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



*Sanctuary Narthex Bulletin Board*

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 1 Timothy 2:5-6 (p. 1174)  
Prelude "In Christ Alone"  
Call to Worship  
† Hymn – #234 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"  
† Unison Prayer of Confession: *Lord Jesus, we bow our heads in reverence of your Lordship. In bearing the name Christian, we are to be signs of your light and love in the world. Yet, we must confess that we sometimes hurt people through our pride, rather than showing the way to you. When we are discouraged ourselves, we can struggle to be signs of joy or hope or good news. Forgive us, Lord, and give us grace to be earthly reminders of your love. In your name, Jesus, we pray. Amen.*  
† Words of Assurance – Jesus teaches in John 6:40, "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." In repentance, we look to the Son, who forgives our sin. Praise be to God.  
† Gloria Patri – #623  
† Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ  
Children's Message  
Gideon Presentation Tracy Zuver, Fulton County Gideons  
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (debt/debtors)  
Scripture Reading Colossians 1:13-23 (p. 1165)  
† (8:00) Sermon Hymn – #92 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"  
(10:30) Chancel Choir "Magnificent Praise"  
Sermon (sermon outline - insert) "The 4th Sola: Jesus Christ Alone"  
Prayer of Dedication and Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory "Jesus, You Are My Life"  
Second Offering for our Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign Brad Roth  
† Closing Hymn – #220 "He Lives"  
† Benediction  
† Benediction in Song – #220, refrain "He Lives"  
Exit Offering for Gideons International  
† 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](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org).

## **Membership Orientation**

Sunday morning sessions will be offered during the month of November, on the 5th, 12th and 19th, at 9:15AM in the Chapel. We invite people to come who want to know more about our congregation's faith and history, our ministry opportunities and what it means to be a member of SJCC. We invite current members to come – this is a good refresher about our faith practices – like a refresher Confirmation Course for adults!

## **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](http://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:**

To you, Jesus, I pray, for I am humbled by your obedience, even to death on a cross. I am so very grateful for your sacrifice that enables me to be washed new, that I may put off the sin that so weighs me down. Thank you, Jesus, for being our Lord and Savior. Forgive me when I go my own path, doing what I want to do, pleasing my own thoughts and feelings. I am so grateful for the Word, that lights the path before me and teaches me to honor and worship and follow you, alone. Amen.

**The Altar Flowers and Bulletins are sponsored by  
Jenny and Marissa Beck  
in loving memory of Kyle Beck.**



**The special flower arrangement on the altar is in honor of  
the 100th birthday of Jane Short on October 20th,  
and is given by her family.**



# 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 about David trusting God.

**Faith Village:** Today, we began a unit entitled "Joshua Leads the People" which uses parts of Joshua 1; 3; 4; 6 as its references. After Moses died, God chose Joshua to lead the Israelites across the Jordan River into the Promised Land. How did Joshua and the Israelites get across the Jordan River?

**Confirmation:** As we turned from Genesis to Exodus, we began talking more about who God is, and some of the images he uses in Scripture to help us better understand who he is. Read Psalm 18 with your family, and talk about the imagery God uses to describe himself in these verses.

**Senior High Sunday School:** Words hold power. People sometimes throw around nicknames, insults, and phrases carelessly, not thinking about the negative impact. James reminds Christians to consider the weight of what they say, realizing that there is great power in our words.

**LOGOS: Preschool/Kindergarten:** This week we talked about 1 Corinthians 12:12, 14-17 – "God made my body and my eyes." We talked about how together we are the body of Christ. We talked about our five senses, and looked at each other's eye color. Miss Bri made our skittles come to life by pouring hot water on them, which made the colors bleed into beautiful patterns, and we finished the night by decorating paper people to look like ourselves. **3rd Grade:** The 3rd graders learned in Genesis 24-28 how Isaac had faith to trust God for a wife and obey God in a feud for water. Can we also trust and obey God? **4th Grade:** The 4th grade looked at ways people are drawn to God through nature. We also studied the Doxology.

**JYF:** Following a devotion about how each of us are important, and how what we each do in the faith is important, youth prepped for Sunday's St. John's Has Talent Show. Youth were introduced to the upcoming Poinsettia and Wreath sale, which will start on October 25th.

**SYF:** This week we finished our Courage series by Francis Chan, about holding fast to our faith in face of hardships, or persecution, or peer pressure. Next week we're meeting at the church at 6:30 to go to Founder's Hall and hear the testimony of Michael Franzese, a former member of the mafia. Be sure to invite your friends!

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**Discovery\*** is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. 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 23 - Tender Love ..... Genesis 46:1-7, 28-34
- October 24 - Bless This House ..... Genesis 47:1-12
- October 25 - Mixed Blessings ..... Genesis 47:13-31
- October 26 - Unexpected Blessing ..... Genesis 48:1-22
- October 27 - All Too Much? ..... Genesis 49:1-28
- October 28 - Bless My Soul ..... Genesis 49:29-50:14
- October 29 - Surrounded But Trusting ..... Psalm 83

## WEEK OF OCT 22ND AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

- Sun 8:00AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
9:15AM Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School  
9:15AM Online Pictorial Directory App Training (Chapel)  
10:30AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
4:00PM St. John's Has Talent & Silent Auction (Storage Building)  
6:30AM Seekers (Fireside Room)
- Mon 11:00AM Staff Meeting (Office Closed)  
9:00AM Quilting - Fairlawn Auxiliary Quilt (Fairlawn Community Building)  
3:30PM FCCLA Walk Through (Sanctuary, Parish Hall, Chapel, Upstairs Rooms)
- Tues 9:00AM FCCLA (Sanctuary, Parish Hall, Chapel, Upstairs Rooms)  
9:15AM Bible Study – Genesis 47 (Fireside Room)
- Wed 8:30AM Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)  
9:00AM West Haven Bible Study (Fairlawn)  
5:50PM LOGOS Meal – World Series Night / Games (Parish Hall)  
6:45PM Hand Chimes (Choir Room); Hand Bells (Parlor)  
6:45PM JYF (Chapel)  
7:00PM SYF (Youth Room)  
7:30PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- Sun 8:00AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
9:15AM Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School  
10:30AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
4:00PM Autumn Event – Sponsored by B.A.S.I.C. Sunday School Class  
(Doug & Nancy Rupp's, 22396 State Route 2, Stryker)  
6:00PM Couples Small Group (Youth Room)

### **Next Sunday – October 29 - Reformation Sunday**

Sermon – “The Glory of God Alone” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scriptures – Exodus 14; Isaiah 42:5-8

**Gideon Sunday** – Today Tracy Zuver of Gideons International will share with us about the ministry of the Gideons, who seek to bless people all around the world with Bibles. There will be an exit offering received at the close of each service.

**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! Next Sunday, October 29th from 4:00 – 6:30PM, 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!

**Fairlawn Auxiliary Activities/Events** – Please see the bulletin board outside the church office for detailed information on this year's Fairlawn Auxiliary Season of Giving events. On Thursday, November 2 at 6:30PM, the auxiliary live auction of crafts, sweets, holiday decor and more begins - a light supper is available at 6PM. On Friday, November 3rd at 11:30AM, the Season of Giving Luncheon and Dessert will be held (Tickets \$18 – call 419-445-3075), with entertainment following lunch. Don't forget to preorder your yummy Rise N' Roll donuts baked fresh in Middlebury, Indiana by October 31st (order forms are posted on the bulletin board, or call 419-445-3075 or 419-445-5128). Also note tomorrow is St. John's day to quilt on the Fairlawn Auxiliary Quilt for the 2018 Spring Auction. Quilting will take place in the Quilt Room of the Fairlawn Community Building from 9AM to 9PM, and quilters are welcome to come and go as their schedules allow. Any questions on Fairlawn Auxiliary activities and events can be directed to Elaine Winzeler (419-446-2200).

**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.

**IYF Building Campaign - 2nd Offering** – This is the 4th Sunday of October, the Sunday designated each month to receive our special 2nd offering that will be directed toward our Imagine Your Faith Building Campaign. Once the ushers have passed the plates down the pews for the support of our operating, ministry and mission budgets, they will come back through, passing the plate a second time for this once a month second offering. You may use the colored building fund envelopes that are in the pew racks for this second offering.



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of October 16, 2017 - \$522,437.48

## *October Mission-A-Month – Operation Christmas Child*

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a mission that strives to get needed supplies and The Word of salvation to children living in dire conditions throughout the world. This month, we are collecting items to be included in plastic boxes that will be packed by volunteers here at our church. If you want to pack your own box, please contact the church office 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, etc. Please NO food, candy or toothpaste, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers, aerosol cans, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, and refrain from packing or donating stuffed animals or animal-related things because they cannot be sent to some countries.

## **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:

- Mike Henry, upon the death of his brother, Dan, who died October 15th from cancer. A memorial service will be held on November 18th.
- Lynda Schnitkey, recovering from a broken lower leg and foot due to a fall on October 14th.
- Norma Fish, home after a brief hospital stay, but continues to deal with fatigue from treatments.
- Sharon VonDeylen, home after a brief stay at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.
- Susie Enderle, who is doing follow up assessments at the Cleveland Clinic in regards to the tumor that was recently removed from her brain area, which results revealed was cancerous. She will soon be starting both chemo and radiation treatments five days a week, for six weeks.
- Bri Krukowski's father, recovering from surgery to repair a broken leg.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, whose treatments continue and his condition improves.
- 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, being transferred to Guam (no address available at this time).
- Donny Richardson, stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.
- Steve Schink, stationed at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.
- AJ Short, stationed in Japan (no address available at this time).
- 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) Braden Eichler	(10:30) Emma Hall
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) Ryan & Devin Bernath	(Oct 29) Justin & Carrie Yoder
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Worship Leader	(Both) JoAnn Short	
Song Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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