



Junior Youth Fellowship

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

Ephesians 2:8-10 (p. 1157)

Prelude

“When We All Get To Heaven/I Will Enter His Gates”

† Call to Worship (L–Leader; *P–People*)

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

P: The LORD has made know his salvation. He remembers his steadfast love and faithfulness.

† Hymns – #26

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

#204

“Rock of Ages”

† Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

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

Children’s Message

(#579) “Jesus Loves Me”

Junior Choir

“Do You Really?”

† Sermon Hymn – #272

“Thy Word”

† Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:3-8 (p. 1156)

Sermon (sermon notes Pg. 4)

“Grace Alone”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

† Doxology (#625)

† Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Lord, we know every good thing we have comes from you. The money we have comes from the jobs you’ve given us, which come from the skills you’ve given us and the training we’ve received. We know that even the breath we have is a gift from you. So today, we give you a portion of our earnings back to you, to further the advance of your kingdom in this world. Amen.

† Closing Hymn – #202

“Amazing Grace”

† Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #66, refrain

“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.

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:

Most Gracious and Loving Heavenly Father, we are humbled that you would choose to place your love on us. We not only don't deserve your love, but we do deserve your wrath! But because of your great love for us, you sent your Son to die for us, that we might live with you forever and ever. Thank you for your amazing love! Let our hearts never stop singing your praise for all that you've done for us! Amen and 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.

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 16 - All's Well That Ends Well?	Genesis 41:17-45
October 17 - Liberating Truth	Genesis 42:1-24
October 18 - No Way Out	Genesis 42:25-38
October 19 - Return	Genesis 43:1-34
October 20 - Love Actually	Genesis 44:1-34
October 21 - The Bigger Picture	Genesis 45:1-28
October 22 - Defend the Poor	Psalms 82

Sermon – “Grace Alone”

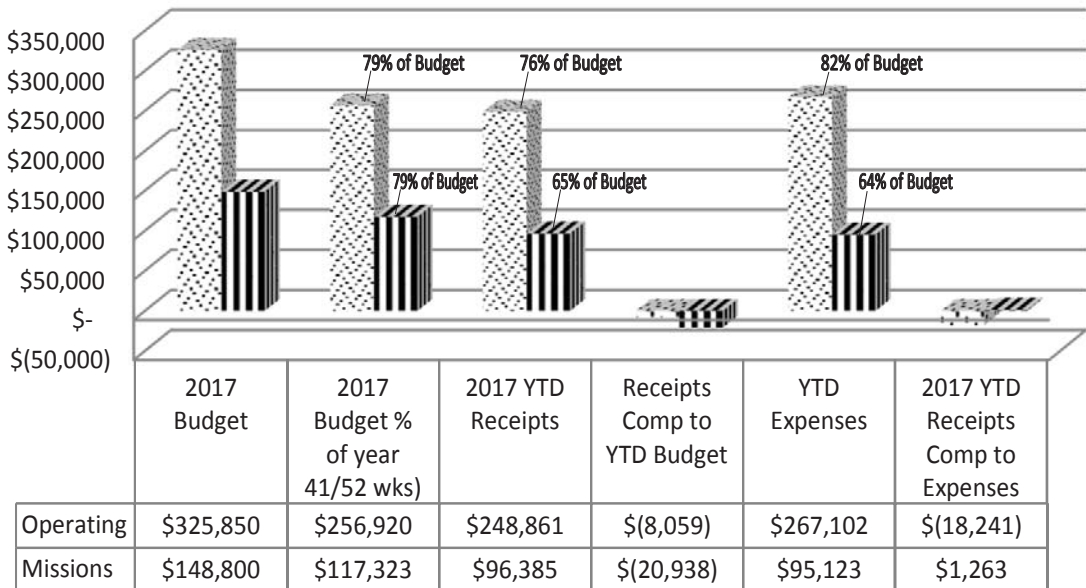
1. The Father chose to adopt you before you were born (Eph. 1:3-6)

2. The Son chose to pay for you with his own blood (Eph. 1:5-8)

3. The Spirit chooses to live in you to assure you of God’s love (Eph. 1:13-14)

4. Response of praise; and response of faith in Jesus & love for others (1:6, 12, 14; 15)

2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of October 10, 2017



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of October 10, 2017 - \$521,583.48

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. Ask your child what they learned David trusting God and the outcome.

Faith Village: Today we finished the unit entitled, "Building the Tabernacle", which used Exodus 25:1-9; 36:1-2; 40:34 as references. We learned many things about the special place for worship God told the Israelites to construct while they were wandering in the desert. What would you have liked about worshipping God in the Tabernacle? Is there anything that you may have disliked about it?

Confirmation: We're continuing to talk about the story of God's call on Abraham's life and how he responded with faith. We're also exploring the call God has on our lives as his followers and what it looks like for us to respond to God with faith. What does following God mean in your daily life?

Senior High Sunday School: God wants everyone to believe in him; he is looking for a real faith, something beyond, "I believe God exists." As we discover in James 2, the depth of our faith is shown by actions and choices—how we respond to faith. Teenagers will be challenged to demonstrate their faith by their actions.

LOGOS: Preschool/Kindergarten: This week students completed their lesson on Creation. We talked about God uniquely creating each one of us. Each child shared one thing that made them special (from knowing how to show pigs to being really good at summersaults!!). We retold the 7 days of creation with each day represented by a particular snack item (i.e. a marshmallow pillow reminded us God rested on the last day!). Our craft was a craft stick scarecrow; because God made those crows, too. **2nd Grade:** The second grade class read the story about Jesus gathering his disciples. We talked about what disciple means and how we can be one. **3rd Grade:** The 3rd graders studied Genesis 12-21 learning how Abraham followed God's plan. We talked about how we can let Jesus be our navigator.

JYF: We discussed our gifts and talents, and how we can share them with others. We read from 1 Peter 4:10. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." We learned that when we use our abilities to help others, through our gifts and talents, we glorify God. We also played a fun game of Up Cups, ask a JYF youth about it! We concluded our evening discussing possible talent show acts for the upcoming St. John's Has Talent Night.

SYF Remix: We talked about job interests and possible career paths, played Apples to Apples, Catch Phrase, and Foosball. Always a good time when the teens get together!

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!

WEEK OF OCT 15TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service – Junior Choir Sings (Sanctuary)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – Genesis 42 (Fireside Room)
	1:30PM	Worship Planning (Pastor Erich's Office)
	2:30PM	Pastors Meeting (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Pastoral Care (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	9:00AM	West Haven Bible Study (Fairlawn)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal – World Mission Night / Games (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	JYF (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
Sun	7:30PM	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Online Pictorial Directory App Training (Parish Hall)
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	4:00PM	St. John's Has Talent & Silent Auction (Outside Storage Building)
6:30AM	Seekers (Fireside Room)	

Next Sunday – October 22 - Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost / Gideon Sunday

Sermon – “Jesus Christ Alone” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – Colossians 1:13-18

Veteran's Breakfast Sunday, November 12th, 9:15AM – There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board for a breakfast being held for spouses and/or immediate family members of those currently serving our county in the armed forces, for veterans, and for spouses and/or immediate family members of deceased veterans. A guest speaker will give a presentation at the breakfast.

SJCC Pictorial Directory App Training – Next 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 & Silent Auction – The Fellowship Committee will be hosting the new St. John's Has Talent Show & Silent Auction next 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 next Sunday, October 22nd, on your calendar, and we hope to see you there!

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:

- Sharon VonDeylen, admitted at Parkview Regional (Monday).
- Connie Bostelman and family, as a memorial service for Connie's husband, Bob, was held in the sanctuary on Wednesday.
- Susie Enderle, home recovering from surgery to remove a grape-size tumor from the left side of her brain; awaiting pathology reports.
- Bri Krukowski's father, recovering from surgery to repair a broken leg.
- 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, stationed in Afghanistan.
- 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) Bryce Beltz	(10:30) Krayton Kern
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) AJ & Kisha Genter	(Oct 22) Ryan & Devin Bernath
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Tom Hines	
Worship & Song Leader	(Both) Ed Ruffer	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Children's Message	(Both) JoAnn Short	

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