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



*Andrew Wyse, Toby Walker,  
Marissa Fryman, Darby Stevens,  
Lynne Stuckey*

*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! Memorial Weekend / Graduate Recognition

- Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells  
Welcome, Scripture and Prayer  
Prelude  
† Hymn of Praise – #106  
† Unison Prayer: *Eternal God, you bring light out of darkness and hope out of despair. We come seeking the light of Christ, hoping our days are brightened by your Word and grace. Share your love with us this day that we may better love each other. Touch our hearts and help our love shine forth, in a world hungry to know your love, even when your love is not known to be what many are looking for. In Jesus' name. Amen.*  
† Words of Assurance: *Beyond our occasional dishonesties, beyond our distressing failures, beyond our denials of self-worth, stands the God who created us and who continues to create us, the God of truth, forgiveness and grace; the God constant in presence and steadfast in love. Glory and honor, thanks and praise be to God.*  
† Hymn of Response – #337, v. 1  
† Passing the Peace of Christ  
Children's Message  
Memorial Day Presentation  
Hymn – #572  
Prayer  
Graduate Recognition  
Recognition of College Graduates  
Recognition of High School Graduates  
Blessing, Scripture and Prayer  
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (debt/debtors)  
(10:30) Chancel Choir  
Scripture Reading  
† Sermon Hymn – #465  
Sermon  
Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings of Gratitude  
Offertory  
† Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication  
† Closing Hymn – #452  
† Benediction  
† Benediction in Song – #610  
† Postlude
- Psalm 9:7-10 (p. 535)  
"Be Thou My Vision"  
"Praise Him! Praise Him"  
"Pass Me Not"  
"We Are Marching in the Light of God"  
"America, the Beautiful"  
"Lead On, O King Eternal"  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 (p. 659)  
"In His Time"  
"Seasons of Faith"  
"Make Me a Blessing"  
"Go Now and Live for the Savior"

# Welcome . . .

## **Guests and Visitors**

Welcome to our worship of God! Please take a moment to complete one of the info cards in the pew rack at each end of the pew and drop it in the offering plate once it is passed down the aisle in the service. 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).

## **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.

## **Memorial Day:**

As we observe Memorial Day Weekend, may we each be thankful for the sacrifice of Jesus, who willingly laid down his life that we would have forgiveness of our sins, and let us be thankful for the men and women who were and are willing to lay down their lives so that we may enjoy freedoms we are blessed with in America.



## **This Week's Congregational Prayer:**

God of all history, of the ages past and times to come, I offer my praise and thanksgiving for all the saints who have gone before, and I pray for the blessed hope of those who will come. As we remember and honor the past, help us point to a future where there is love and peace. Comfort us in our sorrow. Give us your strength as we continue our journey here on earth. Help us live as your people, that others may see and know your wisdom and hope living in us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

## ***May Mission-A-Month – Cherry Street & Sparrow's Nest***

May gives us an opportunity to donate toward the Cherry Street Mission Ministries, which includes Sparrow's Nest, located in Toledo. Monetary donations and donated items for these ministries are gratefully accepted.



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## Meet Our Graduates

### High School:

**Marissa Fryman**, daughter of Jeff and April Fryman, will graduate from Archbold High School today. Marissa plans to attend Ivy Technical Institute.

**Becca Grieser**, daughter of Pete and Rachel Grieser, will graduate from Archbold High School today. Becca plans to attend Northwest State Community College and study radiology.

**Darby Stevens**, daughter of Jan Wyse, will graduate from Archbold High School today. Darby plans to work as the Craft Shack Lady at Miracle Camp in Lawton, Michigan this summer, and will be attending Wheaton College beginning August 18th, majoring in Applied Health Science with the hope of going on to graduate school and working in the public health field.

**Lynne Stuckey**, daughter of David and Crissi Stuckey, will graduate from Archbold High School today. Lynne plans to attend Defiance College this fall.

**Toby Walker**, son of Greg and Kim Walker, will graduate from Archbold High School today. Toby will be attending Mount Vernon Nazarene University and major in Sports Management with a minor in financial advisement.

**Camden Warncke**, son of Tony and Missy Warncke, will graduate from Archbold High School today. Camden plans to attend the University of Cincinnati and major in mechanical engineering.

**Andrew Wyse**, son of Keith and Nici Wyse, will graduate from Archbold High School today. Andrew plans to continue to grow his small engine repair business while employed in this field at a local company.

### College:

**Brianna Krukowski** graduated from Bowling Green State University on May 13th with a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Teaching with Grades 4 and 5 endorsement. Bri plans to continue to be an education substitute for the next couple years as they still have preschool age children at home.

**Jenny Lehman**, daughter of Wayne and Lynn Lehman, graduated from Wittenberg University on May 13th with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. Jenny plans to work locally over the summer, and move to San Francisco, California in the fall.

**Morgan McCandless**, daughter of Rich and Jane Lesniak, graduated on May 6th from Youngstown State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene. This fall, Morgan will begin working on a Master's Degree in Health and Human Services through Youngstown State while working part-time in the dental field.

**Ashley Short**, daughter of Joe and Sheryl Short, graduated on May 7th from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work with a minor in City and Regional Planning. Ashley is enrolled in Boston University's accelerated Master's Degree program in Social Work which begins in September. While attending Boston University, Ashley plans on working with the Office of Fair Housing and Equity.

**Michael Walker**, son of Greg and Kim Walker, graduated from Goshen College on April 30th with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and Secondary Education. Michael plans to teach English.

**Nici Wyse** graduated on May 6th from Rhodes State College with an Associate's Degree of Applied Science in Allied Health - Major in Occupational Therapy Assistant. Nici plans to study for and obtain her national boards, and then obtain a job in the field of occupational therapy.

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

**Pre-K Class:** This month we are talking about how 'We are the Church.' Today's focus was on how we should tell others about Jesus.

**Faith Village:** We finished our unit about the story of Zacchaeus and how his life was changed when Jesus called him to come to him. The story is found in Luke 19: 1-10. Jesus came to save the least, the last, and the lost. Is there something that Jesus is asking you to change in your life so that you can better serve him?

**Confirmation:** The last few Sundays we've been talking about rites and sacraments of the Christian Church. Today we focused on the sacrament of Communion. Can you explain what Communion symbolizes and why we partake in Communion?

**Senior High Sunday School:** We are finishing our unit on Tough Questions today, talking about the existence of hell. Jesus and the Bible teach us that atheists, agnostics, Jews, Muslims, and even Christians who don't have a personal relationship with Jesus will spend eternity in hell. There is no religion that can save us. Only a Savior. Talk with your teacher if you have more questions about this topic, or feel free to talk to Pastor Alex about it as well.

**SYF:** This week we're celebrating the end of the school year and the beginning of summer with a cook out at Justin and Carrie Yoder's house. Meet at their house at 6:30PM. If you need a ride or directions, talk with Pastor Alex. Freshman and sophomores can bring a side dish or a bag of chips. Juniors and seniors can bring a dessert.

### **WEEK OF MAY 28TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Faith & Fellowship – Faith Discussion w/Pastor Erich (Chapel)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Women's Sunday School Class (Upstairs Classroom)
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Mon		Memorial Day (Office Closed)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – Ephesians 5 (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	6:30PM	Chancel Choir Dinner (Parish Hall)
	6:30PM	SYF End of Year Cook Out (Yoder's, County Road V, Archbold)
Thurs	9:00AM	Mending at Fairlawn (Activities Room)
	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service - Confirmation (Sanctuary)
	2:00PM	SYF Mission Trip Meeting (Youth Room)

**Playground Demolition and Installation Dates** – Demolition of the existing playground area will be on Monday, June 12th beginning at 6PM. We could use at least 6-8 volunteers to help with this. Installation of the new equipment is scheduled for Friday, June 23rd beginning at 8AM. We need at least 12 volunteers to help with this. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for both dates - please sign up at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

## Next Sunday – June 4 - Pentecost / Holy Communion

Sermon – “Seeing the Good” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – Matthew 4:18-22, 9:9-13

**Discovery**® is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

May 29 - All Change! .....	Ephesians 4:17-32
May 30 - Lighten Our Darkness .....	Ephesians 5:1-20
May 31 - To Have and To Hold .....	Ephesians 5:21-33
June 1 - Radical! .....	Ephesians 6:1-9
June 2 - Power in Jesus' Name .....	Ephesians 6:10-24
June 3 - Man of Mystery .....	Hebrews 7:1-10
June 4 - Christ Revealed .....	John 14:15-27

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** – This year’s theme, *Maker Fun Factory*, has our VBS directors, Amy Baden, Mindy Gruenhagen and Carrie Nofziger, excited and working very hard to make this VBS a memorable, imaginative, creative adventure! Online registration is now available through our church web site or this link (<https://vbspro.events/p/events/stjohnsarchboldvbs2017>) which can also be found on our Facebook page (St. John's Christian Church). Please see the bulletin board in the Chapel narthex where adults and older youth can sign up and help fill our remaining VBS staff needs.

**Women’s Small Group** – What do you crave? We invite the women of our church family to explore this question as we embark on an 8 week study of the book *Craving Connection - 30 Challenges for Real Life Engagement*. This book is authored by writers from the in(courage) community, an online community of women whose goal is to bring women into deeper community with Christ and with each other. The first gathering will be during the Sunday School hour on June 11th in the Harmony Harbor classroom (located upstairs). At that time, we will decide on subsequent meeting days/times for the summer. The goal will be to find a weekly, early morning meeting time. Please indicate your interest by signing up on the bulletin board across from the church office. This will help us know how many books to order. Please feel free to contact Tammy Nofziger ([tammark88@gmail.com](mailto:tammark88@gmail.com)) or Jan Lindsay ([jlind@rtceexpress.net](mailto:jlind@rtceexpress.net)) if questions or you can’t attend June 11th.

**Book Bag Bash Sunday, August 6th** – The 2017 Book Bag Bash will be held from 4PM to 6PM! YEAH! From now until then the Evangelism Committee is once again asking for your generous support of this supply and outreach event. Since we’ve been doing the Bash for several years now, there is a growing understanding that having similar items to hand out to the children would be very beneficial. So instead of having five different types and sizes of glue sticks or too many different sizes of crayon boxes, the committee is asking for only financial donations this year. So we’ll not be collecting individual school supply items, but are hoping people will be generous in their funding of this special event. Just mark checks or envelopes with “BBB” – \$1, \$5 or \$100 donations will all be appreciated! Cookie donations and volunteer sign-ups will be posted in early July. Thank you for your involvement in this year’s event!

## **Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:**

- † Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for more honest conversations with members of Ma Imani’s family; pray for two colleagues whose time with the team is ending; pray for conflict resolution involving an islander who used to work on the language project.
- † Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Michigan – pray as they seek God while engaging in long term planning, and for new ministries at Eastern and Western Michigan Universities.
- † Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru – pray for accelerated connections with new partners so they can be on campus this fall, for relationships in Bowling Green, and for day to day courageous and vision-driven steps of faith.
- † Brazil – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru – Florianopolis – continue to pray that their interactions with students and endeavors in planting college ministries are blessed by God’s grace.
- † Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – see prayer shared below.
- † Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray for more workers, for stability in their housing situation, for safety and good connections as Jon supplements their income by driving school bus part-time, pray that God continues to meet their needs.
- † China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for a new family from North Carolina leaving in June to be a part of the ministry; praise God for a new intern helping at the bakery; and continued prayers for support of the Wyse family and the home in China.
- † Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at The Ohio State Univ. – pray for students as they leave for the summer, pray for Whitney as she leads her first anti-trafficking training this month.
- † Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – pray for Jason as he continues to recover from a recent head wound, which caused a concussion and has postponed their home furlough. Pray for God’s grace and enlightenment in this time.
- † India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray for their Mobile Health Teams and Village Health Workers, who have just finished surveying 7,500 adults in 15 Project Villages for Type II Diabetes. May their medical missions overflow with health and joy.
- † Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children’s Home – pray for someone from SJCC to consider participating in the August 31 trip to KCH, pray for avenues of sponsorship, for individual children and for the home.
- † Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Toledo – pray for students as they enter into summer break or graduate into the workforce, pray for students going to leadership training.

**Prayer for Tony & Leila Frank:** All-knowing and Ever-present Lord, I thank you for the works of your hands, works of creation and sustainment, works of engagement and relationship. As I pray for Tony & Leila today, I am grateful for your hand upon their ministry, and upon them as a couple. I pray that you bless them with much wisdom as they continue to assume new responsibilities with the Bible Church in Estancia Velha, as well as with the Bible College. I pray for their prayer request, that they, Tony & Leila, and those they are ministering to, will grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus. Pour out your mercy upon them, lighting their conversations and interactions with your grace and love. In the mighty and powerful name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

**Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:**

- Buzz Ziegler, who had gall bladder surgery on Thursday at Toledo Hospital, and a follow up procedure on Friday to remove a stone.
- Cristina Avina, daughter of Ken and Shirley Nafziger, who continues to battle cancer.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, doing very well in his cancer treatment.
- John Lovejoy, Paul and Joan Lovejoy's son, undergoing chemo treatments.
- Gary Frazier, undergoing chemo treatments.
- Benjamin Chapman, stationed in Lynchburg, Virginia.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Alaska.
- Kyle Stuckey, grandson of Nan Neill, who leaves for Fort Bennington, Georgia on Tuesday for Army boot camp and basic training.
- 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.
- Kollin Woolace, stationed in North Carolina for advanced training.
- All our home bound and care center residents.

**Today's Worship Servants**

Acolytes	(8:00) Karsen Pursel	(10:30) Tyler Hurst
Ushers	(Head) Greg Walker	
	(8:00) Doug & Nancy Rupp	
	(10:30) Brad & Susie Enderle, Curt & Kay Stamm	
Greeters	(10:30) Tim & Sue Grieser, Brad & Aimee Roth	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Justin & Carrie Yoder	(June 4) Ryan & Devin Bernath
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Song Leader	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Accompanist	(Both) Deb Schnitkey	

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