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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to **Serve Together**



Jed, Jenn & Blake Grime

Welcome to



**“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!

World Communion Sunday

(10:30) Sending Forth Home Communion Servers

Welcome, Announcements and Greetings

Scripture and Prayer

Psalm 119:18 (p. 607)

Prelude

Emma Nafziger

“Mighty To Save”

† Call to Worship – #588, v. 1

“We Have Come into His House”

† Unison Prayer of Invocation: *This house is Yours, Mighty God, as is the entire world. From the east and west and north and south we have come to be one family gathered together for Your glory. We’ve come to commune with You through Your Son, and with each other through Your Spirit. May our worship honor You, O Lord. Amen.*

† Hymn – #201

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

Children’s Message

(#579, v. 1) “Jesus Loves Me”

(10:30) Chancel Choir Anthem

“With God Nothing Is Impossible”

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (p. 1179)

† Sermon Hymn – #109

“Are You Washed in the Blood?”

Sermon

“Scripture Alone”

SERVICE IN OBSERVANCE OF WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Pastor: Lord God, we remember in prayer all the people of the world who seek liberty, equality, and human dignity. We lift up the needs of the hungry, the homeless, and the disadvantaged. We pray for those living in areas torn by war and upheaval.

People: *We pray for our nation, our leaders and our citizens. We pray for those who commit their efforts to bring about peace and harmony in our country and the world.*

Pastor: We pray for our church universal, which encompasses different lands, cultures, and languages, but exists under one Lordship in Jesus Christ, the head of the church.

People: *For all those whom we love, for those who support us in the life and faith that we live, and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ, we give thanks and praise.*

Pastor: Mighty God, we pray for our congregation. May we be a people seeking Your will and direction. May You empower us with authority and wisdom in serving You.

People: *May You gift us with love and understanding as we come to the table. Empower us with Your forgiveness, unity, and understanding as we live in faith together.*

Pastor: For people we know who are sick, grieving or carrying a burden, for those who are lonely, anxious or drained, we pray for Your Spirit’s peace, comfort and healing.

People: *Dear God, grant us Your peace, Your grace, Your mercy, and Your love. Make us the people of Your covenant; and grant us the power of the Holy Spirit that we may honor You faithfully all our days. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.*

Prayer Response – #29

“Glorify Thy Name”

Words of Invitation – Pastor

Unison Prayer of Confession: *God, we know that we have sinned against You and too often we have failed to do that which was Your will for us. Too often we have followed our selfish desires and have not helped those who called upon us in their time of need. Forgive us and restore us to the persons You want us to be; in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon and Forgiveness – Pastor

Words of Institution – Pastor

Unison Prayer of Blessing and The Lord's Prayer (debtors/debtors): *God, we are unified at Your table with Christians all around Your world. As we join them in spirit, may we identify with them through concern and compassion. We pray that You would bless this bread and this cup. Bless us as we receive these elements in remembrance of him who died for us all, and who taught us to pray, Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Music

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving: *We thank you, O God, for the unifying experience of this Holy Sacrament. May we, along with all who have gathered at Your table today, know Christ's presence and receive his gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love, and may You be praised and glorified through the light we bring to others. In our Savior's name. Amen.*

† Closing Hymn – #345

“Blessed Assurance”

† Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #345, refrain

† Postlude

We Practice Open Communion . . .

- All adults and older youth who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune
- Grape juice is served in the trays of the cup
- At 8:00 worship, communicants will be invited to come forward in groups
- At 10:30 worship, communicants will be served in the pews, partaking at one time

This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Precious and Mighty Lord God, it is in humility and reverence that I bow my head in prayer, for you are the great and glorious God, the one who sent Jesus, your only son, to be the savior of all! O, thank you, Lord, for your love and grace. In the words of the psalmist, I pray that you will “open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.” As I recognize the truth and authority of Scripture, I know I am in need of greater understanding. I desire to know the deep wonders of Scripture. Light my path, that my reading will bring new knowledge, and that I would be blessed with wisdom through the presence of your guiding Spirit. Reveal your will for my life to me, that I may serve you and glorify you with praise and thanksgiving. In Jesus' name. Amen.



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.

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.

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

Pre-K Class: This morning we talked about David and Goliath. David trusted God. What was the outcome?

Faith Village: Today we continued the unit entitled "Building the Tabernacle," which uses Exodus 25:1-9; 36:1-2; 40:34 as its references. We are learning about the special place for worship that God told the Israelites to construct while they were wandering in the desert. How is the Tabernacle similar to our church building? How is it different?

Confirmation: Lesson was based on Genesis 12:1-9 in looking at God's actions in the world. Key question was "How does God begin a relationship with us?"

LOGOS: 2nd Grade: The 2nd grade class is working on memorizing John 3:16. We also talked about John the Baptist. Ask your 2nd grader to tell you something about him. 3rd Grade: The 3rd graders studied Genesis 2-3, learning about the 1st family and the fall bringing sin into the world. We also talked about grabbing onto the promise of hope in Jesus Christ, to allow us back into communion with God. 4th Grade: We discussed five words and how we use them at Sunday worship or in our individual lives. The words were praise, confession, proclamation, petition, and dedication.

YJF: Youth shared in a mixer and a game, each designed to help everyone get better acquainted with each other – who preferred being 9" tall or 9' tall? Who would rather wash the thanksgiving meal dishes or clean a toilet? There were some interesting responses! Youth began to explore the names of the Books of the Bible. Help your youth learn those names!

October Mission-A-Month – Operation Christmas Child

WEEK OF OCT 1ST 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)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – 1 John 4 (Fireside Room)
	1:30PM	Worship Planning (Pastor Erich's Office)
	2:30PM	Pastors Meeting (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Capital Campaign Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	10:00AM	Archbold Area Ministerial Association (Fireside Room)
	4:30PM	Budget & Stewardship Committee (Fireside Room)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal – Mexican Fiesta Night (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	JYF (Ride bus to Justin & Carrie Yoder's, Co. Rd. V, Archbold)
	6:45PM	Junior Choir (Sanctuary)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
Thurs	8:30AM	Preschool Pictures – until 3:30PM (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Fri	8:30AM	Preschool Pictures – until 3:30PM (Parish Hall)
Sat	7:00AM	Participants Depart for Biloxi Mission Trip
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's, 733 W. Leggett Street, Wauseon)

Next Sunday – October 8 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon – “Faith Alone” by Pastor Alex Young

Scripture – Galatians 3:6-14

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:

October 2 - The Hidden Message	1 John 4:1-6
October 3 - This is Love	1 John 4:7-21
October 4 - Living in Love	1 John 5:1-12
October 5 - Blessing & Responsibility	1 John 5:13-21
October 6 - Remaining in Christ	2 John 1-13
October 7 - An Open-Heart Policy	3 John 1-4
October 8 - Restoring Ruins	Psalm 80

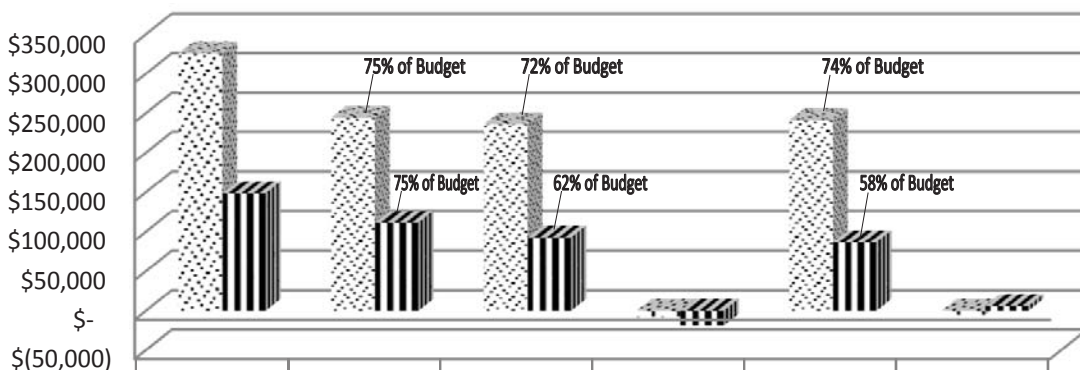
Thank Offering Containers – Thank Offering containers are available for pick up on a table in the sanctuary or chapel narthex. The suggestion is to save your loose change for the next several months in this coin container. This special offering is collected at the end of November and will be divided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

SJCC Pictorial Directory App Training – Amy Baden will be leading a session on Sunday, October 22nd at 9:15AM to help anyone with a smart phone, tablet or computer interested in learning how to download the free app for access to our church's on-line pictorial directory. Bring your device (unless it's a desktop computer!) and you'll learn how to use your individual device, and for a desktop computer you'll get the general know how to access pictures of our church family!

St. John's Has Talent Show & Auction – The Fellowship Committee will be hosting the new St. John's Has Talent Show & Auction on Sunday, October 22nd from 4-6:30PM in the Storage Building. This should be a fun-filled night where you can use your gifts and talents to help raise support for two local missions, Shepherd's Circle and Friendship House. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for skits and auction items. Be sure to mark October 22nd on your calendar, and we hope to see you there!

Autumn Event Sponsored by BASIC Sunday School Class– The BASIC (parlor) Sunday school class is sponsoring an Autumn Event, open to everyone...singles, couples, all ages! On Sunday, October 29th from 4:00 to 6:30 join the excitement...square dancing, food, fellowship, games and FUN! Don't know how to square dance????...neither do we! This will be for "beginners" and any and all missteps are appreciated! Don't feel up to "swinging a partner?" Come simply to listen to the music and chit chat with others. Eat some hot dogs, drink some cider and experience some games on occasion to catch your breath! Aliese Hill be will our caller. The hoe-down will be at the Rupp's machine shed (heat in case of a chilly afternoon) at 22396 State Route 2, Stryker. Feel free to bring your own chair!

2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of September 25, 2017



	2017 Budget	2017 Budget % of year (39/52 wks)	2017 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2017 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$325,850	\$244,388	\$236,181	\$(8,206)	\$241,295	\$(5,114)
Missions	\$148,800	\$111,600	\$92,758	\$(18,842)	\$86,731	\$6,028

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of September 25, 2017 - \$518,555.83

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- ✚ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – the island school has been dragging their feet but finally started on 9/26. Please pray for positive starts for all of our kids (especially our boys who are very nervous). We hope for friendly, understanding teachers and good friends for all three of them. Pray for an island brother that Tom meets with regularly that is struggling with old habits that could hurt his witness. Pray for islanders studying abroad— we’ve had a few young brothers go abroad and come back years later unsure what they believe.
- ✚ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at University of Michigan – pray that the Spirit of God would be present and active through his efforts in sharing the gospel of Jesus with campus students.
- ✚ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – pray for numerous relationships uniting around their ministry vision, for significant strides towards campus this fall, and for faith, love and perseverance as they fulfill the work before them.
- ✚ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray people join the 2018 trip to support and encourage them.
- ✚ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray for wisdom, boldness and understanding as they continue to serve the Lord through ministering to a Muslim population. Pray for good conversations, that the Word of God will be active piercing, and for their peace.
- ✚ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for continual support of Cheryl and her family as they live in Northwest Ohio while Cheryl continues to administer the Life House, which continues to minister to children with “brittle bone” disease.
- ✚ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at The Ohio State University – pray for continued wisdom and grace, for health and stamina, for a peaceful and gentle heart, as she interacts with students, and witnesses with women affected so harshly by human trafficking.
- ✚ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – pray the Lord continues to use them in discipleship on campus, as well as bless them with wisdom and support in their ministry.
- ✚ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – pray for them and all the island residents, and neighboring islands, as they work to survive, let alone rebuild, in the aftermath of the hurricanes. Pray for health, stamina and resources!
- ✚ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – CRHP is praising God for the 50 year partnership between them and SJCC! They’re thankful for our continued support, which is just over \$421,000 in those 50 years. Pray their community and health ministries continue to be a witness of God’s presence and providence.
- ✚ 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. Be in prayer for a December 3rd Friendship Event SJCC is hosting as we attempt to enlist new church partnerships with KCH.
- ✚ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at University of Toledo – pray that the Spirit of God would be present and active through his efforts in sharing the gospel of Jesus with campus students.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Phyllis Swietzer, who had an ablation done on Tuesday, but had to have it done a second time on Wednesday, which went well.
- Bri Krukowski's father, who re-fractured his leg – no further surgery to repair is needed, but recovery process is starting over, and in great pain.
- Mary Lou Nemire, who continues to experience great pain in her knee and is limited in getting out of the house.
- Bob & Connie Bostelman, as Bob was moved to the Defiance In-Care Hospice Center on Thursday afternoon.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, whose treatments continue, but his weight loss has leveled off and his appetite is improving – good signs.
- John Lovejoy, Paul and Joan Lovejoy's son, who continues with cancer treatments.
- Brenden Bostelman, being deployed to Afghanistan.
- 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 Hood, Texas.
- Kollin Woolace, stationed in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.
- All our home bound and care center residents, and all our students.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Kenny Walker	(10:30) Emily Walker
Ushers	(Head) Dave Walker	
	(8:00) Ken Nafziger, Jim Grieser	
	(10:30) Eric & Sarah Nafziger, Todd & Jill Nafziger	
Greeters	(10:30) Tim & Sue Grieser, Kent & Shiela Short	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Bruce & Carrie Wooley	(Oct 8) Eric & Anna Yoder
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) Elaine Winzeler	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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