful for your partnership with our ministry. Your church is such a blessing to us and our ministry! We can't wait to share stories with you of how God is at work in Brazil when we get there at the end of August!

Love,
Matt & Paige Waanders

Dear St. John's Church Family,

Thank you for all you do for the Friendship House. Your faithfulness keeps our door open to serve those in need. St. John's Christian Church is such a blessing.

Thank you again,
Gloria Lauber, Friendship House



August Mission-A-Month – Back Bay Mission Trip:

Here is an opportunity to support the upcoming trip to Biloxi (Oct. 8-15) through donations to help cover fuel, lodging and supply costs; as well as donating towards back-to-school supplies and personal care items.

Donations of support for the mission trip may be marked on line 12 of your weekly offering envelopes, writing "BBM Trip" or marking checks with "BBM Trip" on the memo line.

Annual Fall Mission Experience to Back Bay Mission – October 8th-15th:

This trip engages people in fellowship, service and growth. Spending a week eating, working and relaxing side by side fosters the potential for deep and long lasting friendships. Witnessing the work of Back Bay Mission fosters a greater awareness of the need for people to live out the compassion Jesus embodied when he saw the crowds of people who were harassed and helpless.



Time line of the trip:

- September 11th – Trip Recruitment Session – Learn all you need to know to make a commitment
- September 25th – Trip Orientation – Meet everyone going on the trip, learn final prep notes
- October 7th – Drop off tools and luggage at the church for packing
- October 8th – Final packing, devotions, departure and driving to Cullman, AL to spend the night
- October 9th – Arrival at Back Bay Mission – settle in, explore Biloxi, rest up
- October 10th thru 14th – Work on the project sites and at the mission's campus ministries
- October 14th – Pack, depart and drive to Franklin, TN
- October 15th – Arrive back in Archbold mid-afternoon

Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission (TGRM) Chapel & Meal Sunday, September 11th:

St. John's is responsible for providing the evening service and meal at the Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission

on Sunday, September 11th. If you are interested in being a part of the group that provides this outreach, please contact Tammy Nofziger at 567-239-6990.

2016 Mission Trips/Opportunities – Annual Dates:

- September 11 – TGRM Chapel & Meal
- September 22 – Cherry Street Mission Ministries Fall Banquet
- October 8–15 – Back Bay Mission Fall Trip
- November 20 – TGRM Chapel & Meal
- December 13 – Christmas Cheer Hospitality

Archbold SuperValu (ASV) Receipts Collected:

Are you aware we collect ASV receipts and turn them into ASV periodically for a 1% rebate on total sales? The rebate helps fund our Walk In Assistance Program, set up to help Archbold area non-members with various living expenses. Each request for assistance is handled by Pastor Erich. Turn in your receipts to the church office.

Missionary Contact/Prayer Request Information:

Shobha & Ravi Arole, CRHP

web site - www.jamkhed.org

Matt & Paige Waanders, CRU

web site - www.give.cru.org

e-mail - matthew.waanders@cru.org

e-mail - paige.stamm@cru.org

Kyle Chase, Reliant (formerly Great Comm. Min.)

web site - www.gcmweb.org

e-mail - Kyle.Chase@gcmweb.org

† Great Commission Ministries (GCM) is now Reliant Ministries. SJCC began supporting Kyle in 2008. Kyle is a pastor/overseer at New Life Church, chairing their Direction Team (which champions the development and communication of vision and strategy) and oversees their campus teaching.

Matt Pardi, Reliant (formerly Great Comm. Min.)

web site - www.h2ochurch.com

e-mail - matt.pardi@gcmweb.org

Whitney Varnau, Reliant (formerly Great Comm. Min.)

web site - www.h2ochurch.com

e-mail - whitney.varnau@h2osu.org

Tony & Leila Frank, Sapiranga, Brazil

web site - www.worldteam.org

e-mail - tony.frank@worldteam.org

Tom & Megan, The Islands, Africa

web site - tmislands.blogspot.com

e-mail - tmislands@fastmail.net

Judd & Becky McClarren, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

www.soddo.org

mission corner cont.

Missionary Contact/Prayer Request Information:

Robert Rogers - Mighty in the Land Ministry

web site - www.mightyintheland.com

e-mail - hello@mightyintheland.com

✠ Robert shares his compelling testimony as he evangelizes with God's Good News. An author and presenter, Robert has established a foundation dedicated to advance adoption and care for orphans and special-needs children world-wide.

Larry & Linda Rupp, Kajiado Children's Home

website - www.hope4kajiado.com

e-mail - kajiadochildrenshome@gmail.com

Keith & Cheryl Wyse - The Agape Family Life House

website - www.agapeflh.org

e-mail - k.wyse@agapeflh.org

✠ The Agape Family Life House offers orphans with special needs a place to call home and a family to call their own. Keith & Cheryl live in Ridgeville Corners with their six adopted children and oversee the administration of the house and bakery. The home specializes in ministering to children with OI, or brittle bone disease. SJCC began supporting the Wyse's in 2012.

ministry happenings

Christian Education

Rally Sunday August 21st:

Our annual celebration of Rally Sunday will be on August 21st, a morning when we'll promote our children and youth to their new classes/groups for the coming year. Children, youth and adults will all gather in the sanctuary at 9:15AM this year. Following a special program, we'll release children and youth to their new classes/groups: Preschoolers will go to the nursery or preschool room, Faith Village children and shepherds will go to the Chapel, Confirmands and Senior Highs will go to the youth room.

LOGOS Director:

We are pleased to announce that Kim M. Walker has been hired to fill the new position of LOGOS Director here at St. John's! Kim was instrumental in establishing our Wednesday evening LOGOS ministry, so she has a very good working knowledge of the program. Kim and Pastor Erich are going through some orientation sessions in preparation for Kim to begin the work of lining up the coming year of LOGOS!

Save the Date! Walk Thru the Old Testament Live Event:

Friday evening, November 11th – 7 to 9PM

Saturday morning – November 12th – 9AM to Noon

Sign-up on the bulletin board or register on-line at stjohnsarchbold.org (under the "Events" pull down tab)

\$26 fee covers workbook, refreshments & partial event cost

Experience an event that unveils God's Word as you've never known it before. As you walk through the Old Testament, you'll realize that the Bible is coming to life and your knowledge of its people, places, and themes is rapidly increasing. In just a few short hours, you'll see the big picture of God's Story and how it fits together. Like many others, you may walk away saying, "I never understood the Bible like this before!"

Most of all, you'll develop a deeper connection with the God who wants you to know Him and will never stop pursuing your heart. The more you understand His story, the more you'll realize it's your story too. And the more you realize it's your story, the more His words will change your life.

- Experience the story of the Bible in a way that makes God's Word come alive.
- Learn 77 hand signs designed to help you understand the big picture of the Old Testament.
- See beyond the facts of the Bible and spark a passion for God's Word in your life.
- This live event will be a highly engaging, dynamic and memorable event!
- A certified instructor will guide participants on a virtual "walk" through the OT
- There is no age limit for the event – though there will be future events designed more age appropriate for children and youth
- Childcare will be available – make sure you note number of children and their ages on the sign-up sheet or when you register on-line

Current For Women Event This Fall:

If you missed this local event last fall, you are blessed to have another chance to attend this fall! And if you didn't miss it, you will be excited to know it is being offered again this year! Slated for November 11th & 12th at Pettisville Missionary Church, it gives women of all ages (13 and up) a chance to pause for a moment, listen for God's voice, and receive His touch. Learn more about what is offered by visiting www.fullsail.org. This year's theme is "Living Hope" and discounted tickets (\$59 ea.) are available through SJCC - sign up on the bulletin board or contact the church office.

August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00AM Worship 9:15AM Sunday School 9:15AM Faith Village 9:15AM Confirmation 10:30AM Worship	1 11:15AM Staff Meeting	2 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Capital Campaign 8:30PM Praise Band Reh.	3	4 7:00PM Mission Comm. 7:00PM Preschool Board	5 6PM Non-Member Wedding Rehearsal	6 2PM Non-Member Wedding
7 Book Bag Bash 9:15AM Youth Summer SS Program—Living Inside Out 4:00PM Book Bag Bash	8	9 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Cub Scouts Den Meetings 7:00PM Property Comm.	10 9:00AM West Haven Bible Study	11 6:00PM Scouts District Mtg.	12	13
14 9:15AM Youth Summer SS Program—Living Inside Out	15	16 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal 8:30PM Praise Band Reh.	17	18	19	20
21 Rally Sunday	22 11:15AM Staff Meeting 6:00PM Preschool Orientation (MWF—AM) 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:00PM Preschool Orientation (MWF—PM) 7:30PM Consistory	23 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal	24 9:00AM West Haven Bible Study	25 6:00PM Preschool Orientation (T-Th—AM) 7:00PM Preschool Orientation (T-Th—PM)	26 5:30PM Non-Member Wedding Rehearsal	27 3:30PM Non-Member Wedding
28	29 11:15AM Staff Meeting	30 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meall 8:30PM Praise Band Reh.	31	Mission-A-Month— Back Bay Mission Trip Elder of the Month— Ann Grime		

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 Julie Ruffer | 16 Jim Redd |
| 4 Dale & Sharon VonDeylan, Braiden Eichler | 17 Tyler Bechstein, Lois Heer, Tony Warncke |
| 5 Mary Beck, Bettie Perry, Jack & Barb Stover | 18 Bonnie Grieser, Joanna Just, Sandy Miller, Eric Yoder |
| 6 Lynne Roth, Cameron & Kristen Ruffer, Dave & Karen Walker | 20 Jr. Grime, Stella Jackson, Brennan Schink, Sonny Wyse |
| 7 Roger & Jean Beck, Gary & Sandy Frazier, Tom Lovejoy, AJ & Lindsay Pierson, Cayla Walker | 21 Jill Nafziger, Burdell & Janice Nofziger, Janice Nofziger, Blake & Sayward Schnitkey |
| 9 Lowell Heer, Mika Johnson, Mike & Rachel Kinsman, Rollin & Suzette Nafziger, Marlene Nofziger, Jace Redd, Larry Woolace, Curtis Wooley | 22 Dale & Lori Flint |
| 10 Heather Sears, Paul Sigg | 23 Tom Johnson, Jon & Deb Rupp |
| 11 Wade Knipp, Jacob & Esther Rupp | 24 Kathryn Graber |
| 12 Bob & Carol DeVries | 26 Brad Roth |
| 13 Darby Stevens | 27 Josh Grime, Jeremy Kinsman, Morgan McCandless, Bruce & Carrie Wooley |
| 14 Deb Kauffman, Kyle & Alicia Jackson, Toni Neuenschwander, Dianne Wyrick, Silas Rupp | 29 Jeremy Mann, Nancy Ries |
| 15 Erich & Lynne Christman, Randy & Kathy Layton, Justin Lesniak, Doris Rupp | 30 Jocelyn Bechstein, Don LaFontaine, Lydia Whiteman |
| | 31 Bill & Judy Barnhart |

☀ Please let us know if we do not have your special day correct. Thank you.

worship

August Worship Information:

- 7th Theme: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
Scriptures: Rev. 14:7, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Sermon: "Praise God, By Giving"
Special Music: Joel Foote
Praise Band leading music at 10:30AM service
- 14th Speaker: Rev. Daniel Rogers will be preaching at both services. Dan is the President and CEO of Cherry Street Mission Ministries, a long time mission partner of St. John's.
Testimony: Jordyn Pursel, sharing of her YWAM Experience
Special Music: Ava Genter
- 21st Rally Sunday!
Scriptures: Psalm 121, Romans 10:1-11
Sermon: "Igniting"
Testimony: Darby Stevens, sharing about her Compass Experience
Special Music: Annie Foote, Lynne Christman, Deb Schnitkey, Sarah Nafziger
Special Music: Klaire Kern
Praise Band leading music at 10:30AM service
- 28th Scriptures: Psalm 29, 2 Timothy 2:1-10
Sermon: "Fan into Flame – Keep it Burning"
Special Music: Annie Foote, Deb Schnitkey, Mike Meyer, Joel Foote

consistory/committees

July 10th Special Congregational Meeting:

There were 111 members present to consider the proposed office renovation project. The proposal was to reconfigure the office spaces, while making use of the northern eight feet of the parlor, so as to create three connected offices for our full-time staff. The motion to renovate the offices at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 was approved, by a vote of 105 yes votes and 6 no votes. The funds will come from the Legacy Fund. During the renovation work Sue Grieser moved into the Associate Pastor's office and Erich moving into the Preschool Room until the project is complete. Demolition work began on July 22nd.

Consistory Highlights – July 18th Meeting:

1. Budget & Stewardship Committee – Financial Reports – Brad Roth reported the Financial Reports are in order and moved to approve them as presented. Paige Miller seconded. The motion

carried. Consistory members were invited to attend the 7/25/16 7:30PM quarterly investment review with Engler, Garrow and Roth.

2. Mission Committee Disbursements – David Stuckey reported that \$2000 is to be dispersed to Tony and Leila Frank. The committee is organizing a mission month for October.
3. Personnel Committee – Jim Grieser reported that it was the consensus of the committee to do exit interviews after an employee leaves and perhaps submit questions to be answered in writing rather than orally. Jim Grieser moved to approve Kim M. Walker for the position of LOGOS Director. Jim Redd seconded and motion carried. Brad Roth abstained.
4. Christian Preschool:
 - 2016-2017 Enrollment Numbers – Amy Baden reported 56 currently enrolled.
 - 2016-2017 Proposed Budget – Amy Baden made a motion to propose a 4% raise for the preschool staff as presented in the budget. Josh Grime seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Property Committee – Office Renovation Project – Nate Meyer reported office renovation plans are moving along. Also Grunwell-Cashero contacted Jeff Rutledge about building sealing. The two companies are still trying to determine who is responsible for the issues with the sealing product. We are still withholding \$10,000.
6. Search Committee – Betsy Ducey reported 30 plus resumes have been received. Meeting 7/20/16.
7. Spiritual Council – Pastor Erich reported that pastoral concerns, pastoral care committee, and going to one service were all discussed. No service changes at this time. Someone is needed to fill the pulpit Aug. 14 when Pastor Erich is on vacation.
8. Pastor's Report – continued discussion of response to Back Bay Mission regarding recent LGBTQ statement, as well as discussion about our chartering of Cub Scout Pack 263 due to similar issues, with a decision to be made at August meeting. Erich shared info on Sanctuary Sound and Video Systems: Replacement of 4 microphone head pieces @ \$300 each, Repair of Sanctuary Projector - \$4,300, Replacement of Sanctuary Projector – \$5,000, \$5,400 or \$6,500. Jim Redd made a motion to allow Erich to purchase a new projector for the sanctuary.

Nate Meyer seconded and the motion carried.

9. Old Business – Constitutional Revision – Jim Redd has volunteered to serve and agreed to recruit two members from the list of names suggested – forming a three person task force to study and form a proposal in regards to: Annual Meeting Schedule, Election of Officers, 2013 Proposed Revisions, Quorum Percentages.

Imagine Your Faith Building Campaign - Pocket Change Challenge:

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the Capital Campaign Committee is creatively challenging the congregation to place their pocket change in the collection banks available on a table in the sanctuary narthex and at entrances of the church! Imagine – if the adults or giving households of our congregation (our children and youth already have their giving banks) give a daily average of \$2, over the course of 90 days we could raise \$36,000 in change! And with the matching gift, that would amount to \$48,000 towards our capital campaign!

Imagine Your Faith Building Campaign Report:

The Budget and Stewardship Committee met with our investment advisors, Engler, Garrow and Roth on July 25th to review investment performance. The Building Fund has received \$349,550.45 in deposits from the congregation and other donors as of 7/21/16. The balance of the fund as of that date was \$374,913.36. The fund has seen a return of 8.87% year to date and 9.83% since funds were first deposited with Engler, Garrow and Roth on 9/30/2015.

Associate Pastor Search Committee Update:

At both services on June 19, 2016 the Associate Pastor Search Committee asked the congregation to respond to the open ended statement “When I pray for a new associate pastor, I pray for someone who...” Many responses we received expressed prayers for someone with a ministry for sharing God with youth of all ages. Several suggested that having musical talent would also be appreciated. Again, many suggested that this person must work well with Pastor Erich, all people, of all ages, in our church and our community. They pray for someone who loves the Lord and is grounded in His work, a truly devout Christian. Also mentioned was the need for strong dynamic leadership abilities. A person who is caring, compassionate, and easy to talk to, has a sense of humor and enjoys life is

needed.

The committee thanks all of those who responded. We are using this information to guide us in the search for a new associate pastor.

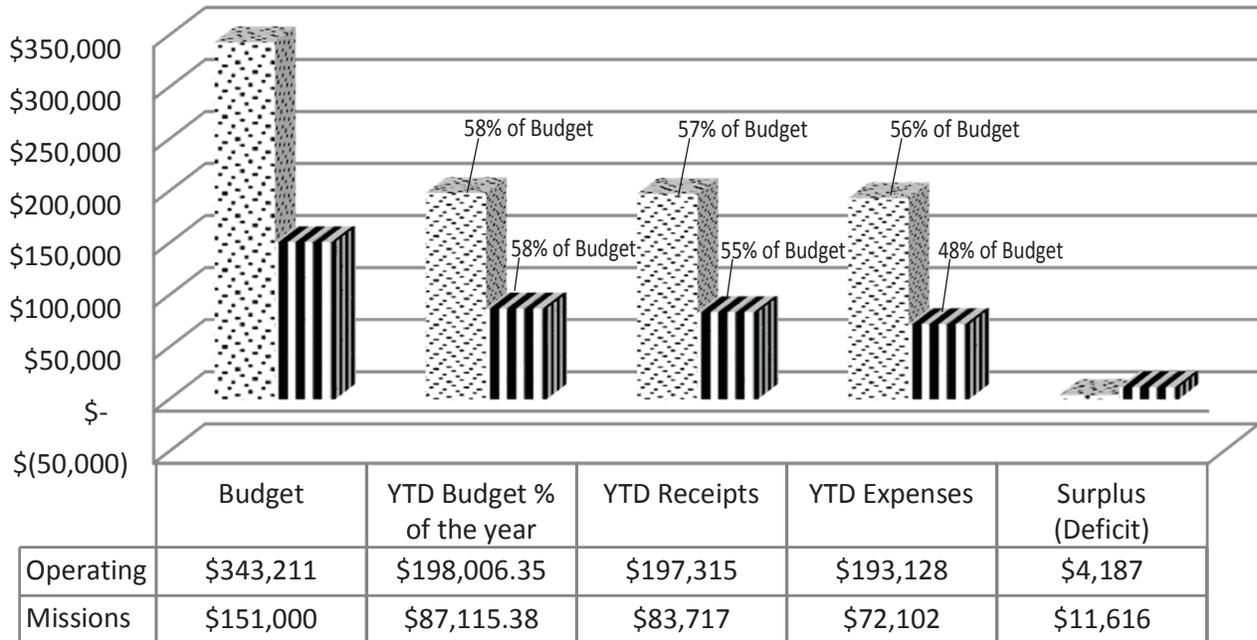
The committee continues to be very busy! They are pleased to let you know we’ve received over 40 applicants for the Associate Pastor Position to date. At the July 20th meeting they reviewed all of the resume’s and narrowed them down to 10 possible candidates. At their July 27th meeting they narrowed the candidates down to 3 to be interviewed. Then the committee compiled a list of 10 interview questions, for the interview process. At their August 3rd meeting, they had a phone interview with one candidate, which went very well. The other interview was canceled, as that applicant took another position. The other person in the top three had let the committee know they had taken another position, too. On August 9th the committee will have a video interview with a person gleaned from additional applications, and will have a second interview with the person they talked with on the 3rd. Please be in prayer for the search committee as they continue the interview process. Our eyes are fixed on Jesus as we discern who is the best candidate for our Associate Pastor Position. Jesus is our good shepherd, and He promises to lead us if we are His. We can trust that He is leading all of us in this pastoral search process.

St. John’s Christian Church Leadership:

Congregation President.....	Brent Winzeler
Congregation Vice-President	Jim Redd
Congregation Secretary.....	Betsy Redd
Elders	Betsy Ducey, Ann Grime, Kim Hines, Joyce Kinsman, Paige Miller, Jim Redd
Deacons/Deaconesses	Amy Baden, Jim Grieser, Josh Grime, Nate Meyer, Eric Nafziger, Brad Roth, Lynne Roth, David Stuckey, Bruce Wooley
Church Treasurer.....	Roger Miller
Custodians.....	Dean Buckenmeyer, Nick Rice
Security Person	Richard Spiess
Christian Preschool Staff	Sue MacDonald, Joan Wyse
Administrative Assistant.....	Sue Grieser
Director of Music Ministry	Deb Schnitkey
LOGOS Director.....	Kim M. Walker
Pastor.....	Rev. Erich Christman

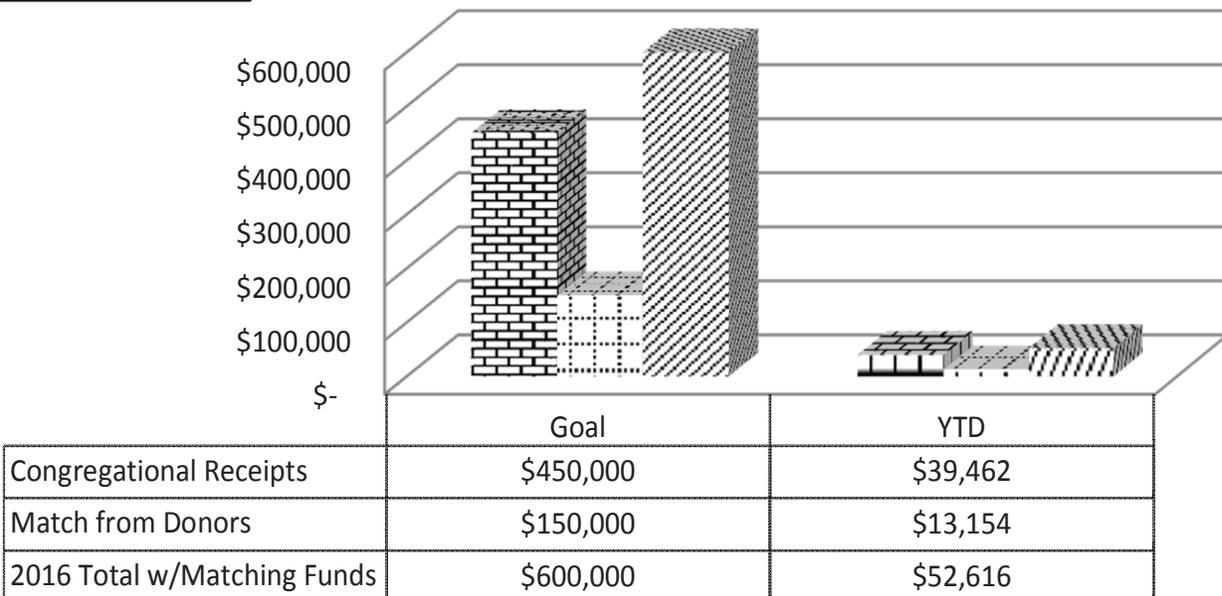
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2016 Operating & Missions Funds as of July 31, 2016



**\$410,538 left to
\$450,000 goal**

Imagine Your Faith Building Campaign 2016 Matching Gift



IYFB Campaign Total Receipts as of July 31, 2016 - \$356,786.86

Online Giving Available:

Online giving is available through our church web site. Please contact Sue in the office to be assigned an OLG number if you are interested in taking advantage of this service. Several members of our congregation currently utilize online giving and have found it to be easy and convenient. If you have questions or don't have access to a computer but would like to take advantage of the online giving feature, feel free to contact the church office for further assistance.

community news

Opportunity for Support:

We received the following announcement and were asked to share it with the congregation. There have been times in the past when the community has rallied around an individual or family, including a few situations involving people of our own congregation. May people donate as the Lord leads.

Can you help? Individuals, families, Sunday school classes and congregations are asked to consider a donation to possibly help restore speech to an Archbold father. Chief of Police, Joe Wyse, suffered a massive stroke last September and after almost a year of prayers, physical therapy, hyperbaric treatment and pure grit, he has far surpassed what his doctors first considered possible.

Now, if as a community we could raise \$20,000 - \$30,000 for Joe, he could begin an intensive 3-4 week speech program at the University of Michigan. Since insurance won't cover it, and since the family has already felt so much support from the community, they didn't want to consider asking for more support.

But just as Joe isn't a quitter, neither are the people of this community. Let's pull together and get Joe the help he needs before the window of maximum effectiveness of the speech therapy closes.

Checks can be made to our non-profit partner, Shepherd's Circle and sent to 528 Quail Run, Archbold. All the check needs to say is Joe Wyse on the memo line. Your gifts are tax deductible. For questions or more details, contact Joan Aschliman at @ 419 572 1018 or aschliman@rtexpress.net.

Passion of the Christ, Stations of the Cross:

This is a one-day bus trip to St. John, Indiana – September 8th, 2016. Cecily Rohrs is running this event as she stopped there recently and it was so impressive the decision was made to run a bus there so others could experience the power of the bronze life-sized sculptures set in the impressive setting.

- 8AM: Leave from St. Martin's Lutheran Church parking lot
- 10AM: Stop in Elkhart for a light brunch at Linton's Enchanted Gardens, a garden center like you've maybe never seen before, time to browse after lunch.
- 1:30PM: Arrive at Passion of the Christ, St. John, IN – paved walkway, allow 2+ hours
- Return: Soup and Salad Bar at Potawatami Inn, Pokagon State Park, Angola
- Back: In parking lot at 9:00PM
- Cost: \$100 for bus transportation, 2 meals, gratuities included
- Info: Check websites for Passion of the Christ, St. John, IN, and Linton's Enchanted Gardens
- Register: Make check payable to Cecily Rohrs and mail to her at V314 Co. Rd. 19, Archbold, OH, 43502. Include your name, phone number and address.
- Questions: Contact Cecily at 419-267-5502 or cecily@rtexpress.net

housekeeping

Lost and Found:

We have two areas for lost and found articles here at St. John's. One is a large blue bin located inside the north handicap entrance off our east parking lot. The other is on the southwest counter in the kitchen. If you feel you may have articles in either of these two places that belong to you, please check and take them home. Every couple of months we clean these areas out and either take the items to Care-N-Share or discard them. Thank you.

Church Family Database:

We keep a digital database for all our church family members. It includes contact information such as addresses, land line and cell phone numbers, and e-mail addresses, as well as birth dates, anniversaries, baptisms, confirmations, etc. We ask that you keep the church updated on any changes or updates to your contact information. Thank you.

GoodSearch.com and GoodShop.com:

Did you know you can earn extra funds for St. John's by logging into GoodSearch.com whenever you need to search on the internet, or by logging into GoodShop.com when you need to purchase items on the internet. Just select St. John's Christian Church, Archbold, Ohio when you create your account - it's that easy!

August Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

Discovery® is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>.

1 A Light for Christ -----	Luke 11:29-36	17 Sovereign Over Everything -----	Daniel 1:1-21
2 The Only Thing to Fear -----	Luke 12:1-12	18 Sovereign Over Everyone -----	Daniel 2:1-23
3 The Deceit of Stuff -----	Luke 12:13-21	19 Your Kingdom Come -----	Daniel 2:24-49
4 God > Fear -----	Luke 12:22-34	20 Your Will Be Done -----	Daniel 3:1-30
5 Ready, Steady . . . Wait! -----	Luke 12:35-48	21 Sovereign King -----	Psalm 24:1-108
6 Weathering the Weather -----	Luke 12:49-59	22 A King's Speech -----	Daniel 4:1-18
7 Extreme Faith -----	Psalm 22:1-31	23 Superhuman to Subhuman -----	Daniel 4:19-37
8 Second Chance -----	Luke 13:1-9	24 A King's Sentence -----	Daniel 5:1-31
9 People First -----	Luke 13:10-17	25 Unimpeachable Integrity -----	Daniel 6:1-28
10 Hidden Growth -----	Luke 13:18-21	26 Be Thou My Vision -----	Daniel 7:1-14
11 Don't Miss Out! -----	Luke 13:22-30	27 Theirs is the Kingdom -----	Daniel 7:15-28
12 On To Jerusalem -----	Luke 13:31-35	28 God is our Refuge -----	Psalm 25:1-22
13 Hold Back! -----	Luke 14:1-11	29 Prayer for Restoration -----	Daniel 9:1-19
14 Shepherd-King -----	Psalm 23:1-6	30 Plan for Restoration -----	Daniel 9:20-27
15 Open Invitation -----	Luke 14:12-24	31 From the First Moment -----	Daniel 10:1-21
16 Costly Business -----	Luke 14:25-35		

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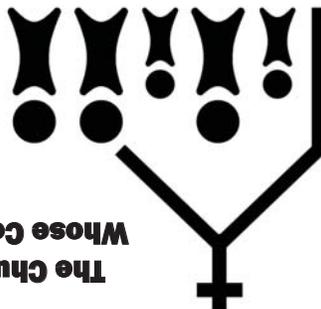
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Holy Communion:
 New Year (1/3), Ash Wednesday (2/10), Maundy Thursday (3/24),
 Pentecost (5/15), Mid-Summer (7/17), 1st Sunday in October (10/2),
 1st Sunday of Advent (11/27)

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