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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



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Welcome to



**ST. JOHN'S
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**

**“The Church on
the Corner Whose
Cornerstone is Christ”**

We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word, preaching salvation through believing in Christ as Savior. We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.

Welcome to our Worship of God! “God’s Grand Story”

- Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells
- Welcome, Scripture and Prayer Psalm 16:7-11 (p. 538)
- Prelude “Great Is the Lord”
- † Call to Worship – Psalm 111 (L–Leader; *P–People*)
- L: Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.
- P: Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.*
- L: Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever,
- P: He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.*
- L: Let us praise and worship the Lord our God.
- † (8:00) Hymn – #527 “Glory to His Name”
- † (10:30) Praise Songs “Come Now is the Time to Worship”
“I Stand in Awe”
- † Prayer
- † (8:00) Hymn Response – #428, v. 1 “I Need Thee Every Hour”
- † Passing the Peace of Christ
- Children’s Message
- Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debt/debtors)
- (10:30) Chancel Choir “God Will Make a Way”
- Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 13:13-14; 16:1-13 (p. 273)
- Sermon – notes on pg. 4 “The Heart Matters”
- Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings
- Offertory “Give Me Your Eyes”
- † Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication
- † Hymn – #505 “Love Lifted Me”
- † Spoken Benediction
- † (8:00) Benediction in Song – #602 “God Be With You”
- † (10:30) Benediction in Song “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Welcome . . .

Guests and Visitors

Welcome to our worship of God! Please take a moment to complete one of the info cards in the pew rack at each end of the pew and drop it in the offering plate once it is passed down the aisle in the service. We hope you will find our service to be an uplifting and pleasurable time of worship and that you will worship with us again. Learn more about us by visiting our Welcome Table at the south end of our building or our website at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

St. John's Christian Preschool

A learning, Christian ministry geared for children 3-5 years of age. Four sessions offered: Tues/Thurs morning and afternoon, and Mon/Wed/Fri morning and afternoon; and run from September thru May. More information is available at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

Mother's Room / Diaper Changing Station / Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located near our sanctuary – just ask an usher for its location. A diaper changing station is in our nursery room just down the hallway from our sanctuary. Nursery Care is offered during the 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children.

Children's and Large Print Bulletins are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex.

Hearing Assistance is provided through our loop system for hearing aids with a "t" switch position.

This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Lord, help me realize the truth of your words to Samuel, that you do not look at the things we look at in a person, the outward appearance, but you look at the person's heart. I implore you, Lord, help me, help us, live with your eyes, Lord. Our nation and world news report the outward appearances and activities, which produces fear. With faith and trust in your providence, guide me to always consider the heart, to know you call me to love as Jesus loved. Help me live with truth and wisdom, and with kindness, respect and compassion. Guide me, O Lord. In Jesus' name. Amen.

February Mission-A-Month - Archbold FISH Food Pantry

Items desperately needed at the pantry are: Food – canned meat, canned tuna, fruit cocktail; Personal Items – deodorant, 2-in-1 shampoo/conditioner, body wash, feminine items; Cleaning Supplies - dish soap, facial tissue, toilet paper.

Donated items can be placed in the white mission box in the chapel narthex. You can also give monetary donations which allow the pantry to purchase needed items in bulk.



The Out of Box Experience will be held Sunday, February 19th at 3PM. This is a great opportunity to learn more about and support the Archbold FISH Food Pantry. Individuals, couples, families, children, youth and adults – all are welcome! We'll gather in the Chapel and divide into shopping groups, then head out to the stores to shop for items for the pantry. After shopping, everyone will meet at the pantry to learn how it operates and we'll stock the shelves with the items just purchased. It's a fun mission/fellowship experience all rolled into one event!

Sermon: The Heart Matters – Scripture: 1 Samuel 13:13-14; 16:1-13

1. Saul's heart was focused on his own interests, on building his own kingdom.
 - He cut corners with his obedience. (1 Samuel 13, 15)
 - He made rash decisions. (the hasty sacrifice in 1 Samuel 13; his vow in 14:24-45)
 - He was consumed with jealousy, fear, and even paranoia, bitterness, and rage. (immobilized in the standoff against Goliath; his pursuit to kill David for years)
 - Bottom line: Saul related to God as someone who would serve his own interests, not as someone whose interests he could serve.

Application: Who is central in your relationship with God: you or Him? How does your pursuit of your own purposes affect your relationship with and attitudes toward God and others?

- He wants our hearts to be focused on Him—for us to pursue Him above all, and to pursue His vision as evidence of our love for Him.
 - We don't need to be anxious about His will for our lives or jealous of anyone else He chooses to use.
 - He loves us, but He doesn't exist for us. We exist for Him. When we realize that, we can love and serve Him with joy and freedom.
2. David's heart was focused on God and on building His kingdom.
 - His outrage at Goliath was based on the giant's defiance of the armies of the living God (even though David knew he would benefit too). (1 Samuel 17:26)
 - When he had chances to kill Saul and assume the throne himself, he refused to touch "the Lord's anointed." (1 Samuel 24:1-7; 26:5-25)
 - His greatest desire was to build a temple for God. (2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 28- 29)
 - Even when David fell, he was eventually able to see his sins honestly and repent of them. (2 Samuel 12:1-13)
 - Bottom line: David related to God as someone whose interests he could serve, not as someone who could serve his own interests.

Application: What are your greatest desires, and to what degree do they reflect God's heart?

- He is looking for those whose hearts fully belong to Him to promote them into His kingdom purposes.
- We will be in conflict with those who pursue their own self-interests, but God will fulfill His purposes for us.
- When He is our first priority, we find Him giving us His favor and leading us into fulfillment as He did with David.

Conclusion: Our hearts matter. Many religions focus on behavior, but we are called to love God, to live and breathe His purposes, and to be zealous about lining up with His character and nature. When He sees someone doing that—not perfectly, of course, but as an overall direction in life—He is drawn to them and chooses them to accomplish His greatest purposes.

Let's Talk About It - This Week in Our Children's and Youth Education:

Pre-K Class: We continued our study of Jesus's miracles. Today we learned about how Jesus healed a blind man. Did you like the color we chose to color the blind man's new eyes?

Faith Village: We are using Luke 6:27-31 and Matthew 5:38-47 to learn how Jesus wants us to "Love our Enemies." It is not easy to love someone who has done something to hurt us, but that is what Jesus wants us to do. Next time someone does something mean to you, try to do something kind for them in return.

Confirmation: Students began to explore denominations – how churches with similar beliefs are linked together beyond the local congregation. How many different denominations are represented in the Archbold community? What are some of the key points that differ between denominations?

Senior High Sunday School: This Sunday the teens were helping to prepare the tasty Super Bowl subs as a fundraiser for the SYF account, which largely goes to support the SYF summer mission trip. We hope you enjoy your subs and thanks for your donations to help with our trip! If you're a teen who hasn't signed up yet for the mission trip, talk to Pastor Alex this week!

LOGOS: Preschool/Kindergarten: The preschool class talked about 2 Kings 22-23; "King Josiah Learns to Love and Obey God." We listened to Josiah's story of how he became king at the age of 8 where he initiated repairs to the temple in Jerusalem. There they found the Law of Moses on a long-lost scroll. King Josiah and his people promised to keep these laws and to follow them with all of their heart and soul. We then made a crown fit for a king or queen, just like King Josiah's. **Third Grade:** The third graders learned about the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20. We discussed how they came down to loving God and loving others. **Fourth Grade:** The fourth graders continued our exploration of prayer. We read in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4 how Jesus taught his disciples to pray. We then looked at each, individual phrase (6, in all) of The Lord's Prayer and talked about what the words really mean. We were encouraged to learn and pray the words Jesus gave us, with meaning and from the heart. **Fifth Grade:** Tonight we discussed paying attention to those around us and praying for their needs.

JYF: This week at JYF we reviewed the book of Genesis and discussed the events during Israel's worship of the golden calf. All youth were challenged to dwell on God's holiness during their upcoming week, and strive to make holy choices. We also discussed our plans to attend a Toby Mac concert in April. Lastly, the group took time to pray for friends and family.

SYF: This week, we spent time decorating the Super Bowl sub carry out containers. Besides cheering against the Patriots, a favorite theme was rooting for the Browns to make a future Super Bowl! We also talked about our favorite Old Testament book and why we like it (Genesis was the clear favorite), and we talked about Deuteronomy 17, and what a good king is supposed to look like: one who obeys God's laws and is a brother to his people.

SYF SuperSubs: Be sure to stop in the Parish Hall and pick up any subs you ordered (free will donation). Thank you for supporting our SYF ministry!

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	Pick up SYF SuperSubs (Parish Hall)
	8:00AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM Adult Faith & Fellowship / Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM Seekers Small Group (Kuntz's, 733 W. Leggett Street, Wauseon)
Mon	11:15AM Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
Tues	9:15AM Bible Study – Mark 2 (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM Community Meal – SJCC Team Hosting (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	6:30PM Cub Scouts Den Meetings (Upstairs SS Classrooms)
Wed	8:30AM Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Sunday School Classroom)
	9:00AM West Haven Bible Study (Fairlawn)
	5:50PM LOGOS Meal – St. John's Has Talent Night (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	6:00PM Member Orientation Session (Pastor Erich's Office)
	6:45PM Hand Bells (Chancel); Hand Chimes (Choir Room)
	6:45PM JYF – Lesson and Game (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM Adult Bible Study (Parlor)
	7:00PM Life Planning (Chapel)
	7:00PM SYF Remix (Youth Room)
	7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thur	6:00PM Scouts District Meeting (Parish Hall, Parlor, Upstairs Classrooms)
Sat	8:00AM Back Bay Mission Trip Participants Depart
Sun	8:00AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM Adult Faith & Fellowship / Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:00PM Valentine's Day Potluck (Parish Hall)

Next Sunday – February 12 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Sermon – “A Very Vocal God” by Pastor Alex Young

Scripture – Amos 3:7, Joel 2:12-14

Discovery* is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. The Jan/Feb/Mar guides are available in the literature rack (suggested donation \$5.50 each). You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

February 6 - Going Beyond Duty	Mark 1:40-45
February 7 - What Friends Are For	Mark 2:1-12
February 8 - Our Mission Mandate	Mark 2:13-17
February 9 - New Responses	Mark 2:18-22
February 10 - Change the Culture	Mark 2:23-28
February 11 - Strength in Weakness	Mark 3:1-6
February 12 - Riches and Wisdom	Psalm 49

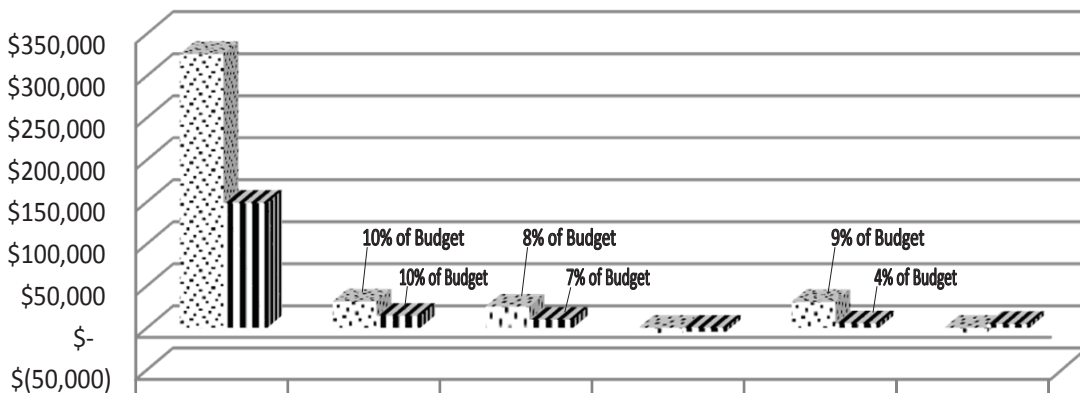
Valentine's Day Potluck hosted by the Fellowship Committee is next Sunday, February 12th. It will be held in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 service of worship. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. BBQ chicken sandwiches, cheesy potatoes and refreshments will be provided.

Adult Faith & Fellowship in Chapel – We continue our group Bible study based on the current worship sermon series titled “God’s Grand Story: His Word. Your Life.” This group Bible study will meet from 9:15–10:15AM and be led by Pastor Alex. A Guidebook will be utilized during each Sunday morning session, providing the material and focus of the Sunday school hour discussions. Anyone is welcome to attend any or all of these Sunday school hour sessions.

Volunteers Needed – We are always in need of people to assist with the many ministry activities that take place here at SJCC. We are currently in need of people to sign up for our Sunday morning usher and greeter ministries (sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board across from the church office) and are looking for people interested in help with our junior and senior high youth ministries. Please contact Pastor Alex if interested in helping with senior high ministries, and contact the church office for details on serving as ushers or greeters. Thank you for continuing to help us be the hands and feet of Jesus!

Christian Resources International (CRI) – CRI is an organization in Fowlerville, Michigan that sends containers filled with Bibles and Christian literature around the world and to prisons. Our church has taken material to them, and we believe this to be an excellent Christian activity. If you have any Christian literature (Bibles, devotionals, Sunday school papers or books) you no longer use, please donate them to this project. There is a box labeled to receive literature in the chapel narthex. Please contact Norma Fish (419-799-9172) or Gloria Lauber (419-445-7882) if you have a large amount of literature.

2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of January 31, 2016



	2017 Budget	2017 Budget % of year (5/52 wks)	2017 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2017 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$325,850	\$31,332	\$25,291	10% of Budget	\$30,762	9% of Budget
Missions	\$148,800	\$14,308	\$9,821	8% of Budget	\$5,298	4% of Budget

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of January 30, 2017 - \$455,643.09

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Kris Short, recovering from back surgery.
- Randy Layton, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Joanne Spotts, at the Rupp Rehab Center in Fairlawn recovering from a broken hip.
- Kreighton Sims, recovering from a broken ankle.
- Jayson Lindsay, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Ed Ruffer, recovering from foot surgery.
- John Lovejoy, Paul and Joan Lovejoy's son, who has completed chemo and radiation treatments for esophageal cancer. Further testing will determine next step in treatment.
- Gary Frazier, as he continues to recover at home, and blessed to be in worship last Sunday.
- Benjamin Chapman, stationed in Qatar.
- Brenden Bostelman, at Fort Benning, Georgia for airborne training for several weeks, then will be transferred to Alaska.
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC.
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia.
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in South Korea.
- Steve Schink, stationed at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.
- AJ Short, in basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina.
- Kollin Woolace, in basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina.
- Koltin Zimmerman, stationed at Fort Campbell, Oak Grove, Kentucky.
- All our home bound and care center residents.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Bryce Beltz	(10:30) Emma Nafziger
Ushers	(Head) Dave Walker	
	(8:00) Tim Beck, Mark Beltz	
	(10:30) Ben & Sue Buehrer, Scott & JoAnn Short	
Greeters	(10:30) Mark & Tammy Nofziger, Brad & Aimee Roth	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Vond & Mary Hall	(Feb 12) Matt & Kim Hines
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Brian Roth	
Worship Leader	(Both) Linda Heer	
Song Leader	(Both) Jim Redd	
Praise Band	(10:30) Chris Baden, Lynne Christman, Ann & Norm Fether, Brandon Lehman, Sarah Nafziger, Todd Nafziger	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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