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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



Tatum A. Short

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! Blanket Sunday

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer

Psalm 89:1-2 (p. 587)

† (8:00) Hymn Medley

#10, verse 1 – “O Worship the King”

#30 – “How Majestic Is Your Name”

#74 – “Majesty”

#404, verse 1 – “The Solid Rock”

† (10:30) Praise Songs – screen

“He Is Exalted” and “Our God”

† Prayer of Invocation

† Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Ministry of Prayer

Call to Prayer – #430, verses 1 & 2

“I Must Tell Jesus”

Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

Leadership Testimony

Ann Fether

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-8 (p. 1123)

† Sermon Hymn – #271, vs. 1 & 4

“Standing on the Promises”

Sermon

“Gifts: Do I Have Any?”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“I Offer My Life / Take My Life”

† Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn – #444

“I’ll Go Where You Want Me to Go”

† Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #282

“The Family of God”

† 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.

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:

(Drawn from the Week's Discovery Guide readings from Habakkuk)

Lord, I appreciate the words of Habakkuk, words in which he questioned what was going on around him while wondering about your presence, your response. I confess, Lord, that I too wonder. With the mounting religious and social tensions in the world, with natural disasters and the violence of war continuing to occur, Lord, I wonder where your judgment is. I wonder why the righteous are downtrodden and the unrighteous seem to be blessed in this world. Then the reminder of the words of the prophet – you are in command, you are present, you hold everything in your hands. Hear my concerns, Lord, and guide me in increasing my trust in you. Thank you for the saving grace of Jesus Christ, who endured the trials of this world and overcame by his obedience to you. May my faith increase, that I walk in your ways. Amen.

Blanket Sunday

Today there are special envelopes in the pew racks for your support of Blanket Sunday, a Church World Service ministry. Your donations help families who have lost their homes due to natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes, hurricanes and tornadoes; people struggling against crushing poverty and harsh climates; and vulnerable children who struggle to find clean, safe water and nutritional food. Please prayerfully consider donating to this ministry.

September Mission-A-Month – Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission



The Altar Flowers are in honor of Willie Buehrer's 90th birthday yesterday, September 16th, and are sponsored by his family.



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

Pre-K Class: This month we are talking about Joseph: how his colorful coat caused some sibling squabbles; how his brother's lied about his disappearance; how Joseph ended up sharing his grain with his hungry brothers; and how he ends up forgiving them, inspiring many.

Faith Village: Today, we wrapped up the unit entitled "The 10 Commandments". The 10 Commandments help us know how to love and worship God and how to treat others with justice and kindness. They are found in Exodus 20:1-17. The tenth commandment tells us to not want anything that belongs to someone else. God wants us to be content with what we have. Can you name some things that you have that you are thankful for?

Confirmation: Youth went through acolyte training, and then studied the question, "How is the Bible true?" What answers were learned in class? Memory work is Genesis 2:2-3.

Senior High Sunday School: We are continuing our series on the topic of loving God, loving ourselves, and loving others. We discussed how our love for God feeds our love for other people, and why loving our neighbors is an extension of our love for God and love for ourselves. Ask your teens to think of one person who is hurting right now. Encourage them to show love to this person in the coming week.

LOGOS: Preschool/Kindergarten: This week the Logos Preschool/Kindergarten Class talked about Genesis 1:1-8. We puffy painted glow in the dark pictures to represent God's creation of Day and Night. Our chocolate pudding snack (dark) with Reddi Whip (light) also represented the creation of Night and Day. Our blue drink helped us learn about God separating the waters to create the sky!! **3rd Grade:** We talked about our favorite Bible heroes. We also talked about how the Bible is God's letter to us and that it is true. **4th Grade:** Our discussion centered on each of God's children being different, but yet we all are the same from the stand point that we can communicate (pray) to God at any time and any place.

JYF: 6th, 7th & 8th graders were welcomed to a new year of JYF through some get acquainted activities and worked through some team-building challenges. Devotional was based on 1 Corinthians 12 - many members, one body. Youth are asked to come on 9/20 ready to share their brainstormed thoughts and ideas about the year!

Life Planning: This Wednesday we kicked off Life Planning and we welcomed three new freshmen and their mentors. We talked about the grace of God and how to be a cheerful giver, and how prayer can be a wonderful gift for someone. We also played an icebreaker game similar to the "To Tell the Truth" game show on TV. Our next meeting will be on Oct. 11 @ 7:00PM in the chapel. It's not too late to get involved...if you want to be paired with a mentor, talk with Kim Hines, Karen Walker, or Pastor Alex.

SYF Remix: We enjoyed each other's company, and talked about the new series we're starting for SYF next week. Our lesson will include several student testimonials about temptations students in high school today might face, including sexting and underage drinking, and how students found the courage to stand up for their faith and live for Jesus.



Next Sunday – September 24 - Fall Festival - 10:30 Outdoor Worship
Sermon – "Leadership - What's Involved?" by Pastor Erich Christman
Scripture – Matthew 20:25-28; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10



WEEK OF SEP 17TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – Ruth 1 (Fireside Room)
	1:30PM	Worship Planning (Pastor Erich's Office)
	2:30PM	Pastors Meeting (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal – SJCC Team A & S Hosting (Parish Hall)
Wed	7:00PM	Evangelism Committee (Fireside Room)
	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal – Campfire Night (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	JYF (Chapel)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
Sat	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	8:00AM	Outback Work Day (Outback Youth Center, 1211 S. Defiance Street)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Outdoor Worship Service (East Lawn)
	11:45AM	Chicken BBQ (Parish Hall)

Discovery* is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. The Oct/Nov/Dec 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:

September 18 - Judgement and Deliverance	Obadiah 15-21
September 19 - Such Sweet Sorrow	Ruth 1:1-18
September 20 - "As It Turned Out . . ."	Ruth 2:14-23
September 21 - Working and Waiting	Ruth 2:14-23
September 22 - Time to Act	Ruth 3:1-18
September 23 - Unexpected Grace	Ruth 4:1-12
September 24 - Don't Forget	Psalms 78:40-72

Alpha Course – We're praying for the start of a new Alpha Course set to begin soon, and are looking for six people from St. John's who will invite someone they know to join them for this 13 week course. Each Wednesday evening session will begin at 6PM with a meal in the Fireside Room. Sign up on the bulletin board, or contact John Graber (419-445-4348).

Outback Work Day– The mission committee is offering a local project for people who have the desire and time to help with some cleaning and repair work at The Outback, Archbold's youth center operated by the Defiance Area Youth for Christ. Working from 8AM until noon (or any time people can give during the morning) on Saturday, September 23rd – light bulb replacements, toilet repair, light cleaning, door repair, ceiling tile repair – a host of small items needing attention. Please sign-up on the bulletin board or contact the church office if you can help!

St. John's Christian Church – Mission Information

2017 Mission Budget – \$148,800

As of September 11, Donations to the Mission Fund Include:

Designated Donations – \$38,897 Undesignated Donations – \$46,761

Interest Income – \$4,000 Farm Income – \$2,240

Total to Date – \$91,898

Mission Goal for Five Months (37 weeks) of the Year (71%) Would Be – \$105,877

Number of Missionaries SJCC Supports – 12 Missionaries

Support Ranges from \$500 to \$13,000

Average Support – \$4,402 per Missionary

Serving in 7 Countries and on 5 College Campuses

Number of Agencies SJCC Supports – 18 Agencies

Support Ranges from \$1,000 to \$12,000

Average Support – \$3,100 per Agency

Supporting 7 Agencies in Fulton County and 3 in Lucas County

Supporting 5 World-Wide Agencies and 3 Located in America

Number of Ministries SJCC Supports with Mission Funds – 11 Ministries

Support Ranges from \$1,000 to \$6,000

Average Support – \$2,909 per Ministry

These ministries are extensions of SJCC ministries

Number of Mission Trips SJCC Supports with Mission Funds – 3 Trips

Support Ranges from \$1,500 to \$4,000

Average Support – \$2,833 per Trip

Funds are forwarded to missionaries, agencies and ministries on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. For example, funds are usually sent to local agencies on a monthly basis, to overseas agencies/missionaries on a quarterly basis (there are transfer fees associated with overseas transactions, so sending quarterly lessens the frequency of those set fees), or annually to seasonal ministries like Operation Christmas Child or Christmas Cheer.



Isaiah 52:7

*“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!””*

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for their children, Grace, Peter & David, who enjoy island life but also miss much from their times in the States; for their growth in learning French and the local language; pray for Tom & Megan in their love of parenting.

Missionary Awareness:

Tom & Megan L, serving on The Islands, maintain a blog about their mission efforts - <http://tmislands.blogspot.com/> - a recent post gives great insight to what life is like on the island for their three children.

✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Michigan – pray for the new student leaders as small groups and bible studies start up once again, and for their campus outreach efforts.

✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – having reached a 50% level of support, pray for wisdom and perseverance in their obedience to God's call upon their lives.

✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray for people to commit to the 2018 trip to visit and encourage them; pray for their obedience in being witnesses of Christ's light in a culture that can have much darkness; pray for their health and blessing as they preach and teach and befriend.

✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray for Muslims in their region, pray for the training of believers with a heart for reproducible disciple making, pray for their prayer walking and outreach in parks and residential areas, as a family or with other believers.

✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for stamina in caring for her family and for overseeing the ministry of the Life House, pray for assistance in the efforts to maintain her home in Ridgeville Corners, pray God continues to provide her with peace and direction.

✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at The Ohio State Univ. & She Has a Name – pray God continues to bless her with focus and endurance as she serves with two non-profits, pray for her witness of Christ's light in these two ministries, pray for the new semester of students.

✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at The Ohio State Univ. – continued prayers as they settle into their new positions, and as thousands of students return and commute to campus!

✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – pray for the conversations Jason is having with one of the construction workers about Christ, in light of the man's past with sin and a witch doctor; pray for Becky as she teaches and ministers to students, and for an intern she is working with who is very homesick; they are praising God for how well their own children are adjusting to school and developing friendships.

✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray for wisdom and giftedness is managing their many programs: adolescent boys program, adolescent girls program, artificial limbs, farmers club, helping hands (program providing jobs), Julia Hospital, rehab center, Preschool, Village Health Workers and women's clubs. So many outreach efforts!

✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home – pray for 2018 mission trip participants, for increased number of partner churches, and for the staff community at the home.

✠ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Toledo – pray for many new freshmen to stay with their faith and come to Reliant events, pray for protection over them and their beliefs; pray for those that don't know Christ, that they would be saved; pray many students come to their small groups to experience community and be in Bible studies.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Tatum Short continues to need prayers for oral feeding, and pray for her parents, Olley and Lauren, for guidance in further treatment.
- Norma Fish, who is home recovering from surgery.
- Bri Krukowski's father, recovering from surgery for a broken femur.
- Sheila Whitlock, Jen Grime's mother, who is undergoing treatment for throat cancer.
- Mary Lou Nemire, recovering from knee surgery.
- Bob Bostelman, receiving home health care during his cancer treatments.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, doing very well in his cancer treatment.
- John Lovejoy, Paul and Joan Lovejoy's son, whose scan this past week showed no sign of cancer - praise God! He will now undergo maintenance treatments for 3 months.
- 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 Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.
- All our home bound and care center residents.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Bryce Beltz	(10:30) Tyler Hurst
Ushers	(Head) Steve Walker	
	(8:00) Linda Heer, Jean Stamm	
	(10:30) Jeremy & Jen Hurst, Kim & Adam Walker	
Greeters	(10:30) Bob & Carol DeVries	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) JoAnn Short	(Sep 24) Chris & Amy Baden
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Song Leader	(8:00) Elaine Winzeler	(10:30) David Stuckey
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Praise Band	(10:30) Chris Baden, Lynne Christman, Norm & Ann Fether, Todd Nafziger	
Children's Message	(Both) Deb Kauffman	

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