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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



New Playground

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!

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer

Philippians 2:3-4 (p. 1162)

Prelude

“Father Lift Me Up”

† Call to Worship (L–Leader; *P–People*) (Revelation 19:5-7)

L: Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both great and small!

P: Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

L: Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!

P: For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

† (8:00) Hymn – #277

“The Church’s One Foundation”

† (10:30) Praise Songs – screen

“In Christ Alone”

“Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?”

† Unison Prayer: *Father, we confess that far too often we value ourselves as more important than others, and look after only our own interests. Even though we have come to know the true love of Jesus Christ who has consistently looked after our interests even at great cost to himself, we still fight for what we want and think we need, regardless of the harm it causes to those around us. Jesus, thank you for loving us despite our selfishness, and thank you for your Spirit at work transforming us into more loving people. Forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Clothe us with humility and love. In your name we pray, amen.*

† (8:00) Hymn of Assurance – #191

“There is Power in the Blood”

† (10:30) Response – screen

“Jesus Messiah”

† Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

(10:30) New Playground Dedication

(10:30) Presentation of Third Grade Bibles

Special Music

Todd Nafziger

“The Potter’s Hand”

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debt/debtors)

Sermon Scripture (See Sermon Notes Pg. 4)

Sermon

“Serving Oneself or Serving Others”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Lord, Be Glorified”

† Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn – #284

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

† Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #446

“I Will Serve Thee”

† Postlude



Welcome . . .

Guests and Visitors

Welcome to our worship of God! We hope you will find our service to be an uplifting and faithful 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.

Membership Orientation

St. John's Christian Church offers periodic orientation sessions to inform people about beliefs, ministries and the history of this local congregation. Pastor Erich is looking to offer membership orientation sessions on Wednesday evenings in the near future – please let him know if you might attend as to discover more about SJCC and all that happens within our ministries.

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 our 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:

Father God, you loved us so much that you sent us your Son. Jesus, you loved us so much that you laid down your life for us. Holy Spirit, you love us so much that you've made our hearts your home, that you might always be with us, guiding and directing us, strengthening and equipping us, comforting and assuring us. Send us out as people who are utterly confident, utterly peace-filled and joy-filled because of your love for us, and grant us to live lives of true love for others, by your power at work in us, and all for the sake of your glorious Name. Amen.

Thank Offering Containers:

Thank Offering containers are available for pick up on a table in the sanctuary or chapel narthex. The suggestion is to save your loose change for the next several months in this coin container. This special offering is collected at the end of November and will be divided equally between The Sparrow's Nest and The Foods Resource Bank.

Sermon – “Serving Oneself or Serving Others”

1. Self-Love

- a. Self-love leads to violence (James 4:1-3 – p. 1198)
- b. Self-love leads to self-destruction (Galatians 5:13-15 – p. 1154)

2. False Love

- a. Giving to the rich to earn favor with them (James 2:1-9 – p. 1196)
- b. Giving to the poor to earn favor with others (Matthew 6:1-4 – p. 960)

3. True Love

- a. Doing good to others, and not harming others (Luke 3:10-14 – p. 1016)
- b. Doing good to others, even involving personal sacrifice (Galatians 6:2 – p. 1155)
- c. Righting wrongs done, even at personal expense (Luke 19:8-9 – p. 1039)

4. Contrasting Characters

- a. The Rich Fool (Luke 12:16-21 – p. 1031)
- b. The Rich Righteous Man (Ruth 2:14-16 – p. 259)

Next Sunday – August 27 - Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon – “It’s Not Time to Rest Yet” by Pastor Erich Christman; Scripture – 1 Kings 19

Discovery[®] is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. The July/Aug/Sep issue is available in the literature rack (suggested donation \$6 each), or you can access the guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

August 21 - Eyeless in Gaza	Judges 16:23-31
August 22 - The Quiet Place	Mark 6:30-44
August 23 - Take Courage!	Mark 6:45-56
August 24 - The Challenge	Mark 6-7:1-13
August 25 - The Continuing Response	Mark 7:14-23
August 26 - A Kingdom For All	Mark 7:24-30
August 27 - Engaging With God 24/7	Psalm 75

WEEK OF AUG 20TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Children/Youth/Adults – Gather in Sanctuary for Rally Sunday Program
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:45AM	Fellowship Meal – Free Will Offering Collected (Parish Hall)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – Mark 6 (Fireside Room)
	1:30PM	Bingo at Fairlawn – Need 6-8 Volunteers (Activities Room) Contact Elaine Winzeler (419-446-2200) if you can help
	1:30PM	Worship Planning (Pastor Erich's Office)
	2:30PM	Pastors Meeting (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal – St. John's Christian Church (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	Preschool Orientation – M-W-F Classes (Preschool Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	9:00AM	West Haven Bible Study (Fairlawn)
	6:00PM	SYF Kick Off (Stuckey's, 24556 County Rd. D, Archbold)
Thurs	6:00PM	Preschool Orientation – T-Th Classes (Preschool Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Child/Youth Safety Training (Parish Hall)
	9:15AM	Confirmation Orientation (Chapel)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF) Kick Off – This Wednesday (August 23rd) we are having a pond/pool party to kick off the new year for SYF. Bring a towel if you plan to swim, fishing gear if you plan to fish, and text Pastor Alex (330-206-8762) whether you plan to bring a snack, side dish, or dessert for the cookout. We're meeting at David and Crissi Stuckey's at 6PM. Ask Pastor Alex if you need directions!

Sunday School, Faith Village, LOGOS, JYF and SYF – As plans are being made for teacher and leader prep, and communicating everything with parents, please set one or more of the following dates aside on your calendars – August 27, 9:15AM, August 30, 6:30PM and September 6th, 6:30PM. Parents and volunteers will need to attend only one of these three sessions. These times will include a Parent Meeting for all parents who will register their child or children for our LOGOS ministry, and there will be a Safety Training Review for everyone working in any of our children's and youth ministries.

IYF Building Campaign - 2nd Offering – Beginning next Sunday, the 4th Sunday of August, and on the 4th Sunday of each month thereafter, a special second offering will be received, with the offering directed towards our Imagine Your Faith (IYF) Building Campaign. Once the ushers have passed the plates down the pews for the support of our operating, ministry and mission budgets, the ushers will come back through, passing the plates a second time for our once a month second offering.

Summer Pocket Change Challenge – We encourage you to continue to fill up your coin bank for our Summer Challenge!! Don't worry, you still have time to pick up a bank (on tables near the east and south entrances) and collect your coins, which will be collected the first two Sundays in September (3rd and 10th). Adult and youth banks are available. Let's challenge ourselves to provide further funds toward our Imagine Your Faith (IYF) Building Campaign!

Positions Available – We are seeking qualified applicants for the following positions (job descriptions available upon request):

Director of Music Ministry:

St. John’s Christian Church in Archbold, OH is seeking a part-time (12 - 14 hours) Director of Music Ministry. The ideal candidate is responsible for planning and leading the church’s music ministry in the worship of God with traditional and contemporary resources. Strong organizational and communication skills are required, technology skills preferred. Must be able to be on site Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. If this is your calling, send your resume to St. John’s Christian Church 700 S. Defiance St., Archbold, OH 43502 or office@stjohnsarchbold.org, Attn: Personnel.

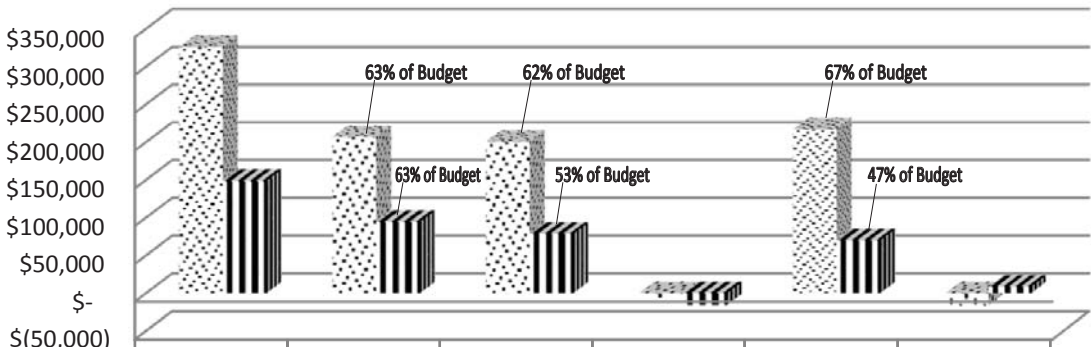
Accompanist:

St. John’s Christian Church in Archbold, OH is seeking a talented musician with the ability to play piano and/or organ as well as a desire to serve in a musical capacity within a worship setting. Candidate needs to be comfortable with blended and contemporary styles of worship as well as traditional. If this is your calling, send your resume to St. John’s Christian Church 700 S. Defiance St., Archbold, OH 43502 or office@stjohnsarchbold.org, Attn: Personnel.

Preschool Classroom Aide:

Our St. John’s Christian Preschool is looking to fill a new part-time paid position, working one preschool class session per week and an additional session during the third week of each month. The aide will be in the classroom, assisting the Preschool Teacher Assistant with the daily classroom activities. This will create planning and office time for the Preschool Administrator each week. Contact the Preschool Administrator, Sue MacDonald (macfamily5@roadrunner.com), if you or someone you know would be interested in the position.

2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of August 14, 2017



	2017 Budget	2017 Budget % of year (33/52 wks)	2017 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2017 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$325,850	\$206,789	\$200,486	\$(6,304)	\$216,920	\$(16,434)
Missions	\$148,800	\$94,431	\$78,520	\$(15,911)	\$69,860	\$8,660

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for the healing of a sick friend's wife; for a team member who has recently returned to the island; for their pregnant friend, for health and safety of both her and the baby.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Michigan – as the start of a new semester is just weeks away, pray for energy and conviction for staff members as they reconnect with students from past years, as well as greet new students.
- ✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – praise God that thru their sharing with potential supporters, they have been re-centered on their focus on making Jesus known; pray for accelerated connections with partners who will help send them to campus this fall.
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – prayers of thanksgiving for their own salvation in Christ, causing them to praise God for his promises, spurring them on in their bold efforts of sharing Christ.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – prayers of encouragement and for perseverance as they care for their own family, while being a witness for Christ with the people they meet.
- ✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for the management couple who started earlier this year, that they experience a spirit of cooperation and understanding with the staff, children, community and government officials; and for Cheryl as she cares for her children.
- ✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at The Ohio State Univ. – pray for the 50,000 students coming to campus this fall, and for the Cru leaders who will be sharing Jesus; pray for the 162 people registered for training on what human-trafficking looks like and how to respond.
- ✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – continued prayers for their re-entry into campus ministry, after being in Brazil the past year; for their needed support; for strength in sharing Jesus with staff and students.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – pray for them and their four young children; for peace and strength in sharing Jesus with children at the school and in the villages; pray for lives to be changed, bringing people to glorify God.
- ✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – praise God for a very productive surgical camp held recently, for the many operations that occurred; and praise God for former patients who were changed by the CRHP ministries and now are on staff with them.
- ✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home – praise to the Lord for recent visits to the home from young adults who passed through the home in their own orphaned childhood, as they are a great example to the current children; and pray for some of these returnees who are getting involved in the on going work of the home.
- ✠ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Toledo – pray for the ministry as a new fall semester is nearing, for the passionate hearts of returning student leaders, and for the light of Christ to be evident as they welcome new students on campus.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Sheila Whitlock, Jen Grime's mother, who is undergoing treatment for throat cancer.
- Mary Lou Nemire, recovering from knee surgery.
- Sharon VonDeylen, recovering from surgery.
- Bob Bostelman, recovering from surgery.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, doing very well in his cancer treatment.
- John Lovejoy, Paul and Joan Lovejoy's son, undergoing chemo treatments.
- Gary Frazier, who has completed chemo treatments.
- Benjamin Chapman, nephew of Crissi Stuckey, was discharged from military service and is now attending the police academy in Richmond, Virginia.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Alaska.
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC.
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia.
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in South Korea.
- Donny Richardson, stationed in Okinawa, Japan.
- Steve Schink, stationed at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.
- AJ Short, stationed in California for advanced training.
- Kyle Stuckey, stationed at Fort Bennington, Georgia for boot camp and basic training.
- Kollin Woolace, stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.
- All our home bound and care center residents.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Karsen Pursel	(10:30) Hailey Wooley
Ushers	(Head) Mark Nofziger	
	(8:00) Tim & Sue Grieser	
	(10:30) Joel & Annie Foote, David & Crissi Stuckey	
Greeters	(10:30) Jed & Jen Grime	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Lucas & Lindy Lant	(Aug 27) Jan Martinez
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Tom Hines	
Worship Leader	(Both) JoAnn Short	
Song Leader	(Both) Jim Redd	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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