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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!

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer

Luke 7:50 (p. 1023)

Prelude

“Immortal, Invisible / I Could Sing . . . Forever”

† Call to Worship – Psalm 66:1-4 (L–Leader; *P–People*)

L: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

P: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.

† (8:00) Hymn – #76

“O for a Thousand Tongues”

#345

“Blessed Assurance”

† (10:30) Praise Songs – screen

“Desert Song”

“Your Grace is Enough”

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

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon (Romans 10:9-10)

⁹ That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Chancel Choir

“Shout to the North”

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:6-14 (p. 1152)

Sermon

“Faith Alone”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Knowing You”

† Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

† (8:00) Closing Hymn – #52

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

† (10:30) Closing Song – screen

“You Are Holy”

† Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #66, v. 1

“To God Be the Glory”

† 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, help us understand your mercy all the more deeply, that we might all the more readily trust you for the provision of our salvation. Fill our hearts with faith and love. Amen.

Biloxi Mission Trip This Week:

Please keep Pastor Erich and the following people in your prayers as they spend the week in Biloxi, Mississippi, doing home renovations and rehab work coordinated through our mission partners, Back Bay Mission: Ryan Christman, Betsy Ducey, Jim Grieser, Tom Johnson, Gloria Lauber, Dan Light, Mike Meyer, Bill Puckrin (Sandusky), and Nancy Storrer. They will return on Saturday, so please contact Pastor Alex for pastoral care concerns during Pastor Erich's absence.

October Mission-A-Month – Operation Christmas Child

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 construct while they were wandering in the desert. Can you name some of the items that God told the Israelites to make to put in the Tabernacle?

Confirmation: Today we continued to look at the story of Abraham in Genesis 12, and talked more about how the story of Abraham fits into the story of the whole Bible, and what the story of the Bible means for our lives too. Ask a confirmand you know: what is the story of the Bible?

Senior High Sunday School: Being a teenager is hard. Being a Christian teenager can be harder. In his letter, James acknowledges that we all face situations that require perseverance, and he encourages us to focus on why making God's choices is worth it and how to make those choices.

LOGOS: Preschool/Kindergarten: In continuing our talk of all the wonderful things God made (Genesis 1:1-25), we focused on birds, fish, and animals. We started out the night talking about all the wonderful creatures God made, including our pets at home. We then welcomed Tasha Grieser and her therapy dog, in training, into our classroom. Tasha spoke with the children and educated them on dog safety. She showed us signs to look for and ways we could safely interact with dogs. The children finished the night making animal masks. **2nd Grade:** This week the 2nd grade class practiced John 3:16. They listened to the story about Jesus reading scripture in the synagogue and what he said afterwards to make them mad. **3rd Grade:** The 3rd graders studied Genesis 6-9 learning how Noah loved and obeyed God by following God's instructions. We talked about how we could follow God's instructions for our lives.

JYF: A very quick two hours at the Yoder home was enjoyed this past week – hotdogs, devotions, bobbing for apples, group games, s'mores and campfire songs! And we could have been there another hour to get it all in! Praise God the rain held off! Ask your youth what they threw into the fire – what did they hear about not worrying?

SYF: This past week we talked about people in our lives who are good influences and what makes their impact on us and others so positive. How can we be a good influence to others?

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) – OCC is our October Mission-A-Month, and we want to remind you we are using plastic boxes to pack boxes for this mission. Please contact the church office if you would like to pack your own box(es) and we will provide you with the plastic box(es); otherwise you can put donated items in the white mission box in the Chapel narthex, or give monetary donations using your weekly offering envelope or by dropping off your donation in the church office. Here is a list of items we would like donated or you should pack: Toothbrushes, socks, hats, gloves, dolls (girls only), pencils, pens, notebooks, coloring books (with the least amount of words possible), crayons or colored pencils, pencil sharpener, hairbrush/comb, boxes of band aids, washcloths, bars of soap, hair bows, chapstick, sunglasses, flip flops, and any other toys like puzzles, cars, ect. Please NO food, candy or toothpaste, and refrain from packing or donating stuffed animals or animal related things because they cannot be sent to some countries.

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)
	12:00PM	Fellowship Committee (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's, 733 W. Leggett Street, Wauseon)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – Genesis 37 (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Preschool Board (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Parlor)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	9:00AM	West Haven Bible Study (Fairlawn)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal – National Unity Night (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	Junior Choir (Sanctuary)
	6:45PM	JYF (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Life Planning (Chapel)
	7:00PM	SYF Remix (Youth Room)
Thurs	6:00PM	Couples Small Group (Youth Room)
Fri	8:30AM	Preschool Pictures – until 3:30PM (Parish Hall)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
		Biloxi Mission Trip Participants Return
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service – Junior Choir Sings (Sanctuary)

Next Sunday – October 15 - Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon – “Grace Alone” by Pastor Alex Young

Scripture – Ephesians 1:3-8; 2:8-10

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 9 - Saved for a Purpose	Jude 1-25
October 10 - Oh, to be Chosen!	Genesis 37:1-11
October 11 - Unfortunate Events?	Genesis 37:12-36
October 12 - Who've You Got With You?	Genesis 39:1-23
October 13 - Faith and Kindness	Genesis 40:1-23
October 14 - Stuck?	Genesis 41:1-16
October 15 - No Satisfaction	Psalm 81

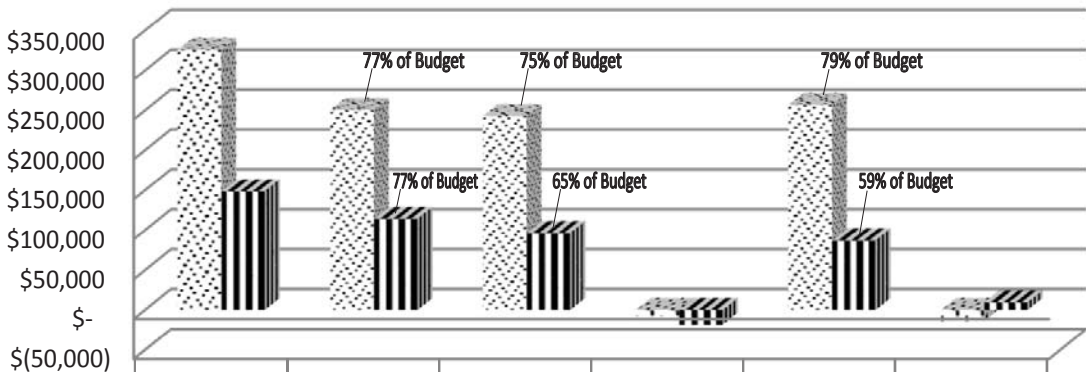
Thank Offering Containers – Thank Offering containers are available for pick up on a table in the sanctuary or chapel narthex. The suggestion is to save your loose change for the next several months in this coin container. This special offering is collected at the end of November and will be divided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

SJCC Pictorial Directory App Training – On Sunday, October 22nd at 9:15AM, Amy Baden will be leading a session 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. Please sign up on the bulletin board, and feel free to bring your own chair!

2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of October 2, 2017



	2017 Budget	2017 Budget % of year (40/52 wks)	2017 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2017 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$325,850	\$250,654	\$243,114	77%	\$256,857	59%
Missions	\$148,800	\$114,462	\$96,385	75%	\$87,094	79%

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of October 2, 2017 - \$520,192.83

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:

- Susie Enderle, home recovering from surgery on October 1st to remove a grape-size tumor from the left side of her brain, and is awaiting pathology reports.
- Sue Grieser and Nan Neill (who are sisters), upon the death of their sister, Barb Brown, whose services were on Thursday near Ravenna, Ohio.
- Phyllis Swietzer, who continues to be at her daughter's in Swanton following insertion of a pacemaker and a heart procedure.
- Bri Krukowski's father, recovering from surgery to repair a broken leg.
- Bob and Connie Bostelman, as Bob is in the Defiance In-Care Hospice Center and is no longer able to receive visitors beyond family.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, whose treatments continue while his condition has improved over the past weeks.
- John Lovejoy, Paul and Joan Lovejoy's son, who continues to heal while he continues with cancer treatments.
- Brenden Bostelman, deployed to Afghanistan; his new address: Bostelman, Brenden, PRG 6-9, APO, AE 09354.
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC.
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia.
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in South Korea.
- Donny Richardson, stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.
- Steve Schink, stationed at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.
- AJ Short, currently home awaiting orders.
- Kyle Stuckey, stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, awaiting deployment overseas.
- 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) Karsen Pursel	(10:30) Carly Grime
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) Eric & Anna Yoder	(Oct 15) AJ & Kisha Genter
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Worship & Song Leader	(Both) Jim Redd	
Praise Band	(10:30) Chris Baden, Lynne Christman, Ann Fether, Norm Fether, Sarah Nafziger, Todd Nafziger	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Children's Message	(Both) Deb Kauffman	

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